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JIT Funding Project



What is a Joint Investigation Team

A Joint Investigation Team (JIT) is an investigation team set up on the basis of an agreement between two or more Member States and/or other parties, for a specific purpose and a limited duration. Exchange of information can be immediate. JIT members can be present at house searches, interviews, etc. in all jurisdictions covered, helping to overcome language barriers. JITs allow Europol and Eurojust to be involved by providing direct support and assistance, and EU funding is possible.

Eurojust and JITs

Eurojust's role in the development of Joint Investigation Teams has increased markedly in recent years. The Eurojust Decision 2002 enabled Eurojust to ask Member States to set up a JIT. The revised Eurojust Decision, published in June 2009, is a major step forward. It provides for Member States to notify Eurojust of the setting up and results of a JIT, for National Members to participate in JITs, to be invited to participate in a JIT if Community funding is provided, and for the Secretariat of the JIT Experts Network to form part of the staff of Eurojust. Once the revised Eurojust Decision is implemented in all Member States, Eurojust will become the focal point for JITs.

Eurojust and financial support to JITs

Eurojust has applied for and received a grant from the European Commission under the "Prevention of and Fight against Crime¹" Programme, which allows for financial and logistical support to Joint Investigation Teams until September 2013.

Eurojust supports JITs by assisting financially with two common areas of expenditures: travel and accommodation costs, and translation and interpretation costs. Furthermore, Eurojust lends equipment: mobile phones, laptops, mobile scanners and printers. The grant received by Eurojust is limited in nature and duration. Any financing is necessarily subject to the limited availability of funds.

The application form and instructions can be downloaded from the Eurojust JIT Funding Project webpage.

For further details, as well as possible changes, please consult the Eurojust JIT Funding Project webpage: http://www.eurojust.europa.eu/jit_funding.htm or

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¹ Council Decision of 12 February 2007 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013 the Specific Programme "Prevention of and Fight against Crime", OJ L 058, 24.2.2007, p.7.