



To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Dear Chair,

In the framework provided by Article 51 of the Europol regulation EU(2016)0794, we are pleased to invite you to the **Ninth Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol**, which will take place on **25 and 26 October 2021**.

**Due to the measures related to the Covid-19 pandemic, exceptionally the meeting will take place by remote participation.**

The meeting will tackle a number of concrete issues directly arising from the JPSG prerogatives according to Article 51 of the Europol Regulation, including a presentation by Ms Catherine DE BOLLE, Europol Executive Director, as well as a keynote speech by Mr Aleš HOJS, Minister of Interior and (TBC) Ms Ylva JOHANSSON, EU Commissioner for Home Affairs. The thematic debates will be organised on *cybercrime in the EU, with a focus on online child abuse and the cooperation with third countries, including private persons and NGOs*, and on *financial crime and corruption - protection of the EU financial interest*. Please find attached the draft agenda of the meeting.

#### **Written questions**

According to Article 4.2 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure, we kindly draw your attention to the right to address oral and written questions to Europol. Usually there is a six weeks deadline in order to prepare replies to written question, but this time Europol kindly agreed to deliver their answers within five weeks, therefore we would like to ask you to **submit your written questions** to the JPSG Secretariat **by 20 September 2021 at the latest**. This will allow for the replies to be available in time for the Ninth JPSG meeting.

#### **Europol's multiannual programming document 2022-2024**

Pursuant to Article 51 paragraph 2 point c) of the Europol Regulation, the JPSG is consulted on **Europol's multiannual programming document 2022-2024**. Please find attached the draft document for consultation. If they wish so, delegations are invited to send to the JPSG Secretariat written comments to the document ahead of the meeting **by 20 September 2021**. Due to limited time available for the meeting, the Executive Director of Europol will be asked to react to the received written comments. In case of sufficient time, a brief exchange of views will be possible on this point of the agenda.

## General aspects

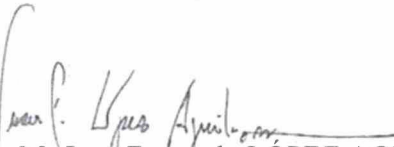
We would like to recall that your Parliament/Chamber can be represented by up to four Members in the JPSG (in the case of bicameral Parliaments each Chamber with up to two Members each). Members and their delegations will be asked to register for the meeting.

The remote character of the meeting will allow only for a limited interpretation regime. The languages for which interpretation will be provided will be specified ahead of the meeting. According to Article 4.3 of the JSPG Rules of Procedure, the working languages of the JPSG are English and French, therefore we would like to ask the delegations to submit all written questions, written comments or contributions in one of these two languages. The e-mail addresses of the JPSG Secretariat are following: [jpsg.libesecretariat@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:jpsg.libesecretariat@europarl.europa.eu) and and a copy to the Slovenian Presidency [jpsg@dz-rs.si](mailto:jpsg@dz-rs.si).

All documents submitted by Europol for the meeting in line with Article 51.3 of the Europol Regulation, as well as all contributions by the delegations to the JPSG and other relevant documents will be published on the [IPEX JPSG website](#) ahead of the meeting and distributed to delegations by e-mail.

Further practical details, including registration and connection information, will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex 1: Draft agenda of the Ninth meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

Annex 2: Europol Multiannual Programming Document 2022-2024

Annex 3: Guide to Written and Oral Questions