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Eurojust Training on Drugs and Human Trafficking for Judges and Prosecutors of South Mediterranean Countries

On June 28-30, 2022, at its premises in Athens, the EPLO conducted a Training Session on “International Efforts and Best Practices to Effectively Investigate and Combat Drug Trafficking, Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants” for Judges and Prosecutors from countries of the South Mediterranean, in the framework of the Eurojust EuroMed Justice programme.

The training was attended by 18 Judges and Prosecutors coming from seven Partner Countries of the EMJ programme: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya and Palestine.

The session was specifically aimed at improving judicial cooperation between EU Member States and South Partner Countries in the fields of drug trafficking, human trafficking and smuggling of migrants.

With the support of international experts, the practitioners discussed trends and issues in the trafficking of narcotics, human beings and smuggling of migrants, which have become increasingly important in the Mediterranean region in recent years. The participants addressed mutual legal assistance, special investigative techniques, extradition and other forms of judicial cooperation to effectively combat these cross-border crimes.

The EPLO and Fondazione SAFE are implementing the Training Component of the Eurojust EuroMed Justice (EMJ) programme, which involves the organization of 21 training sessions for over 450 Judges and Prosecutors.

The EMJ is a capacity-building programme designed to develop a sustainable cross-regional mechanism of judicial cooperation in criminal matters between EU Member States and Partner Countries of the South Mediterranean (<https://euromedjustice.eu>).