



Parliamentary Dimension
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Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

- Constituent meeting -

9-10 October 2017

European Parliament, Brussels

Room: (PHS P3C050)

Background

Article 88 TFEU, as introduced by the Lisbon treaty, provides for a unique form of scrutiny on the functioning of Europol by the European Parliament, together with national Parliaments.

On 11 May 2016, Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) was adopted. The new regulation empowered Europol and enabled a joint parliamentary scrutiny by the European Parliament together with national parliaments on it.

The Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments adopted conclusions on 24 April 2017 on the establishment of a Europol Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) pursuant to Article 51 paragraph 1 of the Europol Regulation and in accordance with Article 9 of Protocol 1 of the Treaty on the European Union, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community.

According to Article 51 of the Europol Regulation, the JPSG will play an essential role to “politically monitor Europol’s activities in fulfilling its mission, including as regards the impact of those activities on the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons.”

The Conference of Speakers, at its meeting on 24 April 2017 agreed that the JPSG will meet twice a year. In the first half of the year, the JPSG is to meet in the Parliament of the country holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union while, in the second half of the year, the JPSG will hold a meeting in the European Parliament.

In line with the Speakers’ Conference conclusions, the constituent meeting of the JPSG, taking place in the European Parliament on 9 and 10 October 2017, shall aim to adopt Rules of Procedure so as to enable full work to begin in the second semester of 2017.

The tasks and responsibilities of the JPSG are set out in Article 51 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/794, and include inter alia the right to question the Chairperson of the Management Board of Europol, the Executive Director of Europol or their deputies as well as the European Data Protection Supervisor and including the right to be consulted in relation to Europol’s multiannual programming and including the right to request relevant documents necessary to the fulfilment of its tasks and including the right to draw up summary conclusions on the political monitoring of Europol’s activities.

Background documents

[Regulation \(EU\) 2016/794](#)

[Conclusions Speakers conference 23-24 April 2017 - Bratislava](#)

[Cover Letter to Multiannual Programming Document Europol](#)

[Multiannual Programming Document Europol](#)

[EU policy cycle docs Empact](#)

[EU policy cycle docs Infographic](#)

[Draft Rules of Procedure for the JPSG](#)

Monday, 9 October 2017, 15.00 – 18.30

15.00 - 15.20 - Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs:

- Claude Moraes, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs;
- Raivo Aeg, Legal Affairs Committee, Chair of the delegation of the Parliament of Estonia to the JPSG

15.20 -16.00 - Key note speeches by:

- Mairead McGuinness, Vice-President of the European Parliament (video message);
- Andres Anvelt, Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Estonia;
- Julian King, European Commissioner for Security Union (video message);

16.00 - 17.30 - Implementing Article 51 of the Europol Regulation:

- Introductory remarks by Agustín Díaz De Mera García Consuegra, EP Rapporteur on the Europol Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/794);
- Exchange of views with Priit Pärkna, Chairperson of Europol Management Board and Giovanni Buttarelli, European Data Protection Supervisor;

17.30-18.30 - JPSG Rules of Procedure: presentation of draft by the Co-Chairs and exchange of views

Monday, 9 October 2017, 19.00 – 20.00

Reception

Tuesday, 10 October 2017, 9.00 - 12.30

9.00 - 10.15 - The EU policy cycle 2014-2017 and 2018-2021: EU's priorities for the fight against organised and serious international crime: presentation by Erkki Koort, chair of the Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security, European Council and Olivier Onidi, Deputy Director General for Security, DG HOME, European Commission, and exchange of views.

10.15 - 11.00 - Europol Multiannual Programming: presentation by Rob Wainwright, Europol Executive Director, and exchange of views

11.00 - 12.30 - JPSG Rules of Procedure: exchange of views and adoption

Next meeting: Bulgaria (date tbc).