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**EUROJUST**

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# An **EU agency** governed by **national judicial authorities** of the EU Member States



## **Eurojust is home to ‘judicial embassies’**

- 26 **National Members**, 1 per EU Member State
- Operational: experienced **prosecutors, judges**

### **Employed by the home authority**

- **24/7** on call
- Additional staff to handle cases
- Together, the National Members form a **College**

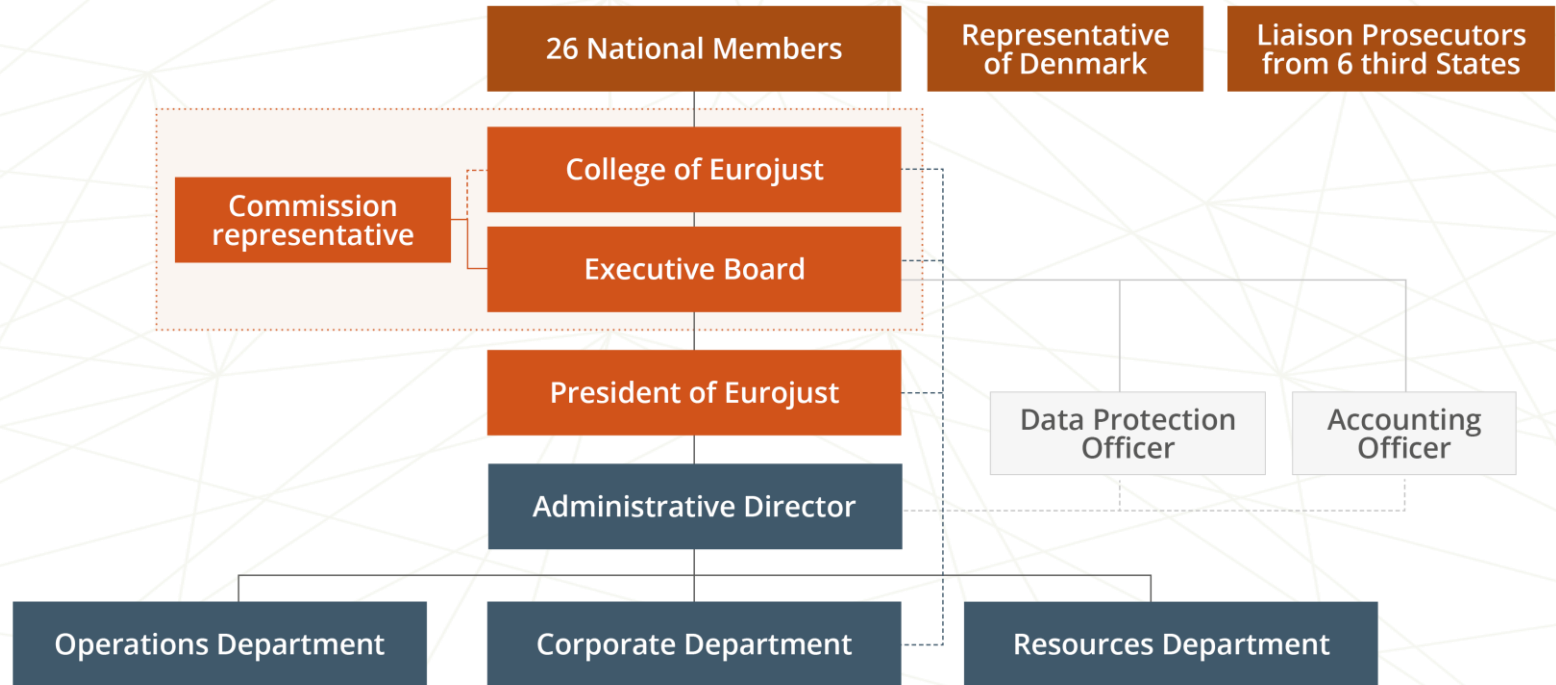
## **Eurojust offers access to expertise and support**

- **+220 EU staff: legal expertise and analysis**, secure **IT systems**, **meeting facilitation**
- Headed by an **Administrative Director**

## **Cost effective and demand driven**

- Budget: **EUR 40 million (2019)**
- Practical support to almost **8,000 criminal investigations in 2019 (+17% y increase)**
- **Fully demand driven**

# Eurojust's organisational structure



# Operational outcomes 2019

## SCALE OF THE CHALLENGE

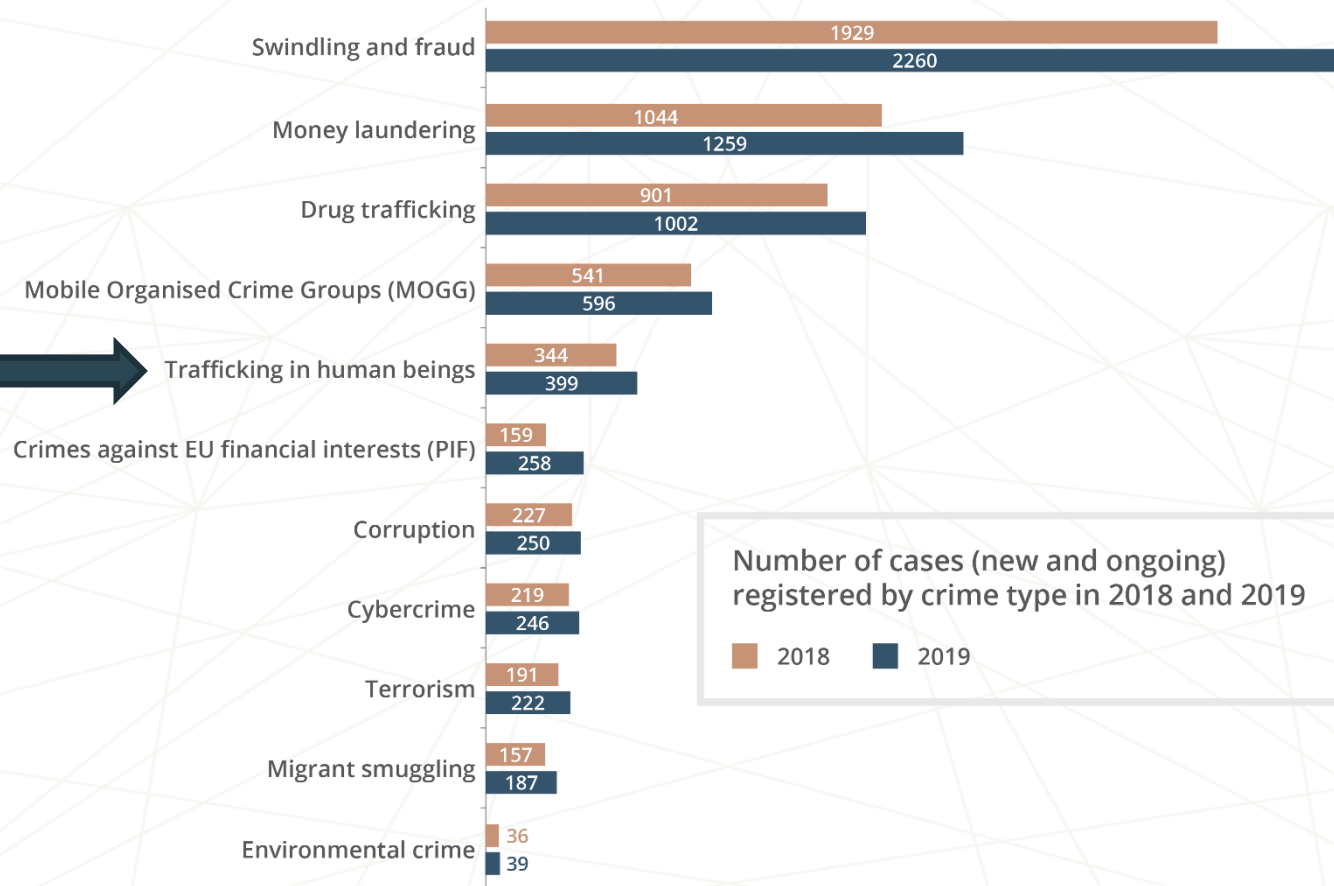
- **11 480** suspects
- **1 485** cases involving organised criminal groups
- **€ 15.8 bn** worth of damages
- **21 373** victims of crime

## PRACTICAL SUPPORT

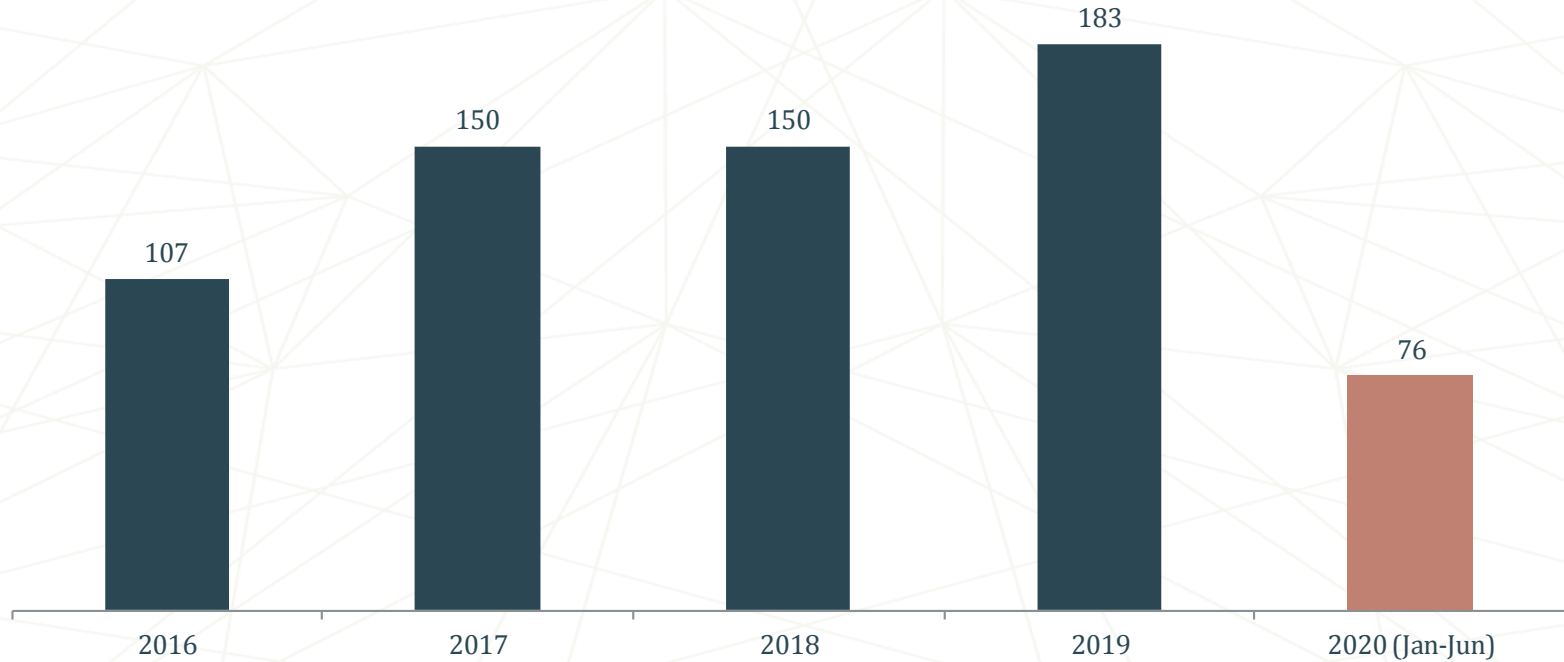
- **1 093** rapid responses to judicial cooperation requests
- **1 384** large-scale operations

## JUDICIAL COOPERATION TOOLS

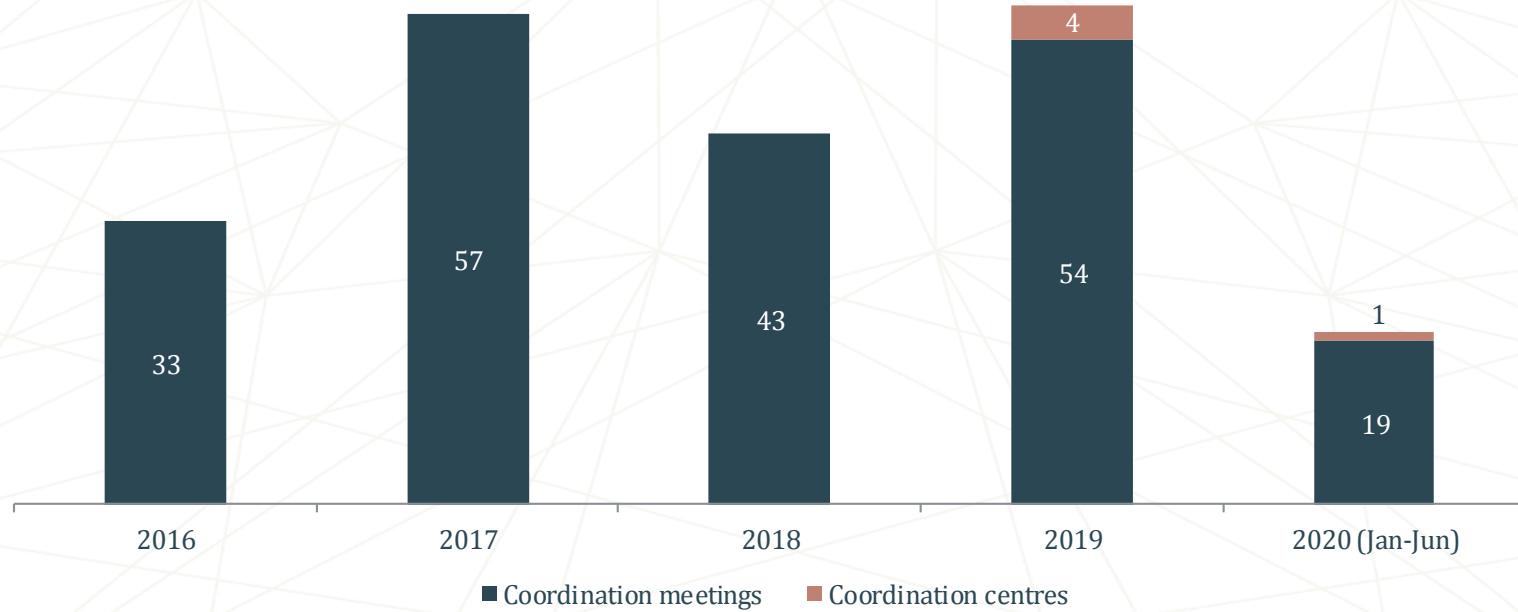
- **1 277** *European Arrest Warrants*
- **2 146** cases with *European Investigation Orders*
- **273** joint investigation teams
- **3 746** mutual legal assistance cases



## THB cases at Eurojust per year



## Eurojust CMs and CCs held in THB cases



# Joint Investigation Teams (JIT)



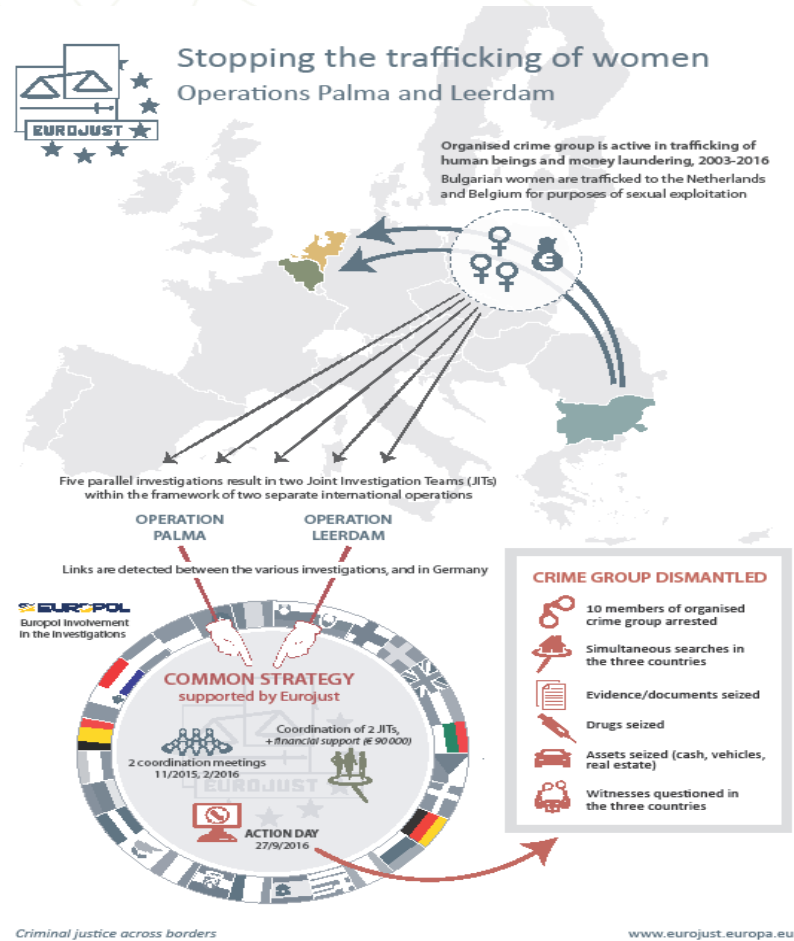


# Case example THB

Two JITs within the framework of two separate international operations:

Operation Palma  
&  
Operation Leerdam

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# Coordination centres (...)

## Operational needs

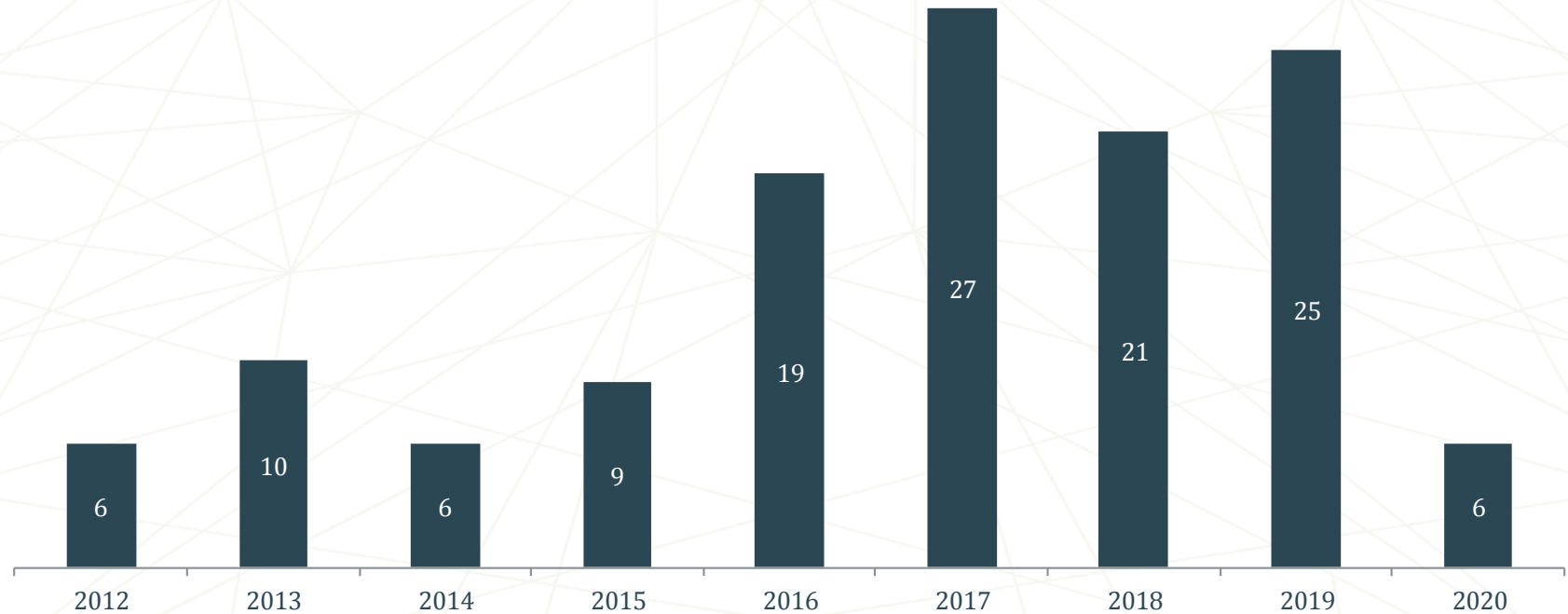
- ▶ **Quick information exchange** of intermediate results/detection of possible issues at judicial level
- ▶ **Adapting measures** according to the results/issues (e.g. integration LoRs/EAWs) → decisional powers of the prosecutors
- ▶ **Common media strategy** (e.g. joint press release)

## Eurojust's support via coordination centres

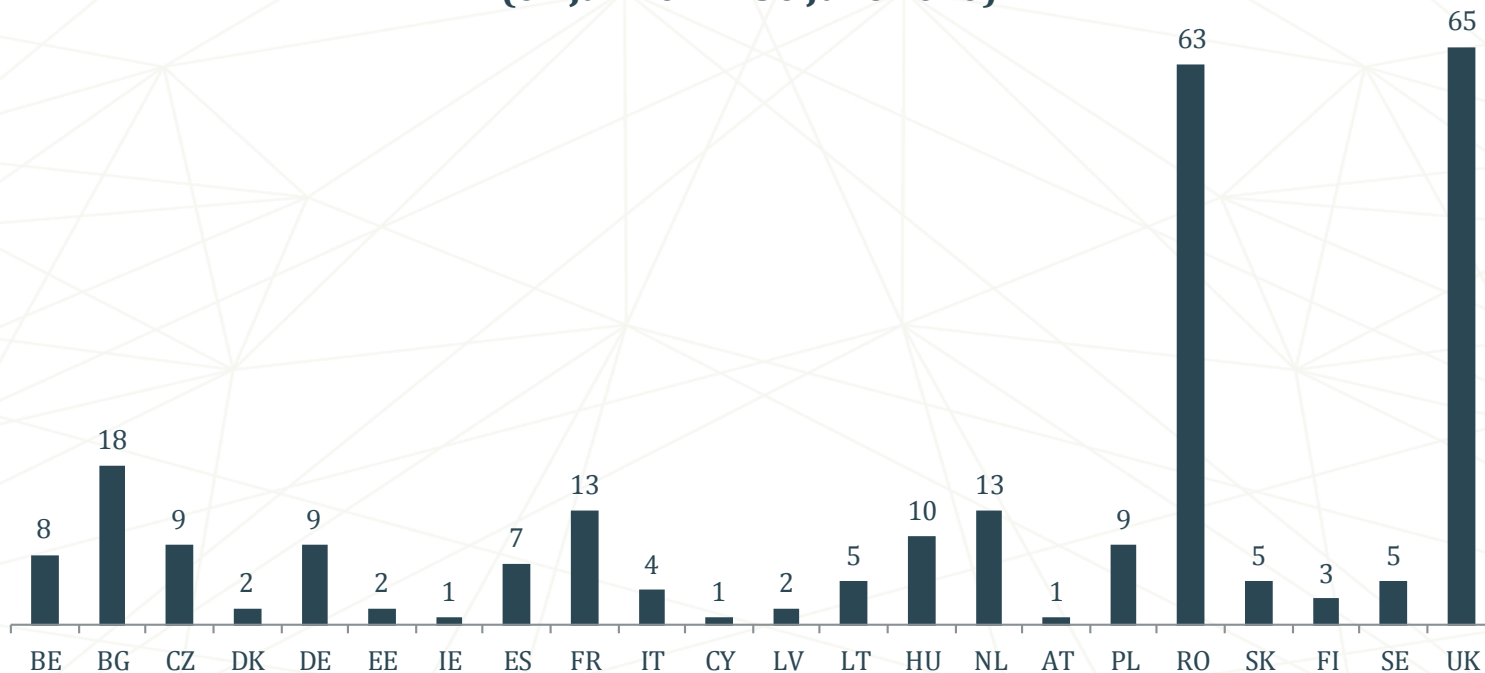
In 2019:  
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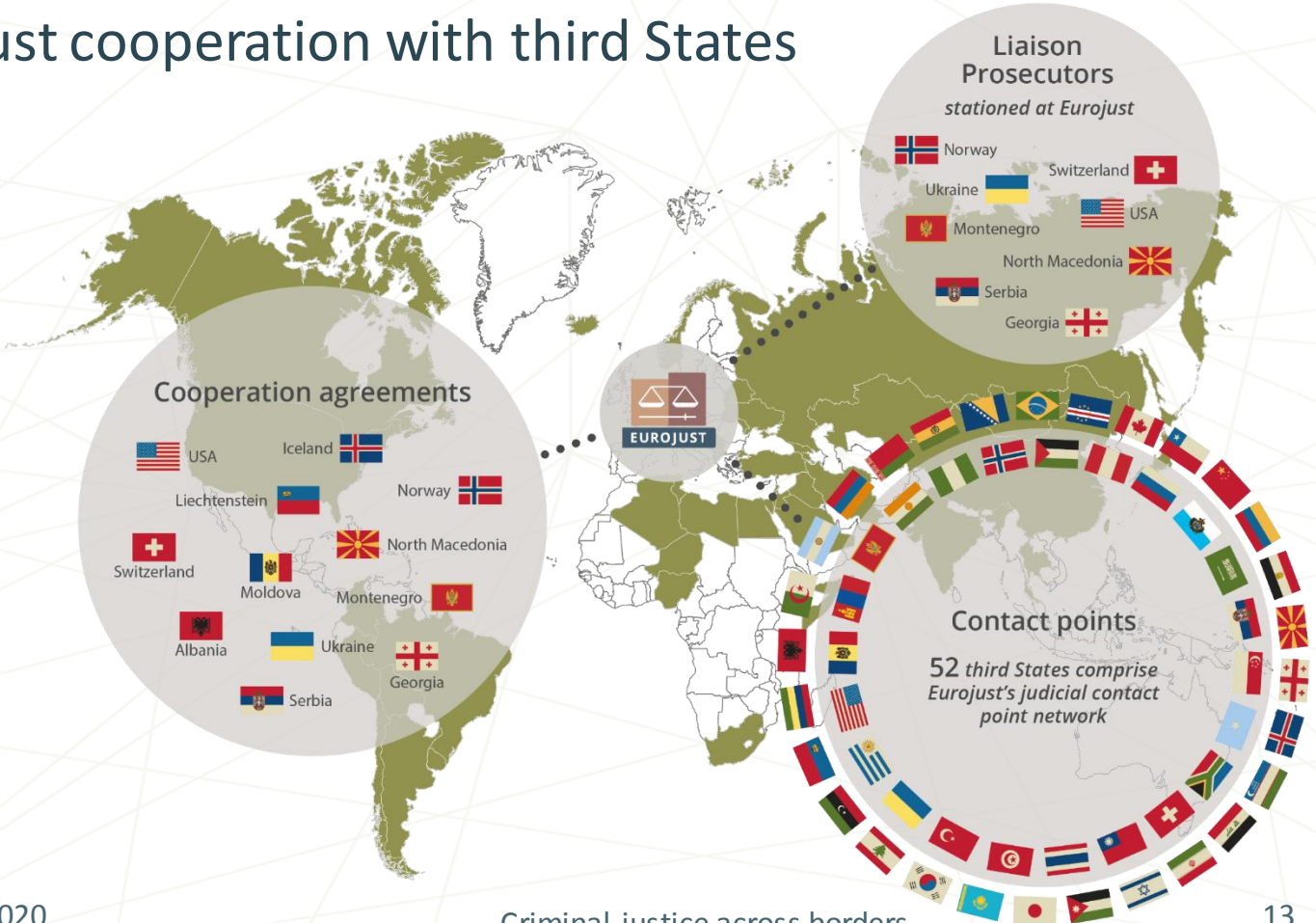
## New JITs signed in THB cases (until 30 June 2020)



## Involvement of Member States in new JITs dealing with THB (01 Jan 2012 - 30 June 2020)



# Eurojust cooperation with third States



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