

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 16: (Title Area of freedom, security and justice, Part II of the Treaty)

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Article 16: [Criminal procedure]

In order to strengthen mutual trust between the competent authorities of Member States and to guarantee the effectiveness of common tools for police and judicial cooperation **having cross-border implications**, the European Parliament and the Council, in accordance with the legislative procedure, may adopt laws and framework laws containing minimum rules concerning:

- the admissibility of evidence throughout the Union;
 - the definition of the rights of individuals in criminal procedure in compliance with fundamental rights;
 - the rights of victims of crime;
 - other specific aspects of criminal procedure, which shall be identified in advance by the Council, acting unanimously after receiving the assent of the European Parliament.
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Explanation:

In line with the proposed draft Article 14 on judicial co-operation in civil matters, the Union's competence to act in the field of criminal procedure should be confined to matters having a cross-border dimension.