

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Part Two, Title... Article 21: [Cooperation with regard to internal security]

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1. The Union shall ~~establish~~ **promote** cooperation involving all the Member States' authorities with responsibility for ~~internal security~~ **the prevention, detection and investigation of criminal offences**, including police, customs and other specialised services ~~in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of criminal offences.~~
2. To this end, the European Parliament and the Council, in accordance with the legislative procedure, shall adopt laws and framework laws concerning:
 - the collection, storage, processing, analysis and exchange of relevant information;
 - the training and exchange of staff, equipment and research;
 - ~~any other measure not referred to in the following paragraph, that encourages cooperation between the authorities referred to in this Article.~~
3. **The Council, acting unanimously and after consulting the European Parliament, may identify further areas, other than those covered by paragraph 4, in which laws and framework laws may be adopted under paragraph 2.**
4. The Council may unanimously adopt laws and framework laws concerning operational cooperation between the authorities referred to in this Article. It shall act after consulting the European Parliament.

Explanation (if any) :

The use of the term 'internal security' is misleading if what is meant is prevention and detection of crime. While it should be possible to decide to extend the areas listed under paragraph 2, unanimity should be the decision-making procedure.