

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 22

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### Article 22: Europol

1. Europol's mission is to support and strengthen action by the Member States' police authorities and their mutual cooperation in preventing and combating serious crime affecting two or more Member States, terrorism and forms of crime which affect a common interest covered by a Union policy.
2. The European Parliament and the Council, in accordance with the legislative procedure, shall determine Europol's structure, operation, field of action and tasks. These tasks may include:
  - the collection, storage, processing, analysis and exchange of information forwarded by the authorities of the Member States, ~~or~~ third countries or **other bodies or sources**<sup>1</sup>;
  - the coordination, organisation and implementation of investigative and operational actions carried out jointly with the Member States' ~~services~~ **competent authorities**<sup>2</sup> or in the context of joint investigative teams.

~~The law referred to in the previous paragraph also lays down the procedures for scrutiny of Europol's activities by the European Parliament, together with the national parliaments.~~ **Europol shall address an annual report on its activities to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, and also to the European Council. The European Parliament may hold a general debate on the basis of that report. Representatives of Europol may, at the request of the European Parliament or on their own initiative, be heard by the competent committees of the European Parliament.** <sup>3</sup>.

3. Any operational action by Europol must be carried out in liaison with and in agreement with the ~~services~~ **competent authorities**<sup>4</sup> of the Member State(s) whose territory is concerned. The application of coercive measures is the exclusive responsibility of the competent national authorities

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<sup>1</sup> Europol currently also draws on sources other than those mentioned.

<sup>2</sup> Competent authorities is in this context a more adequate term than services.

<sup>3</sup> This text draws largely on Article 113 EC which regulates the scrutiny of the ECB.

<sup>4</sup> See comments to Article 22.2.