

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Part Two, Title..., Article 22: [Europol]

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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.

The law referred to in the previous paragraph **shall** also lay down the procedures for **examination** ~~scrutiny~~ of Europol's activities by the European Parliament, together with the national parliaments. **Europol shall present an annual report on its activities to the European Parliament and National Parliaments.**

3. **The Council, acting unanimously after consulting the European Parliament, shall determine Europol's 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 bodies;
 - **supporting and the coordinating** ~~on, organisation and implementation of investigative and operational actions carried out by jointly with the Member States' services jointly~~ or in the context of joint investigative teams, **in liaison with and in agreement with the services of the Member State(s) whose territory is concerned**
3. ~~Any operational action by Europol must be carried out in liaison with and in agreement with the services of the Member State(s) whose territory is concerned. The application of coercive measures is the exclusive responsibility of the competent national authorities.~~

Explanation (if any) :

Europol acts in support of the services of Member States and the text should make this clear. The requirement for liaison with Member States is better included in the second indent (rather than in the final paragraph).

There should be a positive requirement for Europol to send an annual account of its activities to the European Parliament and National Parliaments where it can be debated.