

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Part II "Area of freedom, security and justice"

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article : Art. 22 §1 - Europol

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1. Europol's mission is to support and strengthen action by the police authorities of the Member States and where appropriate the regions and local 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 bodies;
    - the coordination, organisation and implementation of investigative and operational actions carried out jointly with the responsible Member States' services or in the context of joint investigative teams.
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#### Explanation:

- 1. This removes the implication that police authorities all depend on States/central governments.*
- 2. To prevent central state authorities using cooperation with Europol to encroach upon the responsibilities of regional and local authorities and police forces.*