

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of: Part III, Article 172**

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### Article III–172 (ex Article 22)

1. Europol's mission is to support and strengthen action by the Member States' police authorities and other law enforcement services 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. A European law shall determine Europol's structure.
3. **A European law of the Council shall determine Europol's operation, field of action and tasks. These tasks may include:**
  - (a) the collection, storage, processing, analysis and exchange of information forwarded particularly by the authorities of the Member States or third countries or bodies;
  - (b) **supporting and the coordinating on, organisation and implementation of investigative and operational action carried out jointly with by the Member States' competent authorities jointly or in the context of joint investigative teams, where appropriate with the agreement of the Member State whose territory is concerned and in liaison with its competent authorities Eurojust.**

**The Council shall act unanimously after consulting the European Parliament.**

4. A European law shall also lay down the procedures for scrutiny of Europol's activities by the European Parliament, together with Member States' national parliaments.
- ~~3. Any operational action by Europol must be carried out in liaison and in agreement with the authorities of the Member States whose territory is concerned. The application of coercive measures shall be the exclusive responsibility of the competent national authorities.~~

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### Explanation

Europol acts in support of the services of Member States. While the legislative procedure may be used to determine Europol's structure, unanimity in the Council is the appropriate decision-making procedure for determining its tasks and field of action .