

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 bodies;
 - **support of the Member States in the** the coordination, organisation and implementation of investigative and operational actions carried out ~~by jointly with~~ the Member States' services or in the context of joint investigative teams.

The **European** 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.

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.
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Explanation (if any) :

Providing Europol with operative powers would not offer any additional value. The law enforcement agencies in each Member State are well-operating and capable of conducting the necessary investigations. There is also the need to consider the principle of subsidiarity.