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Today, Michèle Coninx, President of Eurojust, and Pedro Serrano, Deputy Secretary-General for Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and Crisis Response of the European External Action Service (EEAS), signed a Letter of Understanding at Eurojust's premises in The Hague.

✘ The Letter of Understanding will provide the framework for the regular exchange of non-operational strategic information and experience, particularly in the areas of counter-terrorism, cybercrime, illegal immigrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings.

Cooperation could take the form of secondments, visits, trainings, research on trends and challenges, and facilitating contacts with third States.

The signing was observed by a delegation of high-level advisors from EEAS and members of the Eurojust Presidency, Brussels and External Relations College Teams

**Background:**

The EEAS was established by Council Decision 201/427/EU as a functionally autonomous body of the European Union to support the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy in fulfilling the mandates outlined in Articles 18 and 27 of the Treaty on European Union, including the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union and the CSDP.

Eurojust, the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit, was established by Council Decision of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime, as last amended by Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008 on the strengthening of Eurojust, to stimulate and improve the coordination of investigations and prosecutions and the cooperation between the competent authorities in the Member States. In particular, Eurojust facilitates the execution of requests for international mutual legal assistance and extradition. Eurojust supports in any way possible the competent authorities of the Member States to render their investigations and prosecutions more effective when dealing with serious cross-border crime.

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