

# Coordination meeting organised by Eurojust to intensify cooperation in the investigation into the Kuciak case

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Today in a coordination meeting organised by Eurojust, the Slovak prosecutors advanced their investigations into the murder of the Slovak journalist Ján Kuciak and his fiancée Martina Kušnírová in Slovakia in February 2018, thanks to the contribution of the Italian authorities. Eurojust has taken the initiative to facilitate the judicial cooperation process and the coordination of the operations. The Italian authorities' support will enable the Slovak authorities to further assess all the investigative scenarios linked to the cross-border organised crime, accelerate the investigative work, and hopefully bring to justice the authors of such a massacre in a more expeditious manner. Eurojust and Europol will provide financial and logistical support to these activities.

Ladislav Hamran, President of Eurojust and National Member for Slovakia at Eurojust, said: *'The murder of a journalist is unique in Slovakia's history and has rightly drawn the attention far beyond our national borders. Eurojust stands ready to provide operational and practical support and make it possible for the national prosecutors concerned to broaden and deepen their efforts in a structured manner, drawing on the legal expertise and state-of-the-art facilities available here at Eurojust.'*

## *Background*

Eurojust is the European Union's hub for judicial cooperation and coordination between Member States, assisting in the investigation and prosecution of cases involving serious organised cross-border crime. The judicial cooperation tools that Eurojust offers to national authorities include coordination meetings, coordination centres and joint investigation teams.

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