<u>King Willem-Alexander attends Eurojust</u> <u>opening ceremony</u>

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► Today, the President of Eurojust, Michèle Coninsx, hosted the official visit of His Majesty King Willem-Alexander for the opening ceremony of Eurojust's new premises in the International Quarter of The Hague. His Majesty was accompanied by Mr. J. Smit, King's Commissioner in the Province of South Holland, and Mrs. P.C. Krikke, Mayor of the City of The Hague.

His Majesty was introduced to Eurojust staff and attended parts of an operational coordination meeting, followed by a debriefing with the College. At the conclusion of the session with the College, His Majesty attended the opening ceremony and unveiled a commemorative plaque, followed by a reception in the lobby.

The new building of Eurojust is a joint project of the Municipality of The Hague, the Ministry of Security and Justice and the Central Government Real Estate Agency of the Dutch government, Heijmans and Eurojust. It was designed by Mecanoo-Haskoning-DS and consists largely of glass panels. Eurojust's new building has four hundred workplaces and accommodates national representatives of the 28 EU Member States and three third States, supported by an Administration.

Eurojust was founded in 2002. It has the task of promoting and strengthening coordination and cooperation among national authorities in the fight against terrorism and serious cross-border crime affecting the European Union. As a judicial centre of expertise, its goal is to support national authorities in bringing criminals quickly and efficiently to justice.

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