

Question for written answer E-005066/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Strengthening cross-border justice: making freezing and confiscation orders truly effective across the EU

Nearly five years after the 2020 regulation¹ on the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders entered into force, Eurojust's first implementation report shows that progress remains uneven. While the regulation has improved cooperation, divergent national practices, differing interpretations of key legal concepts, and inconsistencies in documentation continue to limit its effectiveness. Incomplete or imprecise certificates often lead to delays or refusals in enforcement, allowing criminal assets to disappear before they can be seized. These shortcomings weaken public confidence in justice systems and deprive victims of fair and timely compensation.

For all EU Member States, an efficient and harmonised framework is essential to ensure that crime does not pay and that justice operates seamlessly across borders.

What measures does the Commission intend to take to strengthen the uniform application of this regulation, improve cooperation and information exchange between national authorities, and ensure that the freezing and confiscation of criminal assets in the EU are executed swiftly, predictably, and fairly?

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¹ OJ L 303, 28.11.2018, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1805/oj>.