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The Commission acknowledges the importance of strengthening cooperation between EU Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and national police forces to tackle serious crimes, such as murder. As outlined in the ProtectEU strategy¹, the Commission is committed to delivering concrete and key actions to reinforce Europol's capabilities through an ambitious overhaul of its mandate, and to support Member States in improving cross-border operational cooperation and facilitating seamless information exchange. To ensure that judicial cooperation remains effective in addressing all forms of serious and organised crime, the Commission will also assess the need to further strengthen the European Investigation Order and the European Arrest Warrant.

The implementation of specific precautionary measures to prevent a person from absconding from justice, including real-time data exchange systems for surveillance of defendants, remains primarily within the competence of Member States. The Council Framework Decision 2009/829/JHA² can be used to transfer pre-trial supervision measures, namely obligations and instructions imposed on a natural person, to other Member States.

¹ COM(2025) 148 final: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0148>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec_framw/2009/829/oj/eng.