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The Commission is committed to enhancing the capacity of EU agencies and bodies to combat cross-border organised crime. In line with the Political Guidelines<sup>1</sup> and the European Internal Security Strategy<sup>2</sup>, it will propose in 2026 legislation to transform the EU Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), into a truly operational agency, fully delivering on its support role to Member States and serving the EU. The Commission has also proposed to increase funding under the new multiannual financial framework to boost Europol's operational capacity.

The Commission finalised the evaluation of the EU Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation Regulation<sup>3</sup>, with a revision planned to enhance effectiveness. The evaluation of the Regulation on the European Public Prosecutor's Office is ongoing. As indicated in the European Internal Security Strategy, in addition to enhancing the mandate of relevant agencies and EU bodies, the cooperation between them will be further strengthened to tighten the net on serious and organised crime.

EU agencies and bodies must access and exchange key data effectively, securely, and lawfully, supported by a robust and harmonised data protection framework. To enhance data access, the Commission presented the roadmap for effective and lawful access to data for law enforcement. The implementation of the e-evidence information technology (IT) decentralised system for secure cross-border exchange of digital evidence has contributed to improving secure exchange.

The Commission will further reinforce complementarity and effectiveness of EU agencies and bodies for internal security, including through a review of the EU's anti-fraud architecture, addressing the impact of organised crime on EU funds and promoting closer collaboration.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648\\_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029\\_EN.pdf](https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> COM(2025) 148 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025DC0148>.

<sup>3</sup> SWD(2025) 182 final, [https://commission.europa.eu/publications/evaluation-eurojust\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/publications/evaluation-eurojust_en).