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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2026/2126

of 22 September 2026

on the signing of the Agreement between the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the European Union on judicial cooperation in criminal matters between the competent authorities of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 16(2) and Article 85, in conjunction with Article 218(5), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 1 March 2021, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for an agreement between the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the European Union on judicial cooperation in criminal matters between the competent authorities of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust).
- (2) The Commission has negotiated the Agreement between the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the European Union on judicial cooperation in criminal matters between the competent authorities of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) (the 'Agreement').
- (3) Article 47(1) and Article 52(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ provide that Eurojust may establish and maintain cooperation with authorities of third countries based on a cooperation strategy.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 56(2)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1727, Eurojust may transfer personal data to an authority of a third country provided that, inter alia, an international agreement has been concluded between the Union and that third country pursuant to Article 218 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) that provides for adequate safeguards with respect to the protection of privacy and fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals.
- (5) The Agreement enables the transfer of personal data between Eurojust and the competent authorities of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, with a view to fighting serious crime and terrorism and protecting the security of the Union and its citizens.
- (6) The Agreement ensures full respect of the fundamental rights of the Union, in particular the right to respect for private and family life, the right to the protection of personal data, and the right to an effective remedy and a fair trial laid down in Articles 7, 8 and 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, respectively. In particular, the Agreement includes adequate safeguards for the protection of personal data transferred by Eurojust under the Agreement.
- (7) Ireland is bound by Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 and is therefore taking part in the adoption of this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018 on the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust), and replacing and repealing Council Decision 2002/187/JHA (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 138, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1727/oj>).

- (8) In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the TFEU, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (9) The European Data Protection Supervisor was consulted in accordance with Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ and delivered its Opinion 15/2026 on 10 August 2026.
- (10) Therefore, the Agreement should be signed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The signing of the Agreement between the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the European Union on judicial cooperation in criminal matters between the competent authorities of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) (the 'Agreement') is hereby authorised, subject to the conclusion of that Agreement ⁽³⁾.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 22 September 2026.

For the Council

The President

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⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1725/oj>).

⁽³⁾ The text of the Agreement will be published together with the decision on its conclusion.