

# THE NEWS BROUGHT BY THE LISBON TREATY IN THE FIELD OF JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

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## **Abstract**

European Union's goal is to provide its citizens an area of freedom, security and justice. Judicial cooperation remains the key to achieve this purpose. Judicial cooperation in criminal matters, since 70 years, when there started the first steps of this cooperation between the countries of the European Union until the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, has been evolved and judicial cooperation in criminal matters remains the most important in criminal matters to combat organized crime, human trafficking, corruption, illicit drug trafficking, illicit arms trafficking, money laundering, etc.. As above, the Lisbon Treaty brought very important news in regard to judicial cooperation in criminal matters ranging from the repeal of the pillar structure, strengthening the role of the European Parliament, the scope of judicial review of the Court of Justice on the field of justice and Internal Affairs of the European Union, the creation of the European Prosecutor's Office and the role of Eurojust in order to support, co-ordinate, co-operate between national authorities of investigation and prosecution. Addressing this issue, in the context of the news brought by the Lisbon Treaty on Judicial Co-operation in Criminal Matters, presents a special significance in connection with obligations that carries our country in accordance with Article 85 of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

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