

Enhancing the exchange of information with Europol

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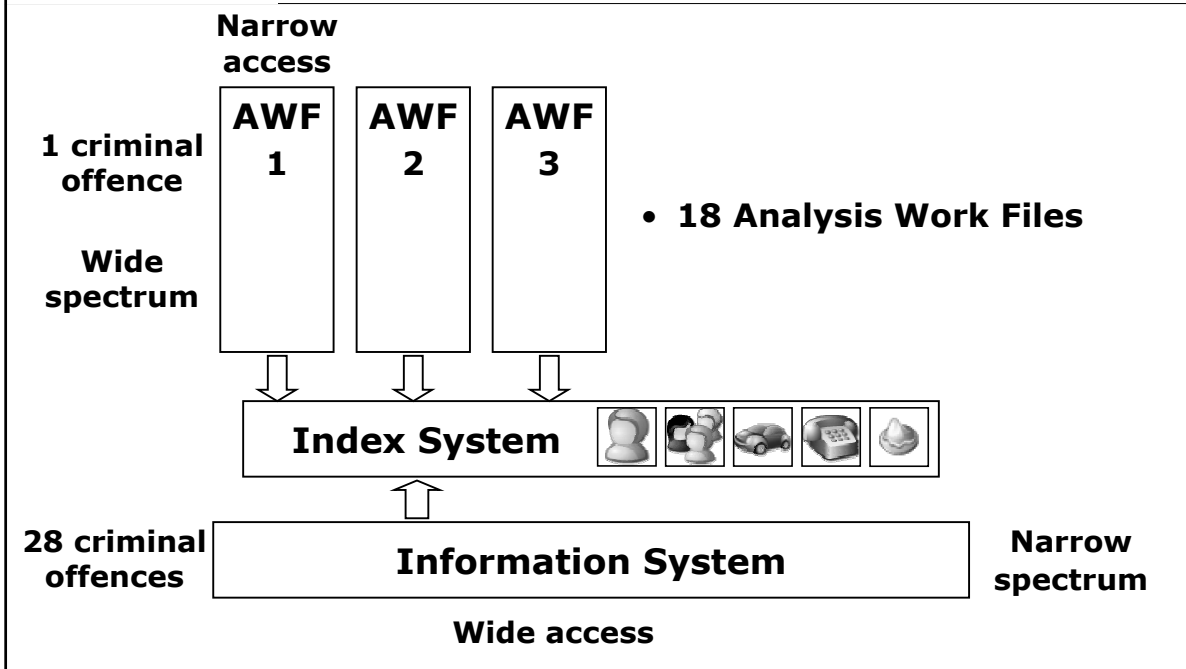
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Europol Information Management Tools

- **Information System (IS)**
 - criminal intelligence database
- **Analysis Work Files (AWFs)**
 - analysis of operational data
- **Index System (IxS)**
 - register for data stored in AWF's
- **Expert Databases (ExD)**
 - Specialised databases on specific topics

Europol Information Management Tools



Information Exchange with Eurojust

- **Regular consultation → Steering Committee meetings**
→ Article 3
- **“Right of initiative” concerning the opening of an AWF**
- **Analysis results to be supplied to Ej**
- **Provision of relevant information from Ej to Ep and vice versa**
- **Direct access to each others files explicitly excluded**
→ Article 5

Information Exchange with Eurojust

- **Transmission of information spontaneously or on motivated request**
→ Article 8
- **Table of equivalence to be established in a MoU**
→ Article 13
- **AWF association not mentioned, pre “Danish Protocol”**

Information Exchange with Eurojust

- **Association to AWFs**

- "Danish Protocol" (in force since April 2007)
- Eurojust currently associated to 12 AWFs

- **Secure communication link**

- MoU concluded in June 2007
- Communication channel between Europol and Eurojust (↔ bilateral exchange Ej - MS)

- **Table of equivalence**

- MoU concluded in September 2008
- Classified information up to and including "restricted"

Future prospects

- **Council statement of 6 June 2008**

Ep and Ej to "...prepare amendments to their cooperation agreement, before the end of 2008, including in particular the mutual exchange of information necessary for the achievements of the tasks of Europol and Eurojust and in keeping with their respective legal frameworks..."

→ **Negotiations currently still ongoing**

- **New Europol Council Decision (ECD)**

- Presumably adopted in April 2009, date of application: 01/01/2010
- New Chapter IV on external relations
- Main principle remains: cooperation agreement needed, BUT certain information can already be exchanged prior to the entry into force
- Legal succession clause: Article 55 ECD

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