



**Report of the Judiciary Committee on the Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office COM (2013) 534 and the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) COM (2013) 535**

At its 36<sup>th</sup> session held on 13 November 2013, the Judiciary Committee of the Croatian Parliament considered the Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office COM (2013) 534 and the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) COM (2013) 535.

The Committee discussed the Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office COM (2013) 534 and the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) COM (2013) 535 based on the Work Programme of the European Affairs Committee for the remaining part of 2013, under Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs.

The position of the Croatian Government was elaborated by the Minister of Justice. In principle, the Government supports the initiative to establish the European Public Prosecutor's Office and is in favour of a collegiate structure of the Office. The Government emphasizes the need to further harmonise the provisions relating to jurisdiction (to regulate in detail) and the competences of the Office.

The Croatian Government in its position supports the Proposal for a Regulation on Eurojust in the part relating to organisational restructuring, increasing efficiency and increasing control over its work. It supports a coordinated discussion on the proposals due to their mutually linked content.

In the discussion, the members of the Committee supported the position of the Croatian Government on the proposed legislation with a majority of votes. They pointed out that the Proposal for a Regulation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office violates the Constitutional provision pertaining to the independence and autonomy of the Public Prosecutor's Office. They supported the position of the Government on a collegiate model for the European Public Prosecutor's Office. They supported the view that the competences of the Offices should be regulated in such a way so as to explicitly state the crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the Office. They underscored the necessity to regulate the Proposal from the point of view of legislation drafting.

After the discussion, the Judiciary Committee supported the position of the Croatian Government on the Proposals COM (2013) 534 and COM (2013) 535 with six (6) votes "in favour" and four (4) abstentions.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
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