

**JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAMS - AN EFFECTIVE
TOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN
THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL MIGRATION**

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Organized crime represents a number of threats in the current globalized environment, which can be characterized in general as:

1. The threat to the independence and sovereignty of individual countries.
2. Threat to the social structure.
3. Threat to State Stability and Governance.
4. The threat to democracy.
5. Threat to the national economy.
6. Threat to financial institutions.
7. Threat to an individual.

Changes in ways of committing, the structure of perpetrators as well as victims require from

Competent authorities have innovative approaches and enhanced cooperation

supported by the use of new instruments.

One of such instruments is **joint investigation teams - JIT**

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- a specific instrument for cross-border legal aid that it allows direct exchange of information and evidence within the team without need involvement of "traditional" channels for requests for legal aid.

Legal basis of JIT creation:

- Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the EU of 29 May 2000 (Article 13),
- Council Framework Decision on Joint Investigation Teams of 13 June 2002 (2002/465 / JHA)
- Second Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters of 20 April 1959 (Article 20),
- The UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime of 15 November 2000 (Article 19),
- The Convention on Mutual Assistance and Cooperation between Customs Administrations (Naples II Convention) of 18 December 1997 (Article 24),
- The PCC SEE Convention of 5 May 2006 (Article 27),
- Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on mutual legal assistance of 25 June 2003 (Article 5 and its national implementation).

**The legal order of the Slovak Republic - Act no. 301/2005 Coll.
Criminal Code as amended - § 10 paragraph 9:**

"For the purposes of this Act, a police officer shall be understood to be the extent of the commission of the act investigations and the representative of the competent authority of another State, the European Authority Union or a body jointly created by the Member States of the European Union, which is included in a joint investigation team formed on agreement. "

Thank you for your attention!

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