





A point of attention that is particularly striking for practitioners at Eurojust is the evolving role of minors: be it as victims, be it as future actors. We have seen that our criminal justice systems are very diversified and have different ways of treating minors who are victims or actors. This is a point of attention that needs to be further addressed.

The nexus between organised crime and terrorism has been underlined at several occasions. We have experienced it as practitioners and we have also signalled it in our multiple reports shared with the European Ministers of Justice and Interior, to enable them to make informed decisions. There is, for example, a nexus between money laundering and the financing of terrorism, as well as a nexus between the trafficking of illegal goods (explosives, arms) and terrorism. In order to effectively address terrorism, we should therefore consider introducing the same investigative techniques and prosecutorial tools we already use to combat organised crime.

As for evidence: it cannot be underlined enough how important it is to have a swift recovery of evidence, whether it concerns digital or physical evidence. When it comes to the admissibility of intelligence as evidence, in the EU alone we have a myriad of possibilities. In some countries intelligence is admissible as evidence, especially when it is corroborated by other forms of evidence. In other countries however, intelligence is not admissible as evidence at all. There are also countries where intelligence is used as a ground to order surveillance measures. Against this background, it is important to consider how we can, in the most effective way, use intelligence in order to step up the fight against terrorism.

In the last three days alone we have seen three European capitals targeted by terrorists. Where I used to talk about an 'unprecedented threat', I now talk about a 'new normal'. But instead of accepting this reality we should confront it. I am convinced that doing so at the national or regional level is not enough. We have to unite forces, and the UN is the best place to discuss this.