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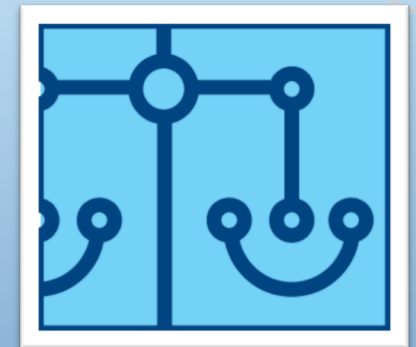
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**Judicial Cooperation in
Criminal Matters and
Electronic IT Data in the EU**

*Ensuring Efficient Cross-Border
Cooperation and Mutual Trust*



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The JUD-IT Project



The JUD-IT Project researches ways in which cross-border judicial cooperation directed at requesting, accessing, exchanging and using electronic information as evidence in the framework of criminal proceedings can be streamlined and made effective within the EU and in relations with third countries.

It provides an in-depth comparative assessment of promising practices and practical and legal challenges in accessing digital information held by IT companies in the context of: first, the implementation of the EU flagship mutual recognition instrument on the exchange of evidence in criminal justice, the European Investigation Order (EIO); and second, the application of EU Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs) with third States like the USA and Japan.



JUD-IT main outcomes

The project will deploy a set of specific methods and tasks:

- ❖ A **Handbook** providing guidelines for practitioners and legal/judicial actors;
- ❖ Dedicated **Training modules**;
- ❖ A **Task Force** aimed at achieving consensus-building and mutual learning among relevant actors and the identification of policy recommendations;
- ❖ **Multimedia tools** (Videos, online Materials).

Main objectives

- ❖ Develop a **set of benchmarks** ensuring that cross-border requests and access to electronic information in criminal proceedings are in line with the EU rule of law and fundamental rights standards.
- ❖ Deliver an **in-depth comparative examination and assessment** of the day-to-day practices and relevant legal challenges in securing, requesting, and obtaining digital information held by private companies.
- ❖ Identify **promising practices** that are established under clear EU legal basis, and present the potential to make access and use of electronic information in the criminal justice domain more efficient and in line with the needs of relevant authorities and actors.
- ❖ Produce **sound and independent academic research** and **exchange expert knowledge** among different communities of practice.

