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NOTE

From : Presidency
To : Working Party on General Matters including Evaluations (GENVAL)
Subject : Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Observers

In line with Joint Action 97/827/JHA, adopted by the Council on 5 December 1997, the Working Party on General Matters including Evaluations (GENVAL) decided in the meeting on 22 June 2011 that the sixth round of mutual evaluations will be devoted to the practical implementation and operation in the Member States of the Decisions on Eurojust and the European Judicial Network.

The order of visits to the Member States was adopted by GENVAL on 31 October 2011. This can be found in the Annex to this note, together with the planned starting dates for the missions. The first mission will take place during the first half of May 2012.

The evaluation teams will consist of three national experts, supported by two staff from the General Secretariat to the Council and observers.

In previous mutual evaluation rounds, depending on the subject of the evaluation, observers have been present from the Commission, Eurojust, Europol and, during the 5th round of mutual evaluations on financial investigations and the fight against financial crime, OLAF.

For the 6th round of mutual evaluations, the Presidency suggests that the Commission, Eurojust and Europol are invited as observers. The three have all expressed an interest in taking part in the exercise, and they would all bring added value to the overall exercise.

GENVAL is invited to take note of the planned starting dates for the missions.

GENVAL is invited to agree on the composition of the observer group.

**6th round of Mutual Evaluations:
Order of visits to the Member States**

The first country visit is scheduled for May 2012. The order and timing of visits in connection with the 6th round of mutual evaluations is as follows:

	Year: 2012	Preliminary dates
Sweden	May	Week starting 7 May
Lithuania	May	Week starting 21 May
Belgium	June	Week starting 18 June
Estonia	June	Week starting 25 June
Slovakia	July	Week starting 23 July
Denmark	September	Week starting 24 September
Finland	October	Week starting 8 October
Hungary	November	Week starting 12 November
Austria	December	Week starting 3 December
	Year: 2013	
France	January	Week starting 14 January
Malta	February	Week starting 11 February
Netherlands	March	Week starting 11 March
Poland	April	Week starting 8 April
United Kingdom	May	Week starting 13 May
Italy	June	Week starting 10 June
Ireland	July	Week starting 8 July
Germany	July	Week starting 22 July
Romania	September	Week starting 2 September
Cyprus	September	Week starting 16 September
Greece	October	Week starting 7 October
Luxembourg	October	Week starting 21 October
Latvia	November	Week starting 4 November
Portugal	November	Week starting 25 November
Czech Republic	December	Week starting 9 December
	Year: 2014	
Slovenia	January	Week starting 13 January
Bulgaria	January	Week starting 27 January
Spain	February	Week starting 4 February