



THE POWER OF COOPERATION

investigating and prosecuting genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes



The EU Day Against Impunity aims to:

- raise awareness of the most heinous crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes;
- promote national investigations and prosecutions;
- recognize the efforts of the European Union in enforcing international criminal law;
- address the position and participation of victims in criminal proceedings for these crimes;
- reinvigorate Europe-wide commitment for the continuing and efficient fight against impunity of these crimes.



Cases in EU Member States

1607

COMPLETED CASES

1339

ONGOING CASES



EU is not a safe haven



Witnesses can be in one MS;
perpetrators in another MS



No single MS can deal with this
alone



There is no statute of limitations;
i.e. these crimes do not "expire",
they can always be prosecuted

International crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes occur globally and have an effect on the EU Member States. These can represent a challenge for their national prosecuting authorities:

- ⇒ Nationals of EU Member States as perpetrators
- ⇒ Nationals of EU Member States as victims or witnesses
- ⇒ Perpetrators, victims or witnesses from third countries as visitors, residents, asylum seekers or refugees in EU Member States
- ⇒ Perpetration or participation from the territory of EU Member States

