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Press Release

**Mr. Ladislav Hamran, President of EUROJUST was guest of honour
at the Prosecution Service's Day**

Since 1991 the anniversary of the promulgation of the first Prosecution Service Act on 10th of June 1871 has been commemorated as the Prosecution Service's Day. Upon the invitation of Mr. Dr. Péter Polt, Prosecutor General of Hungary Mr. Ladislav Hamran, the President of EUROJUST attended the ceremony held in the Ceremony Hall of the Palace of Justice on occasion of the Prosecution Service's Day, and in his speech delivered in Hungarian Mr. Hamran praised the successful and efficient work of the Hungarian Prosecution Service and its activity in EUROJUST. Prosecutor General Dr. Péter Polt, who also presented his speech at the ceremony, awarded President Hamran a Pro Cooperatione commemorative medal established as a reward for cooperation. Afterwards, Mr. Prosecutor General awarded prizes and recognitions.

In his speech introducing the current work and activity of EUROJUST Mr. Ladislav Hamran, President of EUROJUST spoke highly of the diverse professional and international activity of Prosecutor General Mr. Dr. Péter Polt and the effective work of the Hungarian Prosecution Service.

He illustrated with specific examples how EUROJUST can effectively assist cooperation between the Member States. He emphasized that the Hungarian national desk was particularly active in the work of EUROJUST. President Hamran also underlined that Hungary takes the first place among the Member States as far as the exchange of information relating to serious and priority crimes is concerned. The Hungarian authorities significantly facilitate the intensive investigative and judicial cooperation of Member States. Hungary's attitude is proactive, and Hungary's commitment to judicial cooperation via EUROJUST is exemplary. President Hamran believes our country acts as the main advocate and spokesperson for EUROJUST in Brussels.

Prosecutor General Dr. Péter Polt highlighted in his speech that the European Union has very successful units coordinating and facilitating cooperation in criminal matters. EUROJUST is the major one of these units, but OLAF and EUROPOL are also worth mentioning. Such network-based systems (14 of them operate in the European Union) lay new foundations for effective law enforcement and justice in addition to preserving the sovereignty of states and the national features of their administration of justice. This kind of cooperation strengthens the trust of EU citizens in EU institutions.

Prosecutor General Dr. Péter Polt awarded President Hamran a Pro Cooperatione commemorative medal established as a reward for cooperation for Mr. Hamran's outstanding professional work performed during his mandate in the EU, which facilitated the effective judicial cooperation between the Member States and, in particular, the development of good relations with the Hungarian Prosecution Service.

Mr. Prosecutor General bestowed the highest professional reward, the Kozma Sándor Prize, established in commemoration of the first crown prosecutor, Mr. Sándor Kozma in 1992, on six prosecution service employees for their high-standard and excellent work performed for a considerable period of time and for their great commitment to their profession.

Afterwards, Vargha Ferenc Prizes were awarded to five prosecution service employees for their outstanding work and professional dedication to the Prosecution Service.

In reward for their eminent career fifteen prosecution service employees were awarded a Prosecution Service Ring.

Thirty-five prosecution service employees received the Magyar István Prize for their high-standard, effective work and professional dedication.

Mr. Prosecutor General rewarded five junior prosecutors with the Székely-Ferenc Prize for their excellent performance and hard work and eight prosecution service employees with memento awards for their outstanding long-term work and commitment to their profession.

After the awards seventeen prizes were bestowed on winners of the legal science competition announced annually by Mr. Prosecutor General in commemoration of Mr. Sándor Kozma.

Special financial rewards were offered to be bestowed by the Hungarian Association of Prosecutors, and the rewards were presented by Mr. dr. Artemon Matécsa, President of the Hungarian Association of Prosecutors.

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