

# Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) cooperation, eg Europol

**Summary:** The JHA entities include work done on Counter Terrorism. The most notable institutionally is Europol, whose remit has expanded rapidly. Denmark held a referendum in 2015 and despite being an EU member has stepped back from the JHA on sovereignty and accountability grounds.



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**At stake:** JHA areas are politically integrating very quickly. Association here risks bringing back door security integration for the UK.

**What they say:** “The program states that Europol, the Netherlands-based EU law enforcement agency, should become ‘a European FBI,’ though it also says that EU member countries should retain control of ‘operational police powers’ – AP reporting on the CDU/CSU 2019 EP manifesto

**Exposure:** The future form of UK association is uncertain.

**Action:** The UK must leave Europol and seek the same cooperative, but arm’s length liaison status that Canada, Australia, and no fewer than 11 US federal law enforcement agencies currently enjoy.

**Deep dive:** [Link to Richard Walton’s paper as it sits in the new VfB website]



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