The establishment of the South East Asia Justice Network

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Mutual legal assistance is a form of cooperation between different states for the purpose of collecting and exchanging information to assist in criminal investigations or proceedings.

**Challenges include:**
- Inadequate legal frameworks
- Differences between legal systems
- Different languages
- Lack of trust and/or lack of knowledge about legal principles and requirements in other states
Legal Cooperation Networks

Modelled on the European Judicial Network –
• West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors (WACAP)
• Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC)
• Great Lakes Judicial Cooperation Network.

Features:
• Contact points designated from central authority
• Plenary meetings and training
• Information sharing
• Interregional network cooperation
South East Asia Justice Network (SEAJUST)

**Key advantages:**

- Building rapport with practitioners in other judications
- Building the capacity of practitioners
- Gaining an improved understanding of legal systems in neighboring countries
- Improving confidence in contacting and communicating with other countries regarding MLA requests

**Additional features:**

- Coordinated by UNODC with the support of ASEAN Secretariat
- Open for non-ASEAN member states
SEAJUST Activities

Oct. 2019
Introductory Meeting, Thailand

Feb. 2020
Draft TOR Meeting, Thailand

March 2020
TOR Adoption Meeting, Austria

April 2020
Crime Congress, Japan

Sep./Oct. 2020
Plenary Meeting, Venue TBC

Nov. 2020
Study Trip to EJN Plenary Meeting, Germany
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