

## **Response to the Balance of Competences report on Police and Criminal Justice**

The Crown Dependencies (the Isle of Man and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey) are not part of the UK or of the EU. However some aspects of EU law apply to them, relating in particular to trade in goods and the Customs Union, as set out in Protocol 3 to the UK's Treaty of Accession to the European Union.

Protocol 3 does not cover justice and home affairs, so the provisions of the Treaty which relate to police and criminal justice do not apply to the Crown Dependencies. The Crown Dependencies each have their own separate legal systems. Their police forces are also independent from the UK's, although they follow similar standards and structures as those applicable in the UK.

Although outside the EU, the Crown Dependencies have an active engagement with EU Member States and with the EU institutions in tackling cross border crime, including financial crime. The Crown Dependencies are full members of the Camden Asset Recovery Interagency Network (CARIN) which is partly funded by the Commission; they send observers to Eurojust; and they participate in the European Judicial Network (EJN). Operational cooperation with Europol is done via the UK.