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Editorial by Team Leader

2021 will be another year of challenges for all, with the persistent covid-19 pandemic, and even more for EU4Justice and its partners as organized crime is taking advantage of this crisis, innovating in its practices (counterfeiting of medical equipment, cyber-attacks, money laundering, human trafficking) and proliferates (means could be different, but no jurisdiction is immune to these practices).

Solidarity, through individual and collective ethics, makes it possible to limit the effects of the virus to tend towards eradication. Within the framework of EU4Justice, this solidarity will rely on cooperation. To this end, inter-agency cooperation will be at the heart of our action for 2021 as the fight against corruption and organized crime requires diverse and coordinated skills and talents. And because viruses do not know borders, EU4Justice will ensure that agencies are anchored at the international level. Opening up operational networks, developing mutual trust, so many assets in a long-term struggle against networks operating in several countries with the same attempts on the rule of law, human dignity or the legal economy.

Lastly, **sustainability**, an essential quality for a long-term fight. If 2021 will be the last year of implementation for the EU4Justice project, we will develop solidarities and knowhow that will last and spread over time, structuring the basis of a culture of the fight against impunity that the European project carries. in its DNA, as the vaccine works silently, but permanently, against the virus.

Finally, and because EU4Justice is first and foremost intended to serve the citizens of BiH, we wish you all a very happy new year 2021, prosperous and in good health.