

EU considers top prosecutor post

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BRUSSELS -- A top European Union official says he wants to see the EU create the position of general prosecutor to handle serious cross-border crimes. EU home affairs commissioner Franco Frattini said the prosecutor would have powers to initiate and proceed with investigations, the EU Observer said Wednesday. The newspaper said the strengthening of Eurojust, the bloc's judicial body, is seen as key to creating single European prosecution office. The network of 27 national prosecutors and judges currently helps member states in dealing with cross-border crime such as counterfeiting, child pornography, drugs, weapons and human trafficking. Frattini said the EU needs "harmonization of some definitions, for example what constitutes a terrorist activity or trafficking of children."

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