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INTRODUCTION

This is the sixth report of the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Title VI programmes and the final on GROTIUS-II Criminal, STOP II, OISIN II and HIPPOKRATES programmes. The report is also the final report on the implementation of the FALCONE programme.

Previous reports on the implementation of these programmes covered the years 1996 to 2001¹,

After five years of the first generation of programmes, the Council adopted on 28 June 2001 a two year prolongation of the programmes Grotius II Criminal, Oisin II, Stop II programmes and established the Hippokrates² programme to support cooperation in crime prevention. The five programmes, included Falcone, came to an end in 2002.

Meanwhile, as suggested by the European Parliament, the Commission has developed a framework programme on police and judicial co-operation in criminal matters (AGIS) which has been adopted by a Council Decision of 22 July 2002³. It covers the period 2003-2007.

The report on the implementation in 2002 of the five programmes shows again the broad interest for European cooperation and for projects that both address own needs and bring added value for partners and participants from abroad. The projects covered the full range of subjects dealt with at European level and in international cooperation in Justice and Home Affairs in criminal matters and reflect the growing crossborder dimension of activities in criminal justice and police cooperation.

A large extend of projects associated administrations and practitioners from all Member States, from candidate countries and from third countries involved in international cooperation and in the process of transnational criminal justice. The programmes thus complemented and came in support of the huge legislative work started at EU level to establish the relevant legal framework and tools for an enhanced international co-operation. Targeted at practitioners, the programmes supported numerous activities, allowing to exchange information, experience and good practices, update information and knowledge, improve professional skills and make the best use of instruments in the JHA areas.

Doing so, these practitioners contributed, at their level, to the improvement of cross border law enforcement and criminal justice and to the development of instruments, policies and strategies that are needed to progress towards the European space of liberty, security and justice. The difference between available estimated budgets and decided allocation is a consequence of the quality of the projects submitted under the different headings and the projects that are underway in the different areas.

Tables showing the available funds and the use made of them are given below.

¹ SEC(1998) 1048, SEC(1999) 1955, SEC(2001) 18, SEC(2001) 903, SEC(2003) 316.

² OJ L 186 of 7.7.2001

³ OJ L 203 of 1.8.2002, p.5

YEAR 2002

Programme	Budget available	Budget committed	Balance	Committed/ Available	Number of projects	Average grant per project
GROTIUS II CRIMINAL	2.000.000	2.183.940	-183.940	109,1%	25	87.357
STOP II	2.000.000	1.868.158	+131.842	93,4%	15	124.533
OISIN II	4.000.000	1.736.486	+2.263.514	43,4%	31	56.015
HIPPOCRATE	1.000.000	873.410	+126.590	87,3%	12	72.784
FALCONE	2.000.000	1.137.005	+862.995	56,8%	18	63.166
TOTAL	11.000.000	7.798.999	+3.201.001	70,9%	101	77.217

For the 2 years of duration (2001-2002), the situation is drafted in the following table:

YEARS 2001-2002

Programme	Budget available	Budget committed	Balance	Committed/ Available	Number of projects	Average grant per project
GROTIUS II CRIMINAL	4.000.000	4.037.217	-37.217	100,9%	49	82.392
STOP II	4.000.000	3.669.929	+330.071	91,7%	33	111.209
OISIN II	8.000.000	5.361.957	+2.638.043	67,0%	87	61.631
HIPPOCRATE	2.000.000	2.107.812	-107.812	105,4%	35	60.223
FALCONE	4.000.000	2.720.041	+1.279.959	68,0%	43	63.256
TOTAL	22.000.000	17.896.956	+4.103.044	81,3%	247	72.457

You will find attached the specific reports on the five programmes for 2002, as requested by the legal basis.

Each report indicates the allocation of funds decided during the exercise, gives a general evaluation of the main elements that are characteristic for the implementation of the programme and contains an annexed list of all projects that have been subsidised in 2002.

THE GROTIUS II CRIMINAL PROGRAMME

2002 REPORT

THE GROTIUS II CRIMINAL PROGRAMME - 2002 REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This report covers the implementation of the new Grotius II Criminal programme adopted on 7 July 2001 (decision 2001/512/JHA establishing a second phase of the programme of incentives and exchanges, training and co-operation for legal practitioners).

The first part of the report gives a narrative description of the activities under the programme; the second part presents the statistical information generated by the activities. The information is based upon the questionnaire or information grid that the promoter of each project is required to provide.

A table including each accepted project for 2002 is attached to this report.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2002 BUDGET

The fiscal year of 2002 (for which a budget of 2.000.000 Euro was reserved) started with the procedure leading to the adoption of an Annual Programme for 2002, which was published in the Official Journal C 66 of 15 March 2002. The deadline for applications had been set in the text to 30 April 2002. The Commission received 47 applications with requests for co-financing amounting to **5.647.097** Euro.

In the selection procedure, **27** projects were proposed by the Commission and accepted by the Committee for a total budget of **2.701.822** Euro. The difference between the 2 millions of Euro reserved for Grotius II and the total amount proposed was covered by an internal reallocation of the budget line B5 820, taking into account the interest of the judiciary for the new instruments adopted by the Council, as the European Arrest Warrant and Eurojust. After the modifications in the budgets and the withdrawal of 2 projects, the final amount committed for **25** projects was **2.183.940,78** Euro.

INDICATORS AND RATIOS

N.B. All figures are indicative and are shown here to demonstrate relations, not necessarily absolute numbers; all projects adopted under the 2002 budget have not yet been implemented completely, wherefore it is not possible to give the final figures until they have submitted their accounting. Since several projects are still being implemented, there is at least a theoretical risk that more projects will be aborted, wherefore we have used the **adopted-figure**. It should likewise be noted that decimals have not been used in figures showing percentages, wherefore these figures should be taken +/- 0.9 %.

1. NON BUDGETARY INDICATORS

Organisers

All projects have been organised by entities in Member States. The organisers of the **implemented projects** fall into the following categories:

Organisers	2002
Universities	1
Associations	9
Public bodies	15
Total	25

The beneficiaries/participants in projects have in all cases been professionals from three or more Member States.

Professionals from Candidate States were invited as participants in 19 projects in 2002. Hungary, Poland and Czech Republic took part in 10 projects, Slovakia and Slovenia in 8, Estonia and Lithuania in 6 projects, Latvia in 3, Malta and Cyprus in 5, Romania in 4, Bulgaria in 2, Turkey and Albania in 1.

The following candidate countries were partners in projects:

Poland in 3, Hungary and Czech in 2, Lithuania, Romania and Slovenia in 1.

2. BUDGETARY INDICATORS OF PROJECTS ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE

2002	Total cost of the adopted projects	Number of adopted projects	Average cost per project
TOTAL 2002(€)	3.937.421	25	157.496

3. BUDGETARY AND COST-RELATED FIGURES

a)-Leverage effect

By a total amount of GROTIUS II Criminal support in 2002 of **2.183.140,78 Euro**, a total of **3.937.421 Euro** were mobilised for the projects concerned - **leverage effect 1,80 %**.

Each GROTIUS-Euro is in that sense worth **1,80** Euro of programme activity, which must be considered as good yield for the European citizens.

b)-Demand and supply

The total sum of applications submitted in 2002 was **5.647.097,77 Euro**, whereas the available budget initially planned for the programme was **2.000.000 Euro**. Demand exceeded supply by more than **2,82 times**.

4. DISTRIBUTION FIGURES (for supported and implemented projects)

a) Thematic rates

Divided by the chief characteristics of the individual projects

	2002	TOTAL
Criminal law	22	(88 %)
General	3	(12 %)
TOTAL	25	(100 %)

b) Type of function

Divided by the chief methodological feature of the individual projects

It should always be noted that several projects consist of a combination of activities, wherefore the division of projects into these categories is indicative.

	2002	TOTAL
Seminars/ Training	8	(32%)
Conferences / colloquia	9	(36%)
Exchanges	0	(0%)
Studies and research	6	(24%)
Documentation/ information	2	(8%)
TOTAL	25	(100 %)

c) Rate of acceptance and implementation

Grotius II	2002
Number of applications	48
Number of co-financed projects	25
Rate of successful proposals	52%

The rate of acceptance or the theoretical chance for each application introduced, thus comes to 52%, which is an excellent result.

However, it has to be noted that the dead-line for introduction of the projects was set up at 30 April 2002, as the adoption of the 2002 Grotius ii Criminal work programme was published in the OJ C 66 of 15.3.2002. Consequently the promoters started their activity by the end of 2002 and the implementation of the projects is currently on the way.

EVALUATION

The first phase of the Grotius programme lasting five years allowed to co-finance 203 projects for an amount of 10 millions of Euro (9.013.701 Euro committed), with significant results in the field of the operational dimension of co-operation in criminal matters. The Grotius programme in fact has helped step up co-operation between Member States' judiciaries and improve mutual understanding of their legal and judicial systems. The second phase of the renewal of Grotius II Criminal programme covered 2 years:2001-2002. In total 4.036.408 Euro were granted to 49 projects.

As for the main topics promoted by the Grotius II Criminal programme in 2002, the following observations have to be made:

1) In the framework of the co-ordination initiated through the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) **4** projects, 1 (06) from ENM in France, 2 (40 and 44) from CSM in Italy and 1 (28) from ERA in Germany were launched.

2) **4** projects were focused on the European Arrest Warrant (N° 03 from UK Justice, 06 from ENM FR, 24 from GR Ministry of Justice and 40 from CSM, IT), **2** on Eurojust (16 from Union of Greek Judges and 28 from ERA, DE) and **6** on restorative justice and assistance to victims, from different MS, among them 2 specific actions (02 from Crime Victim Support, S and Promoting assistance to Foreign Victims from FORVIC, UK), in close relation with the new legal instruments adopted by the Council.

3) **1** project (19 from University of Bremen, DE) dealt with innovative ways to reintegrate the delinquance, in the field of rehabilitation of offenders and alternative measures.

4) **1** project (036, from Council of Military Magistrates, IT) dealt with innovative aspects of judicial co-operation in peace keeping military operations.

5) **2** projects dealt with confiscation (05 from Ministry of Justice in DK) and fight against fraude and financial crime (31 from University of Salamanca, SP).

6) **3** projects were focused on fundamental rights (07 from Federal Minister of Justice, Austria, dealing with concentration of media and safeguard of internal freedom of press, 08 from the Law Society of England and Wales, UK, dealing with the safeguard of the liberty of the accused in criminal proceedings and 011 from the Redress Trust of UK, developing practices on the exercise of extra-territorial jurisdiction for serious violation of human rights and international humanitarian law).

7) **1** project dealt with the judicial co-operation in the field of protection of sexual exploitation of minors (024 Foundation for the Child and the Family, GR).

The GROTIUS programme and its second phase of Grotius II Criminal (2001 - 2002) contributed to the improvement of judicial co-operation and promotion of mutual legal knowledge in the European Union.

The last year of implementation confirms the value and attraction for practitioners. New networks and mechanisms of co-operation were established, European legal practitioners improved their skills and reflected upon solutions to obstacles of closer co-operation, at European level.

Most projects tend to combine different methodology (research, seminars, information, etc.), although the frequency of studies and research was higher at the beginning of the first phase of the programme and lower at the end. In the second phase of the programme new aspects of research are open, in the field of new political priorities, as Eurojust, the European Arrest Warrant or new emerging areas of investigation, as the new technologies, the assistance to victims. Two third of the

projects are seminars, conferences or colloquia, providing training of the participants, discussion and exchange of views, with publication and diffusion of the conclusions.

On the contrary, exchanges of practitioners, in general very useful to diffuse mutual understanding of judicial co-operation among magistrates of different nationality, are dropping and need be increased in the future.

A conclusion to be drawn from this is that the problems of improving judicial co-operation and enhancing mutual legal knowledge have found an appropriate, initial solution at European level in the measures provided by GROTIUS programme.

The projects have provided, by their substance and methodology, the promotion of European ideas, concepts and ways of dealing with common problems, thus enhancing the European dimension and facilitating the creation of European partnerships.

The discussions raised on the GROTIUS projects have developed relevant ideas and information about planned or ongoing developments within the Union.

All these innovative results have been already acknowledged in the external evaluation carried out by Franklin Advisory Services.

The legal basis had to be adapted to the new situation. Because of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty, the judicial co-operation in civil matter was brought under Article 61 of the Treaty establishing the European Community.

So the support for co-operation activities in this field has become the subject of a separate Grotius Civil programme for 2001. A Council regulation was prolonging the action till the end of 2001⁴. On 25 April 2002 the Council adopted the [Regulation \(EC\) No 743/2002](#) establishing a general framework for Community activities to facilitate the implementation of judicial cooperation in civil matters, for the period 2002-2006

The second phase of Grotius II Criminal programme was established by a Council Decision of 28 June 2001 (2001/512/JHA)⁵ lasting two years.

Meanwhile, the Grotius, Oisin, Stop, Hippokrates and Falcone programmes are regrouped in the AGIS framework programme which was launched for 5 years (2003-2007) with an overall budget of 65 M Euro.

All relevant information on this programme can be found on: http://europa.eu.int/comm/justice_home/funding/intro/funding_intro_en.

The list of 2002 co-financed projects is attached.

⁴ OJ L 43 of 14.2.2001 ,p.1

⁵ OJ L 186 of 7.7.2001, p.1

GROTIUS II PROJECTS 2002

Project: 2002/GRO P/001

Organisation: Riksaklagaren Swedish General Prosecutor Office

Title of the project: Eurojustice conference in Visby (Sweden) on October 2-4th 2002

Total estimated cost: 221..941 €

Granted Co-financing: 69.914 €

Participants from: All EU Member States invited applicant countries + Norway and Iceland.

Description: Conference on implementation of adopted instruments by allowing the practical and operational consequences for public prosecutors to be analysed from the prosecutors' point of view. The project improves the participants' knowledge and mutual understanding of their various judicial systems and legal traditions, increasing trust between countries and improving judicial cooperation at all levels. The project also supports and develop better means of streamlining and improving the quality of public prosecution

Expected outcome To give national public prosecutors and senior representatives of prosecution services in EU Member States and applicant countries the opportunity to meet once a year to discuss important topical issues. The Eurojustice Conferences have evolved into a platform or network for senior prosecutors in the EU's judicial area

Time scale Start: 1/8/2002 End December 2002. Date of Conference: 2, 4 October 2002

Partners : Network of Senior Prosecutors in MS

Project: 2002/GRO P/002 specific measure

Organisation: Crime Victim Support And Compensation Authority

Title of the project: Brottsoffmyndigheten. Assistance To Cross Border Victims In EU- And Action Plan-Conference In Stockholm In Apr/02

Total estimated cost: 151.675 €

Granted Co-financing: 117.527 € = specific measure'

Participants from: Member States: S, FIN + other MS, Latvia, Hungary

Description: First: Action plan for assisting cross-border victims in several areas, with legal matters, practical assistance and psychological help, including examples of best practices. A conference in Stockholm is arranged in April 2003 to receive the widest possible acceptance of such an action plan. Secondly, to develop standard minimum rules for the information to victimised tourists and other persons travelling abroad. This objective is realised by the development of a prototype booklet with information to cross-border victims, translated into 3

languages. In the third hand, the ambition is to set-up a network, acting for the needs of cross-border victims.

Expected outcome Development of an action plan, an information booklet in EN, S to be translated into FR, DE and SP and a network for victims of crime.

Time scale: Sept 02, Sept 03 Conference in Stockolm in April 2003

Partners: S, P, FIN

Project:	2002/GRO P/003
Organisation:	Justice Registered Charity
Title of the project:	Eurowarrant Conference. European Conference On The Implications Of The European Arrest Warrant On Defence Rights And Procedural Safeguards
Total estimated cost:	85.250 €
Granted Co-financing:	39.647 €
Participants from:	UK, FIN, I, NL, S, B, DK,D, E, F, IRL, A, P, CZ, LT, MT, PL, S

Description: To bring together the European Sections of the International Commission of Jurists and other interested lawyers from Member States and Candidate Countries to discuss the implications of the European Arrest Warrant in terms of procedural safeguards and the rights of the defence. The conference provides an opportunity for lawyers in Member States and candidate countries to share views and assist countries to implement the European Arrest Warrant in a credible way giving full consideration to human rights issues.

Expected outcome **A conference bringing together lawyers from several countries that implements the EAW (as early as 1 January 2003 in some cases) in March 2003 in London**

Time scale Start: 1/09/2002 End: 1/05/2003

Partners : 6 :The Nuffield Foundation UK, The Italian Section of ICJ I, Dutch Commission of Jurists of Human Rights NL, Finnish Section of ICJ FIN, Swedish Section of the International Commission of Jurists S, + Polish section of International Commission of Jurists PL

Project:	2002/GRO P/005
Organisation:	Justitsministeriet
Title of the project:	Seminar On General Aspect Regarding Confiscation
Total estimated cost:	120.557 €
Granted Co-financing:	69.000 €

Participants from:

DK, EL, FIN, UK

Description:

The seminar focuses on general aspects regarding confiscation from both theoretical and practical points of view, and encourages the exchange of ideas and legal and practical experiences. The possibilities of international legal aid is explored as well as questions regarding reversal of the burden of proof in respect to decisions to confiscate proceeds of crime, in an effort to identify areas in which the participants have experienced problems with confiscation.

Expected outcome Seminar on confiscation; conclusions aim to increase the use of confiscation in the fight against organised crime and focus on how and under what forms instruments facilitating mutual recognition of judicial decisions e.g. about confiscation may help the move towards a union of freedom, security and justice.

Time scale Start: 1/07/2002 Event from 25 to 27 September 2002
End: 1/11/2002

Partners 4 Ministry of Justice DK, Ministry of Justice EL, Director of Public Prosecutions FIN, UK

Project:

2002/GRO P/006

Organisation:

Ecole Nationale De La Magistrature

Title of the project:

De L'extradition Au Mandat D'arrêt Européen. Séminaire Sur Le Nouveau Mandat D'arrêt Européen En Novembre 2003

Total estimated cost:

170.305 €

Granted Co-financing:

101.703 €

Participants from:

Organiser: France (Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature), in cooperation with Belgium (Conseil supérieur de la Justice), Italy (Conseil supérieur de la magistrature) and Germany (Deutsche Richterakademie).

Invitations are sent to 60 French "magistrats", 40 "magistrats" from the other Member States and 20 "magistrats" from the Candidate countries.

Description:

Le séminaire couvre trois axes :

- une présentation du mandat d'arrêt européen par un professionnel qualifié,
- la pratique actuelle en matière d'extradition et les perspectives de l'exercice des recours en matière de mandat d'arrêt dans les systèmes judiciaires des Etats membres (prioritairement dans les pays partenaires de l'action Grotius : Allemagne, Italie, Belgique, France),
- la C.E.D.H. et le contrôle national du mandat d'arrêt européen. Les langues de travail sont le français, l'anglais et l'espagnol .

Expected outcome Conference 2ème semestre 2003. Les exposés sur les cadres juridiques alternent avec des cas pratiques permettant aux magistrats d'échanger sur leurs pratiques

Time scale Start: 1/11/2002 End: 1/11/2003

Partners 3 Belgium (Conseil supérieur de la Justice), Italy (Conseil supérieur de la magistrature) and Germany (Deutsche Richterakademie).

Project: 2002/GRO P/007

Organisation: Federal Ministry Of Justice

Title of the project: De L'extradition Au Mandat D'arrêt Européen. Séminaire Sur Le Nouveau Mandat D'arrêt Européen En Novembre 2003

Total estimated cost: 122.342 €

Granted Co-financing: 78.845 €

Participants from: Member states: A (25), B (10), DK (10), D (10), EL (10), E (10), F (10), IRL (10), I (10), L (10), NL (10), P (10), FIN (10), S (10), UK (10) other: CZ (5), HU (5), SI (5)

Description: International Media Symposium 2003. Internal Freedom of the Media or "Censorship"? Conference on concentration of Media in Wien from 28/02/03 to 2/03/03.

Description International Media Symposium 2003 in Vienna on 28 February and 1 March 2003 on the subject of Media Concentration and Diversity of Opinions devoted to an exchange of opinions on these questions. 180 judges, public prosecutors, attorneys-at-law, scholars and representatives of the printed media from the EU Member States and presumably the candidate countries of Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovenia deal in particular with the problem of an increasing concentration of the media and the related question of safeguarding internal freedom of the press in the exercise of the profession of journalists and the problem of counter-acting forces ("Censorship").

Expected outcome The planned conference is to throw some light on the extent to which there is a factual connection between the degree of media concentration and the potential or actual influence of the editor or owner of the media. Another result of the Symposium is to uncover shortcomings in the field of legal safeguards for the internal freedom of the press.

Time scale Start: 1/08/2002 End: 1/07/2003

Partners :A + MS

Project: 2002/GRO P/008

Organisation: The Law Society Of England And Wales

Title of the project: A Programme Of Measures By Lawyers To Safeguard The Liberty Of The Accused In Criminal Proceedings. Seminar To Exchange

Good Practices In April 2003 In London

Total estimated cost: **153.363 €**

Granted Co-financing: **107.354 €**

Participants from: **England & Wales, Spain and the Czech Republic but the study results are to be disseminated and discussed in a further 2 Member States (Greece and Portugal) and 8 candidate countries (Hungary, Poland, Turkey, Slovenia, Slovakia, Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia.**

Description:

The project improves the quality and consistency of decisions about bail made by courts in two Member States (England and Wales and Spain) and one applicant country (the Czech Republic). The project also helps lawyers and judges in those countries to understand each other's systems of bail and how the European Arrest Warrant should impact on the use of bail for non-nationals. Its activities include (1) the establishment of a Bail Task Force; (2) a review of the bail decision making process in England and Wales, Spain and the Czech Republic; (3) the holding of a seminar to exchange good practice and make recommendations for change, involving participants from each country and invitees from Greece, Portugal, Hungary, Poland, Turkey, Slovenia, Slovakia, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia; and (4) the publication of guidance materials about better bail decision making.

Expected outcome Seminar in April 2003 in London: taking soundings from a range of lawyers, judges, police officers and organisations working in the field on how the European Arrest Warrant should impact on the use of bail for non-nationals.

Time scale Start: 1/09/2002 End: 1/09/2003

Partners 2 + 1 candidate country (England and Wales and Spain) and one applicant country (the Czech Republic)

Project:	2002/GRO P/011
Organisation:	The Redress Trust Ltd
Title of the project:	Approach In Europe To Redress Human Rights Violation. Developing A Consistent Seminar In Spring 2003 In NL And The Conference In Autumn 2003 In Strasbourg
Total estimated cost:	174184 €
Granted Co-financing:	106.197 €
Participants from:	Total number: +/- 100 8 member states: A, D, DK, F, IRL, NL, S, UK
Description:	The Project develops consistent practices relating to the exercise of extra-territorial jurisdiction for serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in the 15 Member States of the European Union.

A first Session (Seminar in Spring 2003, Netherlands; academics, legal

practitioners and human rights experts; 40-50 participants) finalises the recommendations of the Report and devises a strategic plan with step-by-step processes on how the required changes could be implemented.

A second Session (Conference in Autumn 2003, Strasbourg; MEPs, Council officials and partners; 50-60 participants) presents the outcomes of the research and reviews the recommendations and findings of the Seminar.

Expected outcome: Production of a comprehensive working report covering the stated subjects of research. This Working Report outlines the laws and practices of MS and identify the specific areas in which greater harmonisation of laws and procedures will be desirable, with recommendations. It will be published in EN and FR and distributed electronically and in printed version.

Time scale Start: 14/10/2002 End: 13/10/2003

Partners 10 (REDRESS is collaborating with 9 organisations)

Project:	2002/GRO P/014
Organisation:	European Forum For Victim Services (Efvs)
Title of the project:	Networking Victim Support Services. Conference Of The European Forum For Victim Services In May 2003 In Ireland
Total estimated cost:	173.100 €
Granted Co-financing:	91.950 €
Participants from:	Total number: 50

Participants are the eighteen organisations in membership with the European Forum, which represents fifteen countries, including eleven Member States, three candidate countries and Switzerland. Also contacts are established with NGOs, public agencies and academics in countries where no national organisation for victim services exists such as: Denmark, Spain, Italy, Norway, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Serbia.

Description: The VSSNET Project aims to exchange good practice regarding the setting up and the coordination of national networks of victim support services, services delivered to victims of crime and contents of training programmes for volunteers and professionals. It also organises study visits to Member States where no national organisation exists and meetings with officials and NGOs to be concerned in delivering services to crime victims. Finally it carries out the evaluation of the results of the work programme at various steps, including plenary session and workshops of the annual conference of the European Forum for Victim Services to be held in May 2003.

Expected outcome Evaluation of feasibility of two objectives: the dissemination of national networks of victim services in MS and the contents of training programmes and manuals for victim services volunteers and professionals

Time scale Start: 1/10/2002 End: 30/09/2003. The 2003 conference and

AGM of the European Forum will be held in Ireland on May 2003

Partners Partners of the VSSNET Project are five victim support national organisations operating in Member States, and the Czech organisation “Bily Kruh Bezpeci” (White Safety of Safety), which are all members of the Executive Committee of the European Forum.

Project:	2002/GRO P/015
Organisation:	European Forum For Victim Services (Efvs)
Title of the project:	Promoting Assistance To Foreign Victims (FORVIC). Developing Information Booklets On Victims Rights And Services.-Feasibility Of Setting Up A Single Telephone Number For Victims.
Total estimated cost:	76.475 €
Granted Co-financing:	62.800 €
Participants from:	Total number: 50 UK, IRL, FIN, NL, F, + CZ
Description:	<p>The FORVIC Project – Promoting Assistance to Foreign Victims is intending to fulfil the two objectives of:</p> <p>(1) Developing information booklets on victims’ rights and services which are available to them, in the languages of the European Union in each Member State</p> <p>2) Assessing the feasibility of setting-up a single telephone number for victims of crime to be provided with first assistance, information on their rights and referrals to victim services.</p> <p><u>Expected outcome</u> Developing information booklets on victims’ rights and services which are available to them, in 3 languages (FR, EN, DE)</p> <p>Assessing the feasibility of setting-up a single telephone number for victims of crime to be provided with first assistance, information on their rights and referrals to victim services.</p> <p><u>Time scale</u> Start: 1/10/2002 End: 30/09/2003</p> <p><u>Partners</u> 6. Institut national d'aide aux victimes FR, Victim support organisations in UK and IRL, White Circle of Safety in Czech Republic, Finnish Service for Crime Victims, Slachtofferhulp Nederland</p>

Project:	2002/GRO P/016
Organisation:	Ministry Of Justice - Union Of Greek Judges And Public Prosecutors
Title of the project:	The Role Of EUROJUST And Cooperation With The European Judicial Network. Conference In Athens In March 2003.The Event

Is Included In The Programme Of The Greek Presidency.

Total estimated cost: **150000 €**

Granted Co-financing: **84325 €**

Participants from: **Total number: 70**

19 countries involved as participants

Description:

Conference in Athens in March 2003 where 3 representatives (the responsible functionary of the Ministry of Justice, a public prosecutor or judge and a police officer) from each MS and 2 from the countries in accession participate, as well as representatives from Eurojust, Europol and European Judicial Network and in which:

experts inform about the aims of these innovations, the procedures of their functioning and co-operation and the needs they cover as well as explanation and interpretations of articles,

b) the participants discuss the problems they think that may occur by the application of Eurojust and propose possible solutions to overcome them.

Expected outcome Conference in Athens in March 2003 The information received is elaborated and forwarded to the Commission's services and published in a comprehensive small pamphlet in English and Greek to act as guide to responsible services in each MS.

Time scale Start End of 2002 Duration 9 months

Partners 3 : GR Court of first instance of Athens, DK Director of Public Prosecutions; Bulgaria, Court of Second Instance of Sliven

Project:

2002/GRO P/019

Organisation:

Universität Bremen, Institut Für Psychologie Und Kognitionsforschung

Title of the project:

Innovative Ways To Reintegrate The Delinquance. Conference In Potsdam 14/05-15/052003 Into The Labour Market: QUO VADIS III

Total estimated cost:

102.050 €

Granted Co-financing:

68.800 €

Participants from:

Total number: 1500.

15 MS + PL HU

Description:

Conference „Quo Vadis III“ at Potsdam, Germany, the 14th and 15th May 2003.

The transnational conference has as its focus the discourse about the practical organisation and the judicial framing of questions of reintegration of prisoners and ex-prisoners. The transition from prison

to release is also one important point.

Expected outcome A common way of handling a better co-operation and co-ordination in the field of the reintegration of (ex-)prisoners in all European countries

Time scale Start: 1/09/2002 End: 31/5/03

Partners : 5 School of Applied Science, Postdam, Bremen Institute for Criminal Policy, University of Bremen, D, Hanse Lax School, Groningen, NL, Prison Community Links, York, UK

Project:	2002/GRO P/023
Organisation:	Ministry Of Justice
Title of the project:	The European Arrest Warrant Conference In Athens In March 2003
Total estimated cost:	154.000 €
Granted Co-financing:	107.090 €
Participants from:	total number: 100
	15 MS + Cand Count.

Description: Conference in Athens where 3 representatives of each European country are invited - as well as from Europol, Eurojust and the European Judicial Network, to discuss proper legal harmonisation, training and organisation of authorities, simplification of procedures, extension of mutual recognition principle as a consequence of the adoption of the European Arrest Warrant (EAW).

Expected outcome Forward the information received to the European Commission and produce a pamphlet in EN and GR as a guide for proper application of EAW; the event is included in Greek Presidency priorities.

Time scale Start: November 2002 End: May 2003

Partners 4: Court of First Instance, Athens, Ministry of Justice, Greece, Ministry of Justice, Spain, Prosecutor's general Office Vilnius (LHIT)

Project:	2002/GRO P/024
Organisation:	Foundation For The Child And The Family
Title of the project:	The European Arrest Warrant Conference In Athens In March 2003
Total estimated cost:	109.394 €
Granted Co-financing:	76.228 €

Participants from: **total number: 53 participants**

15 member states

Description: 2ème Rencontre européenne des praticiens de la justice des mineurs

Description Une rencontre de praticiens de la justice des mineurs est organisée le lundi 3 mars 2003 à Athènes par la Fondation pour l'Enfant et la Famille (Grèce) pour échanger autour des deux sujets suivants :

La pédophilie sur internet. Le caractère transfrontière de ce nouveau média a pour effet de supprimer les frontières entre diffuseurs et consommateurs d'images à caractère pédo-pornographique. Les enquêtes prennent donc une dimension européenne voire internationale. Il s'agit donc de débattre sur comment s'organise la coopération judiciaire au niveau européen.

L'exploitation sexuelle des mineurs : information sur les lois qui régissent la prostitution dans les différents pays de l'U.E. et sur comment sont pris en charge les mineurs victimes, quelles sont les peines encourues par les clients et les proxénètes, quelles sont les peines encourues par les touristes sexuels.

Expected outcome Rencontre européenne des praticiens de la justice des mineurs le lundi 3 mars 2003 à Athènes et transfert des résultats à la Commission

Time scale Start: 1/09/2002 End: 31/08/2003

Partners: 4 Fondation pour l'Enfance et la Famille, GR, Fondation pour l'Enfance, F, Child Focus B? Ministère de la Justice, B.

Project: **2002/GRO P/028**

Organisation: **Academy Of European Law Trier**

Title of the project: **The European Arrest Warrant Conference In Athens In March 2003**

Total estimated cost: **128.123 €**

Granted Co-financing: **66.069 €**

Participants from: **total number: 120**

15 MS + 13 Cand. Count

Description: European judicial cooperation in criminal matters. Seminar in Germany from the 15 until the 17 May 2003

Description Seminar on European judicial cooperation in criminal matters: from extradition to the European Arrest Warrant in the framework of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN); with the participation of judges and magistrates from the Member States and from the Candidate Countries of the European Union. The Seminar focusses on the European Arrest Warrant as a new instrument in the

fight against organised crime, replacing the traditional extradition procedures, in order to eliminate the complexity and potential delays inherent in the present law of extradition.

Expected outcome Seminar (3days) with lectures and workshops for 120 participants

Time scale Start: 1/12/2002 End: 1/05/2003

Partners 3 ERA, Trier D, Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (The Netherlands), European Institute in Lodz (Poland).

Project: **2002/GRO P/029**

Organisation: **Istituto Di Ricerca Sui Sistemi Giudiziari - Consiglio Nazionale Delle Ricerche (Irsig-Cnr)**

Title of the project: **Victim-Offender Mediation/Organisation (VOM) And Practice In The Juvenile Justice System. The Meeting Will Be Held In Bologna In June Or July 2003**

Total estimated cost: **146.438 €**

Granted Co-financing: **71.524 €**

Participants from: **total number: 20**

4 MS + 5 Cand Count : Bulg., PL; RO, CZ, HU

Description: The project is grounded on the fact that EU member and candidate states are recommended to promote VOM (Council of Europe, Recommendation No. R(99)19). Further, EU member states are requested to adapt their legislation in order to promote VOM by 2006 (EU Council Framework Decision of March 15, 2001, arts. 10, 17) and to compare VOM experiences, particularly those with juvenile offenders. Start in November 2002.

Expected outcome Comparative research on Victim-Offender Mediation. Seminar in Bologna in July 2003. Produce valuable information for all countries that, being committed to meet the requirement of the aforementioned Council Framework Decision, can gain from comparative knowledge on VOM with juveniles.

Time scale Start: 1/11/2002 End: 1/10/2003

Partners : I Irsig, A: University of Wien,

Bel :Research Groupe on Juvenile Criminology, UK, University of Dundee Department of Social Work

Project: **2002/GRO P/031**

Organisation: **Fundacion De La Universidad De Salamanca**

Title of the project: **Rapprochement Des Legislation Penales Dans La Lutte Contre Les**

Crimes Financiers Et La Fraude.

Total estimated cost: **370.669 €**

Granted Co-financing: **184.144 €**

Participants from: **total number: 40**

4 P, ES, I and PL

Description:

Meetings and workshops of criminal law experts on financial crimes such as fraud and corruption, computer fraud and Internet related crimes, from a transnational perspective and based on real cases. The dates of the different Meetings are the following:

Meeting 1: Nov-Dic 2002 (ES), Meeting 2: March 2003 (P), Meeting 3: June 2003 (I) and Meeting 4: September 2003 (PL). Contribution to the fight against these crimes and recommendation of political-criminal proposals in order to shape any future legal reform.

Publication of papers in the languages of the four participating countries (Italian, Portuguese, Polish and Spanish) and also in English, to facilitate the diffusion of the conclusions of the Project.

Expected outcome Séminaires sur les crimes financiers : une diffusion presse / autres moyens de communication afin de faciliter l'accès à l'information aux secteurs professionnels intéressés européens et d'Amérique latine. Publication de quatre volumes monographiques (1000 exemplaires), édités dans les quatre langues concernées, de même qu'en anglais, par le service de publication de l'Université de Salamanca.

Time scale Start: 1/11/2002 End: 1/10/2003

Partners 4: Université de Salamanca (E); Université Lusófona de Lisbonne (P); Université de Rome tor Vergata (I) et Institut de sciences juridiques de l'académie de sciences (PL)

Project:	2002/GRO P/035
Organisation:	Goettingen Regional Court
Title of the project:	Victim Protection In Criminal Proceedings Legislation: A Pan-European Comparison
Total estimated cost:	96.900 €
Granted Co-financing:	65.638 €
Participants from:	total number: 50
	D, EL, NL, S, UK, PL
Description:	To present and compare the solutions of the participating countries with regard to Protection of Victims. By discussing selected representative cases, analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of the various solutions. The analysis focuses on existing (or planned) statutory

provisions in a general and abstract manner as well as on a case by case basis. The possibility of awarding damages to victims in criminal proceedings (thus avoiding the need for additional civil action for damages) is an issue, as well as ways of avoiding onerous formal proceedings all together.

Expected outcome Seminar in Goettingen in March 2003, critical evaluation regarding ones own practice and publication of results

Time scale Start: 1/08/2002 End: 1/07/2003

Partners : 5 Goettingen Regional Court D, Wroclaw District Court PL, University of Athens, GR, Home Office Research UK, Department of Criminology, Stockholm University S

Project:	2002/GRO P/036
Organisation:	Consiglio Della Magistratura Militare
Title of the project:	Missions Militaires De "Peace Keeping "Et Cooperation En Matière Pénale. Formation Des Magistrats Militaires, Conflits De Compétence, Constitution D'un Réseau Et Séminaire Final Ouvert Aux EM Et Aux Pays Candidats En Nov 2003
Total estimated cost:	164150 €
Granted Co-financing:	105173 €
Participants from:	total number: 110
	EM + Pays Candidats

Description: Analyse du cadre juridique et des pratiques applicables en matière de coopération judiciaire pénale dans le cadre des missions militaires à l'étranger (missions de peace keeping ; missions d'interposition, missions d'investigation pour le compte de juridictions pénales internationales). Assurer une meilleure connaissance réciproque dans ce domaine, souligner les obstacles à la coopération judiciaire et proposer quelques lignes d'évolution. Trois aspects – touchant de près à l'entraide judiciaire - sont abordés dans ce cadre : l'organisation judiciaire militaire (spéciale ou spécialisée), les instruments de droit pénal de fond (application de la loi pénale dans l'espace, questions d'harmonisation), les règles de procédure pénale (conflits positifs et négatifs de compétence et de juridiction, recherche de preuves à l'étranger, extradition du prévenu ou du condamné, évolution futures de ces instruments). Le projet esquisse également la question de la « coopération verticale » entre autorités supranationales et forces armées, notamment en raison de la mise en place de la Cour pénale internationale et de la création d'un contingent militaire propre à l'Union

Expected outcome Seminar in Rome in October 2003 and reflection documents in IT and FR

Time scale Start: 1/12/2002 End: 1/11/200

Partners Conseil de la Magistrature Militaire italien, ENM de France et

Project:	2002/GRO P/037
Organisation:	Ministero Della Giustizia
Title of the project:	Mutual Exchange Of Data And Information About Restorative Justice. A Study On The Restorative Justice And Mediation. Publication Of A Final Document
Total estimated cost:	117.624 €
Granted Co-financing:	61.537 €
Participants from:	total number: 100 I, A, FR
Description:	<p>A comparative study, carried out in co-operation with “Transcrime” (the inter-departmental Centre of the University of Trento), among the penal law systems and the relevant enforcement systems in the partner countries (Italy, Austria, France). Two study-visits and two transnational seminars aiming at making comparisons between the workers of the justice system, of community agencies, of the mediation activity and of volunteers in the partner countries, about the contents and methods of mediation and of restorative justice;</p> <p><u>Expected outcome</u> Publication of a final paper (in French, German, Italian and English) and dissemination of the results of the project via the Italian Ministry of Justice web site_on legislation and activities of restorative justice for victims</p> <p><u>Time scale</u> Start: 1/09/2002 End: 1/09/2003</p> <p><u>Partners:</u> Penitentiary Administration I, University of Trento, I, Neustart Probation, A, Ministry of Justice F</p>

Project:	2002/GRO P/040
Organisation:	Consiglio Superiore Della Magistratura
Title of the project:	Coopération Judiciaire Européenne. De L'extradition Au Mandat d'Arret Européen. Séminaire Dans Le Cadre Du Réseau Européen De Formation Judiciaire Sur Le Passage De L'extradition Au Mandat d'Arret Européen Avec 60 Participants
Total estimated cost:	97.811 €
Granted Co-financing:	67.791,96 €
Participants from:	total number: 120 B; D, F, I, P, LV, + LT, HU, RO
Description:	A two-and-a-half day seminar, to be held on European judicial

cooperation; from extradition to the European arrest warrant. The program, which is part of the European Network for judicial training, concentrates on the mechanism of the European arrest warrant. Questions regarding the application of the European arrest warrant are discussed both from the perspective of efficiency and the perspective of the protection of individual rights

Expected outcome Seminar of 2 days an half on 10-12 November 2003 in Rome

Time scale Start: 1/12/2002 End: 1/11/2003

Partners 5 : CSM, I, Conseil Supérieur Justice, F, ENM, F, Centro de Estudios Judiciarios P, ERA, D

Project:	2002/GRO P/043
Organisation:	Ministero Della Giustizia
Title of the project:	Etude Et Recherche Sur Un Systeme Informatique À Utiliser Dans Le Cadre De Eurojust Pour Amener Un Support Aux Activités D'investigations
Total estimated cost:	265.117 €
Granted Co-financing:	101.498 €
Participants from:	total number: 10 I, F, SLO, RO
Description:	<p>Feasibility study to define the characteristics of a software system, to be used in the context of Eurojust organisation, able to give support both to investigations carried out by to local prosecutors in different European countries and to coordination activities performed by Eurojust. In particular, the envisaged system is expected to give support to gather investigative documents and data, to analyse documents, to extract from them relevant pieces of information to be stored in relational databases, to query investigative databases and document bases for investigation purposes and to exchange information with other working groups carrying out investigations on the same (or related) subjects or facts.</p> <p><u>Expected outcome</u> Feasibility study for a software system to support investigations at national level and co-ordination activities of Eurojust. A prototype of the envisaged system is experimented in a number of pilot sites, in different European countries, both for supporting local investigations and for supporting cooperation on common areas of interest.</p> <p><u>Time scale</u> Start: 1/10/2002 End: 30/09/2003</p> <p><u>Partners</u> : Ministry of Justice, I, Ministry of Justice, F, Ministry of Justice, RO, Ministry of Justice, SLO</p>

Project: 2002/GRO P/044

Organisation: Consiglio Superiore Della Magistratura

Title of the project: Judicial Cooperation In Criminal Matters: Problems Inherent To Juridical Language

Total estimated cost: 173.609 €

Granted Co-financing: 120.179,11 €

Participants from: 126 magistrates of whom 80 Italians, 4 from UK, 10 from FR, 5 from SP, 5 from DE, 5 from B, 5 from S, 5 from DK, 5 from SL, 5 from ALB.

I, F, RO, SLO

Description: The course aims at developing knowledge of criminal co-operation, knowledge of foreign languages and also stimulating an analysis of those institutes for which juridical vocabulary constitutes the foundation. The course is structured on variety and interaction and is divided into five sections: 1) relations; 2) discussion; 3) linguistic analysis; 4) language comprehension exercises; 5) juridical language exercises.

Expected outcome Seminar on 24-28 March 2003 in Rome with training of magistrates and prosecutors

Time scale Start: December 2002 End: November 2003

Partners: CSM I, Conseil Supérieur de Justice, B, ENM, F, Consejo General del Poder Judicial, Escuela Judicial Barcelona ES.

Project: 2002/GRO P/045

Organisation: Associação Portuguesa De Apoio À Vitima

Title of the project: Projecto Dikê-Protection Et Promotion Des Droits Des Victimes Du Crime.-Conférence Internationale En Juin 2003 A Lisbon. Dissémination Et Publication Des Résultats.

Total estimated cost: 73.775 €

Granted Co-financing: 49.004 €

Participants from: total number: 110

EM + Cand Cont

Description: Développer et approfondir la connaissance de questions spécifiques liées à la protection et droit des victimes: recolte et compilation de documentation, particulièrement dans l'assistance judiciaire, la médiation pénale et la protection des temoins; réalisation de visites aux services d'assistance aux victimes en UK, A et D et élaboration d'une base de données; conférence internationale de 2 jours à Lisboa "Protection des victimes du crime".

Expected outcome Create an online database in Portuguese and English

with material from different legal systems on protection of victim's rights and mutual legal assistance, mediation. Creation of a network of some of the existing network of protection of victims organisations

Publication in P and EN and distribution of material related to DIKE project. Also available online.

Time scale Start: 15/12/ 2002 End: 14/12/2003

Partners 13: 6 from P- 2 B, D, 2 E, NL, HUN

Project:	2002/GRO P/047
Organisation:	S.O.S. Attentats (Specific Measure)
Title of the project:	Rédaction Et Publication D'un Ouvrage Scientifique: Terrorisme Et Responsabilité Pénale Internationale
Total estimated cost:	338.570 €
Granted Co-financing:	110.000 €
Participants from:	total number: 4
	F, I, IRL

Description: Rédaction et publication d'un ouvrage scientifique de 250 pages sur le terrorisme et la responsabilité pénale internationale. Cet ouvrage contribue à un meilleur échange des réflexions, des expériences et pratiques dans la lutte contre le terrorisme d'une part, dans l'amélioration de l'assistance aux victimes d'autre part. Le projet, coordonné par S.O.S. Attentats, est mené avec deux instituts de recherche: Irish Centre for Human Rights, Université de Galway et l'Institut supérieur international de Sciences criminelles (Italie).

Expected outcome Publication d'un ouvrage scientifique sur le terrorisme et la responsabilité pénale internationale. L'ouvrage, publié en français, anglais, espagnol et italien édité en 20 000 exemplaires), comporte des extraits choisis des contributions contenues dans le "Livre Noir" (publié en février 2002), des interventions orales d'un Colloque du 5 février 2002 (organisé par S.O.S. Attentats) et des observations complémentaires des experts en la matière.

Time scale Start: October 2002 End: March 2003

Partners : France (S.O.S Attentats), in cooperation with Ireland (Irish Centre for Human Rights, Université de Galway) and Italy (Institut supérieur international de Sciences criminelles (Italie)

THE OISIN II PROGRAMME

2002 REPORT

THE OISIN PROGRAMME REPORT

This report describes the implementation of the programme Oisin II during its last year. The second phase of a operation between policies and customs or reduction of the obstacles to the data transfer between Member States) or the complementary measures; in these cases the co-financing rate could reach 100%.

The deadline of presentation of the projects was on 30 April 2002, rather near of the date of publication of the annual work programme and call for proposals (15 March 2002). This will explain to some extent the reduced number of projects submitted this year. In general, these projects were however of good quality, which allowed to select 32 proposals on 40 received. The Commission took its decision after consultation of the Oisin Committee on 23 July. The 8 rejection letters were then sent on 8 August 2002.

The final list of the projects was adopted by written procedure by the Commission on 17 September 2002.

II – Statistical indicators

A budget of 4 millions was available. However, taking into account the reduced number of projects received this year (40 presented, 32 retained, **31** co-financed), the subsidy to be granted was "only" of **1.736.486,71** Euro. The consumption of the appropriations would not therefore be complete on this exercise.

Non budgetary Indicators

a) – Typology of the selected projects:

years	2000	2001	2002
police	43 = 86%	48 = 86%	24 =78%
customs	7	8	7= 22 %
accepted co-financed projects total	50	56	31
submitted request total	113	100	40
selection rate ⁶	44%	56%	77 %

⁶ 51% in 1999

b) – Domain of selected projects:

	1999	2000	2001	2002
Training, exchange, visits	14	4	13	8
Seminars and conferences	32 = 57%	38 = 76%	25 = 44%	11 = 35%
Joint operations	6	4	7	2
Research	4	4	10	8
Exchange of information, result dissemination	0	0	1	2
TOTAL	56 (for 109 requests)	50 (for 113 requests)	56 (for 100 requests)	31 (for 40 requests)

A fall in proportion of the seminars and conferences is noticed. This trend is encouraged by the Commission in order to support operational or practical projects.

c) – Contents of projects selected in 2002:

narcotic traffic	6
methodologies of police force	5
fight against terrorism	5
police officers' training	4
technologies against crime	3
law and order	3
non military crisis management	2
others: information, criminality connected with the means of payment, criminological analysis	3

d) – Specific character of the submitted projects:

Only 1 specific project financed 100% of the eligible costs was selected in 2002.

e)– Member States promoting the projects in 2002:

France	4
Austria	4
The United Kingdom	5
The Netherlands	3
Germany	3
Ireland	3
Greece	2
Italy	3
Spain	1
Sweden	1
Denmark	1

N.B. I.e. a total of 31, because one project was promoted by Europol.

f) – Bodies promoting the projects in 2002:

Europol	1
universities	1
other research/study establishments	2
police force	19
customs	6
gendarmerie	2

g) – European dimension:

projects including all the applicant countries	18%
projects including at least an applicant country	82% (against 16% in 2001)

Member States incorporated association of candidate countries for enlargement.

B – indicating budgetary

a) – Total cost of the projects in 2002 (= demand+financement subsidy of the promoter):

Total cost of the 40 submitted projects	11.926.217 Euro
Total cost of the 31 selected projects	9.812.817 Euro = almost 82% of the amount <i>supra</i>
Average total cost of selected project	350.457 Euro
Average subsidy per selected project	56.015

The average cost is increased because of two projects (N° 016 and 032), each exceeding a million Euro. Taking these two projects away would lead to an the average cost of Euro 146.164.

b) – Funds carried out by the Commission under cofinancing in 2002:

total cost of the subsidies requested	3.689.961 Euro
total cost of the granted subsidies	1.736.486 Euro = 47% of the amount <i>supra</i>
number of selected projects	31
average cost of a granted subsidy	56.015

Constant "inflation" of average cost of granted subsidies is noted: 58.377 Euro in 2000, 64.740 in 2001 and 75.460 in 2002, i.e. an increase of more than 29,2% out of three exercises.

c) – Distribution of the subsidies granted in 2002:

less than Euro 50,000	6
50,000 at Euro 100,000	16
100,000 at Euro 200,000	6
200,000 at Euro 500,000	3
more than Euro 500,000	0

- Smaller subsidy granted in 2002: 28,844 Euro
- Greater subsidy granted in 2002: 280,000 Euro

d) – Level of subsidy of the projects accepted in 2002:

The mean level of the granted subsidies was around 62-65% of the total cost (considered) of a project; the various projects were distributed as follows:

higher than 70% of cofinancing	1
equal to 70%	15
between 60 and 69%	5
between 50 and 59%	4
between 30 and 49%	1
less than 30%	2

- Higher level = 100% (of the eligible costs)
- Lower level = 23%

III – Lesson

If the Oisín II programme continued to be satisfactorily implemented, a fall in the number of applications in 2002 was noted. This phenomenon was mainly due to the short deadline between publication of the annual call for proposals and the deadline for presentation of the projects, but also in this specific area, it was a result of increasing pressure on day to day police co-operation after 11 September 2001, leaving less time for project work. The request made after the evaluation and the conditions set for the projects required continuity in relation to previous work, achieving of programme objectives and final dissemination. The check of estimated costs (the Commission had to comply with rigorous management rules and to detect some abusive requests arising) led to cancellation of 1 project (on 32 selected), either on request of the promoter, or of the Commission (it was the case of a project completed before reception of an official response from the Commission and without valid justification).

The continuation of "the inflation" of the level of the costs of the budgets was noted then, and a strong message was sent out asking the promoters to respect certain limits aligned on references values for example. So far it was not decided to set a maximum amount for subsidy per project for the Oisín programme as for example with the Stop programme.

Concerning the final reports of the previous financial years, it is difficult to evaluate the final added value of a project, without having checked it on the spot. The Commission services role would not be to follow each project on the spot, which is not possible for lack of time and means. However, Commission services tried to follow certain major projects, notably those at the origin of legislative initiatives at the Council.

In turn, the project promoters have to return final publications of project results (CD-ROM, handbooks...) to the Commission, except when sensitive information is listed

or when that would be likely to increase appreciably costs supported by promoters. These final reports of projects are not only useful for the final evaluation carried out by the Commission (which checks them carefully and can ask for new reports in case of non-satisfaction), but also interesting for updating the know-how of Commission services and the progressive setting up of an internal data bank.

For the moment, the number of final reports 2002 is insufficient for an in depth analysis of the main characteristics of projects. However, they will be reflected in the final evaluation of the programme that is due in 2004.

In conclusion, it is undeniable that the Oisin II programme and its successor AGIS (for its part "co-operation between law enforcement authorities") show a wide range of possibilities for promoters and remain extremely attractive for Member States. They can profit of the EU subvention to give concrete expression to projects, which, without the financial contribution of the Commission, would have remained potential.

Saying that this type of programme, emulation factor, awakes the European conscience can be rhetoric; but one has also to stress the very concrete and operational approach of certain projects such as for example in 2002: joint operations TRACK (stolen vehicles) and X2002 (drugs), operational drive F.I.E.P. ("gendarmerie" involved in the management of non military crises), exchanges between antiterrorist units of intervention, criminal profiles to the airports, tests on the systems of openings of doors in case of criminals blocked inside...

The full list of all project co-financed in 2002 is given in the annex to this report.

OISIN II PROJECTS 2002

Project:	2002/OIS/001
Organisation:	Douane Informatie Centrum - Netherlands
Title of the project:	De-briefing meeting for Operation SOL 2002
Total estimated cost:	132.537 €
Granted Co-financing:	92,024,10 €
Partners from:	Belgium, United Kingdom, Germany, and France
Description:	The aim of the project is to discuss the outcome and results of the Joint Customs Surveillance Operation SOL 2002 organised by Spain and which targeted the smuggling of drugs in maritime containers in order to produce the final report. The de-briefing meeting will evaluate the results and prepare the final report of the Operation which will include recommendations to be taken forward in similar maritime operations in the future. The report will subsequently be submitted to the Customs Co-operation Working Group (CCWG) and the Council for agreement.
Date:	22 and 23 September 2002

Project:	2002/OIS/002
Organisation:	Danish Customs, Denmark
Title of the project:	Operation X2002
Total estimated cost:	332,858 €
Granted Co-financing:	189.323€
Partners from:	Germany, United Kingdom, Netherlands, and France
Description:	The project is a Joint Customs Maritime Surveillance Operation which will target the smuggling of drugs and other goods by yachts and other vessels with a maximum tonnage of 2000GT (pleasure craft). The Operation will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines for Joint Customs Surveillance Operations as approved by the Customs Cooperation Group and the Council. The results of the operation will be evaluated and presented in a final report which will make recommendations for future such Operations. The project will include participation by the candidate countries. This will be the first occasion that candidate countries have participated in a Maritime Operation. The project will also address the needs identified in the EU Action Plan against drugs for the period 2000 - 2004 as well as those set out in the declaration of the European Council held in Tampere in October 1999.
Time frame:	Second semester of 2002

Project:	2002/OIS/003
Organisation:	Europol
Title of the project:	Law Enforcement Training to Combat Counterfeiting of Currency 2002
Total estimated cost:	196.061 €
Granted Co-financing:	134.853,39€
Partners from:	All MS and all Candidate countries.
Description:	Training for law-enforcement officials responsible for combating counterfeiting of currency; project consists of two activities: one 5-day training course for c. 30 tactical experts and one 5-day training course for approximately 30 technical experts.
Time frame:	November 2002

Project:	2002/OIS/005
Organisation:	Ministry of the Interior , Austria
Title of the project:	Air-Marshall
Total estimated cost:	63.661,60 €
Granted Co-financing:	14.114,87 €
Partners from:	Germany and Italy.
Description:	Training programme for police flight attendants/ pilots. Following the attacks on 11/9/01, a series of seminars, which began with one in January 2002 (without financial support from OISIN), shall be aimed at the development of common security standards for the civil aviation industry, in the framework of ongoing work in the EU.
Time frame:	Autumn 2002 – Spring 2003

Project:	2002/OIS/007
Organisation:	Ministry of the Interior , Austria
Title of the project:	European Heads of Police Training Conference.
Total estimated cost:	41.207 €
Granted Co-financing:	28.810,73 €
Partners from:	Germany, Netherlands and Hungary

Description: Project aiming at building up cooperation among heads of police training institutions in the EU and Candidate Countries, its expected results are improved efficiency in cooperation; improving and intensifying interaction; optimising the use of technical possibilities for cooperation; rationalising and making cooperation more flexible, in order to react more rapidly to practical needs and priorities in Europe; use of synergy effects; developing the perspective of cooperation among police academies in the EU from the point of view of Candidate Countries.

Date: 3-6 December 2002

Project: 2002/OIS/008

Organisation: Institut des Hautes Etudes de la sécurité intérieure

Title of the project: Evaluation of community policing in Europe

Total estimated cost: 142.612 €

Granted Co-financing: 99.172,42 €

Partners from: Belgium, Spain and the Netherlands.

Description: Research study into establishing a common methodology for assessing the impact of community policing programs in Europe; symposium and publication.

Time frame: September 2002 – July 2003

Project: 2002/OIS/009

Organisation: Direction générale de la gendarmerie nationale, France

Title of the project: SIFEP

Total estimated cost: 156.125 €

Granted Co-financing: 100.141,30€

Partners from: Spain, Portugal and the Netherlands

Description: International training course on the preparation of a European police force for substitution and reinforcement, in the framework of the non-military management of crises.

Time frame: June 2003

Project: 2002/OIS/011

Organisation: Service de coopération technique international de police, Ministère de l'Intérieur, France
Title of the project: European collaboration in criminal enquiries
Total estimated cost: 171.895 €
Granted Co-financing: 89.603 €
Partners from: Denmark, Germany and the UK
Description: Comparison and analysis of criminal enquiry methods (police, forensic science and justice), creation of informal network of those services represented at the seminar for the exchange of techniques, creation of a directory to facilitate communications between different police technical and scientific services and forensic science structures.
Time frame: September 2002 – September 2003

Project: 2002/OIS/012
Organisation: Direction générale des douanes et droits indirects, France
Title of the project: Synthese-Lab
Total estimated cost: 101.189 €
Granted Co-financing: 70.832,3 €
Partners from: Belgium and Spain
Description: Study on the strengthening of the fight against synthetic drug trafficking by using the results of scientific analysis.
Time frame: July 2002 – April 2003

Project: 2002/OIS/013
Organisation: Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP), Spain
Title of the project: Seguridad Aeroportuaria
Total estimated cost: 79.000 €
Granted Co-financing: 53.620 €
Partners from: Belgium, Germany, Netherlands and Romania.
Description: Seminar on the security of international airports and air transport.
Date: 10 - 13 December 2002

Project:	2002/OIS/014
Organisation:	National Computer Crime Unit, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Austria
Title of the project:	Seizure of “e-evidence”
Total estimated cost:	363,705 €
Granted Co-financing:	69.748,93€
Partners from:	Germany, Sweden, UK and Cyprus
Description:	Specification and implementation of a European forensic standard for the detection and seizure of electronic evidence to commence a chain of evidence. A proposed international standard on the principles of IT-evidence seizure based on evidence from all MS, finalised in a workshop.
Time frame:	September 2002 – September 2003

Project:	2002/OIS/015
Organisation:	International Police Co-operation Division, Hellenic Police Headquarters, Greece
Title of the project:	Seminar on monitoring police missions
Total estimated cost:	110.854 €
Granted Co-financing:	61.122,18€
Partners from:	All Member States
Description:	Seminar on monitoring police missions in the framework of the CFSC.
Time frame:	January 2003 and June 2003

Project:	2002/OIS/016
Organisation:	Regional Police Force, Middle and West Brabant, Netherlands
Title of the project:	A-team international
Total estimated cost:	1.191.000 €
Granted Co-financing:	280.000 €
Partners from:	Belgium, France and Luxembourg

Description: Pilot project focusing on the fight against cross-border drug tourism, trafficking, especially on the international highways and railways among the participating countries, with participation of police and customs officers.

Time frame: September 2002 – September 2003

Project: 2002/OIS/017

Organisation: Gävleborg County Police, Sweden

Title of the project: Cooperation in the field of community policing

Total estimated cost: 67.350 €

Granted Co-financing: 46.965 €

Partners from: Finland and Estonia.

Description: A training course on community policing. Sub-projects relating to situational crime prevention carried out in a residential area in each participating country. Develop a network for information, training, and assistance in the field of community policing. A seminar with all EU and Candidate Countries will be organized to present the results of the project.

Time frame: November 2002 – October 2003

Project: 2002/OIS/021

Organisation: Netherlands Police Academy

Title of the project: Science in Policing: Contemporary European policing and the development of police science and the transfer of police science knowledge at a European level.

Total estimated cost: 78.144 €

Granted Co-financing: 33.858 €

Partners from: Germany, France, Austria, UK, Hungary and Slovak Republic

Description: Proposal for a three-day conference on the topic of whether contemporary developments in policing justify the establishment of a “European policing science” as an autonomous field of science and applied research.

Time frame: July to November 2002

Project: 2002/OIS/023

Organisation: Federal Criminal Police Office, Germany

Title of the project:	International symposium for investigators of explosives and non-conventional explosive and fire devices.
Total estimated cost:	60.717 €
Granted Co-financing:	42.081,90 €
Partners from:	Belgium, Ireland and Netherlands
Description:	A multi-faceted event, this seminar will combine a gamut of interdisciplinary presentations by experts with problem-solving and discussion. Event is aimed at experts in the field and should contribute to intensified cooperation. Participants would be offered an overview of equipment and techniques for the investigation of crimes involving explosives and arson. A meeting of investigators and operational officers (defusion experts).
Time frame:	February 2002 to December 2002

Project:	2002/OIS/027
Organisation:	Irish Police Force (An Garda Siochana)
Title of the project:	Managing Critical Incidents: Joint tactical intervention procedures and exercises between anti-terrorist practitioners of special intervention units who manage critical incidents caused by terrorists.
Total estimated cost:	75.780 €
Granted Co-financing:	31.871,40€
Partners from:	Belgium, Germany, France, Italy and the Netherlands
Description:	Practical, operational exchanges between participating countries to review current operational practices and explore ways of predicting critical incidents. Exchange visits will be made to each partner country to observe procedures and to engage in joint exercises and workshops.
Time frame:	August 2002 – May 2003

Project:	2002/OIS/028
Organisation:	Irish Police Force (An Garda Siochana)
Title of the project:	Responses to Disasters: Co-operation by the law enforcement agencies of MS in responding to major disasters caused by the commission of criminal acts at or near International borders.
Total estimated cost:	115.360 €
Granted Co-financing:	64.956 €

Partners from: **Denmark, France, Italy, Sweden, UK and Estonia (as an observer)**

Description: Study visits by promoters to partner countries followed by a seminar including observation of a joint practical exercise on the Irish border between An Garda Siochana and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

Time frame: September 2002 – May 2003

Project: **2002/OIS/029**

Organisation: **Bereitschaftspolizeipräsidium, Baden-Württemberg, Germany**

Title of the project: **Franco-German Glossary of Terms related to traffic**

Total estimated cost: **220,340 €**

Granted Co-financing: **56.875,86€**

Partners from: **Belgium, France, Luxembourg**

Description: Creation of a glossary of French and German traffic-related terms to help police officers at the border regions between France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium better deal with traffic accidents, daily work situations on the road, working with the general public, etc. The glossary will include an overview of the main legal positions of the countries involved.

Time frame: May 2002 – July 2003

Project: **2002/OIS/030**

Organisation: **University “Carlo Cattaneo” LIUC of Castellanza, Italy**

Title of the project: **Offender spatial behaviour**

Total estimated cost: **85.608 €**

Granted Co-financing: **59.925,60 €**

Partners from: **Finland and Sweden.**

Description: Using information about offender travel patterns in solved rapes, robberies and homicides to prioritise the search for the location of the home of an offender in unsolved cases.

Time frame: September 2002 – August 2003

Project: **2002/OIS/031**

Organisation: **UK Customs and Excise**

Title of the project:	Airport Crime
Total estimated cost:	375.940 €
Granted Co-financing:	115,740 €
Partners from:	Belgium, France, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Sweden, and the Council of Europe (Pompidou Group)

Description: Research to determine the scale and nature of the criminal activities of airport employees in relation to the trafficking of hard drugs and the disposal of the proceeds from this activity. The project will undertake a 12-month period of research activity into this phenomenon with the aim of strengthening intelligence and communication links between the appropriate law enforcement agencies in the participating states in order to control and reduce the number of airport conspiracies involving drugs.

Time frame: September 2002 – August 2003

Project:	2002/OIS/032
Organisation:	UK Customs and Excise
Title of the project:	Caribbean Criminality
Total estimated cost:	4.821.531 €
Granted Co-financing:	61.531 €
Partners from:	Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Spain and Europol.

Description: The purpose of the project is to build on the results of previous and current projects concerning the smuggling of cocaine from the Caribbean into the European Union. The specific aims of the project are to improve co-operation and encourage joint work between the various law enforcement agencies involved, improved intelligence gathering and sharing, enhanced controls, identify and counter emerging trends, closer co-operation with authorities in the source countries with the aim of seizing more drugs at source, to increase seizures in the EU, and to dismantle and frustrate the organisations and networks involved in this activity.

Time frame: June 2002 to April 2003

Project:	2002/OIS/033
Organisation:	UK Customs and Excise
Title of the project:	Intra-Community missing trader fraud
Total estimated cost:	286.478 €

Granted Co-financing:	54.236 €
Partners from:	Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands
Description:	The project is aimed at traders who obtain VAT registration solely for the purpose of obtaining goods VAT free from another Member State in order to re-sell the goods at a VAT-inclusive price. This particular fraud usually involves high value, low volume goods; current frauds involve Mobile Telephones and Computer Chips. In order to improve co-operation between Member States and improve intelligence relating to such traders, the project proposes attaching officers to their counterparts in other Member States to enhance intelligence relating to these traders and to facilitate their early identification.
Time frame:	September 2002 to March 2003
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Project:	2002/OIS/034
Organisation:	Rhineland-Palatinate State Police Academy, Germany
Title of the project:	International conference on hostage-taking and kidnapping
Total estimated cost:	90.011 €
Granted Co-financing:	50.331,60 €
Partners from:	Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Hungary and Poland
Description:	International conference on hostage-taking and kidnapping – the possibilities and limits of cross-border co-operation – in stationary and mobile locations.
Time frame:	August 2002 – June 2003
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Project:	2002/OIS/035
Organisation:	Police Scientific Service, Italy
Title of the project:	Statistical methods applied to the recognition of the talker II (SMART II)
Total estimated cost:	207.925 €
Granted Co-financing:	113.377 €
Partners from:	Belgium, Spain and France
Description:	Continuation of previous work under SMART I, aiming at improving the parameter extraction and the subsequent statistical methods of speaker recognition, and at enlarging the database of 500 voices. The second result will be different methodological approaches, such as cluster analysis and neural networks, to reach a suitable statistical analysis of speaker identification.

Time frame: September 2002 – September 2003

Project: 2002/OIS/037

Organisation: SIRENE Office, Hellenic Police Headquarters, Greece

Title of the project: Training course for SIRENE office users

Total estimated cost: 125.472 €

Granted Co-financing: 69.599,18 €

Partners from: All MS

Description: Training course for SIRENE office users in EU MS and their evaluation by heads of SIRENE offices and Staff exchanges among SIRENE offices.

Date: 6-8 June 2003

Project: 2002/OIS/040

Organisation: Hampshire Constabulary, UK

Title of the project: Transfrontier Police Messaging Project (TPMP): A study

Total estimated cost: 119.050 €

Granted Co-financing: 59.045 €

Partners from: France, Belgium, and the Netherlands

Description: TPMP will review the issues and assemble data, analyse and report on genuine cross-frontier police messaging activity in an effort to support practical transfrontier police co-operation initiatives and the further implementation and expansion of the Schengen Agreement. It uses data derived from current and recent operational communication (1998 – 2001) across a number of European frontiers.

Time frame: July 2002 to December 2002

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1 Introduction

The Council adopted on 28 June 2001 the second phase (2001-2002) of the programme of incentives, training and co-operation for persons responsible for combating trade in human beings and the sexual exploitation of children, the STOP II Programme. Article 10.2 of this decision (Council Decision 2001/514/JHA - OJ L189 from 07 July 2001) stipulates that the Commission shall report annually to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the programme.

2 Financial year 2002

After formal adoption by the Committee (on 5 November 2001), the Annual Programme for 2002 including a Call for Proposals was published in the Official Journal (OJ C 66, 15.3.2002). The Members of the STOP Management Committee, on 24 July 2002, examined 40 projects. This figure should be viewed in the light of numerous requests for information on STOP (e-mails, phone calls, faxes etc.). The number of requests confirmed a strong interest in the STOP Programme, but at the same time means that only a limited number of requests for information found their translation into a specific proposal actually sent to the Commission. On the other hand, it is also clear that the information disseminated about the STOP Programme reveals that the activities were thoroughly prepared with a lot effort behind them, not least in terms of building partnerships and networks.

Out of the 40 submitted requests for financing, 16 were approved by the Commission after the positive opinion of the Committee, which followed the recommendations proposed by the Commission. One project was cancelled after adoption. So total accepted projects were **15**.

The 2002 budget available was 2.000.000 €. The total of the requested subsidies amounting to 4.917.724,90 € represented approximately more than two times the annual budget available.

3 Ratios and indicators

N.B. All figures are indicative and are shown here to demonstrate relations, not necessarily absolute. The projects adopted under the 2002 budget have not yet been completely implemented, wherefore it is not possible to give the final figures. Furthermore, since several projects are still being implemented, there is still a risk that there could be changes in some projects. Therefore the indicators are based on the figures updated at the time of this report, although these will not necessarily be the final figures.

3.1. Non budgetary indicators

On 40 applications, 16 projects were proposed to the Stop Committee and **15** were finally selected for co-financing.

3.1.1.Organisers

Organiser	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Member States	4 (80%)	19 (76%)	13 (73%)	17 (85 %)	14 (78%)	8 (44%)	8 (53%)
NGOs and IOs	1 (20%)	6 (24%)	5 (27%)	3 (15 %)	4 (22%)	10 (56%)	7 (47%)
Total	5 (100%)	25 (100%)	18(100%)	20 (100%)	18 (100 %)	18 (100%)	15 (100%)

3.1.2 Beneficiaries in the Member States

Beneficiaries	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Universities	1 (25%)	3 (16%)	3 (23%)	4 (20 %)	5 (36 %)	3 (38%)	3 (21%)
Public authorities	3 (75%)	15 (79%)	10 (77%)	5 (25 %)	5 (36 %)	5 (62%)	2 (13%)
NGOs	0	1 (5%)	0	8 (47 %)	4 (28 %)	0	10 (66%)
Total	4 (100%)	19 (100%)	13 (100%)	17 (100%)	14 (100 %)	8 (100%)	15 (100%)

3.2. Budgetary indicators

Budgetary indicators	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Budget available	500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000 €	1 500 000 €	2 000 000 €	2 000 000 €
Number of submitted projects	6	62	65	57	55	39	40
Number of projects contracted	5	25	18	20	18	18	15
Total amount of subsidies requested	539 247	6 209 560	6 449 364	5 985 585	6 042 705	4 138 245	4 917 724
Total amount of the granted subsidies	489 727	1 387 152	1 422 576	1 422 550	1 498 821	1 801 771	1.868.158,73
Average subsidy per project	97 945	55 486	79 032	71 127	83 268	100 098	124.533

4 Budgetary- and cost-related ratio

4.1 Leverage effect

The amount of Community financing of the projects approved was **1.868.158,73 €** which is around 73% of the total budget of 2.544.48 € representing the total cost of these projects.

This means that for each € made available by the STOP Programme a leverage effect of 1,36 € was generated, i.e. an € of the STOP Programme in 2002 generated 1,36 € worth of EU-co-operation in the fields covered by the programme.

4.2 Demand and supply

The total sum of requested subsidies in introduced applications was approximately 4 917 724 €, whereas the available budget of the programme was 2 000 000 €.

4.3 Thematic division of budget in €

Theme/ Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Trafficking in human beings	183 221	480 395	379 425 (27%)	400 905 (28 %)	403 371 (27 %)	959 116 (23 %)	429.676,6 (23%)
Sexual exploitation of children	134 175	553 348	678 782 (48%)	750 863 (53 %)	517 592 (35 %)	427 507 (53 %)	821.989,8 (44%)
In both fields	170 814	355 408	364 367 (25%)	271 779 (19 %)	577 858 (38 %)	415 147 (24 %)	616.492,3 (33%)
Total	488 211	1 389 152	1 422 576	1 422 550	1 498 821	1 801 770	1.868.158,7

4.4 Budget mobilisation per category of organiser in €

Budget mobilised by/Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Member States	390681 (81%)	1 102 364 (80%)	676 470 (65%)	1 122 485 (78 %)	1 129 609 (75 %)	699 264 (39 %)	878.035,5 (47%)
NGOs and IOs	67 350 (19%)	286 788 (20%)	371 790 (35%)	300 065 (22 %)	369 212 (25 %)	1 102 506 (61 %)	990.123,2 (53%)
Total	488 211 (100%)	1 389 152 (100%)	1 048 261 (100%)	1 422 550 (100%)	1 498 821 (100 %)	1 801 770 (100 %)	1.868.158,7 (100%)

5 Distribution figures

5.1 Thematic (divided by chief characteristic of the individual projects)

Theme/ Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Trafficking in human beings	2 (40%)	7 (28%)	7 (39%)	4 (20 %)	3 (17 %)	9 (50 %)	4 (25%)
Sexual exploitation of children	1 (20%)	11 (44%)	8 (45%)	13 (65%)	7 (39 %)	4 (22 %)	6 (44%)
Both	2 (40%)	7 (28%)	3 (16%)	3 (15%)	8 (44 %)	5 (28 %)	5 (31%)
Total	5 (100%)	25 (100%)	18 (100%)	20 (100%)	18 (100 %)	18 (100%)	15 (100%)

5.2 Type or function (divided by the chief methodological feature of the individual project)

Type or function/ Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Seminars and conferences	1 (20%)	12 (48%)	5 (27%)	6 (30 %)	5 (28 %)	6 (33 %)	2 (13%)
Training and exchange		5 (20%)	4 (22%)	7 (35 %)	5 (28 %)	7 (39 %)	5 (31%)

Studies and research	4 (80%)	8 (32%)	9 (50%)	7 (35 %)	8 (45 %)	4 (22 %)	8 (56%)
Specific actions	Not applicable for the period 1996-2000					0	0
Complementary measure						1(6 %)	0
Total	5 (100%)	25 (100%)	18 (100%)	20 (100%)	18 (100 %)	18 (100 %)	15 (100%)

5.3 Rate of acceptance

Number of projects/ Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total number of submitted projects	6	62	65	57	55	39	40
Total number of adopted projects	5 (83%)	25 (40%)	18 (27%)	20 (35 %)	18 (33 %)	18 (46 %)	15 (37%)

6 Evaluation

General

In 2002, sexual abuse of children can be said to have received specific attention compared to trafficking or exploitation of women, where number of projects subsidised in 2001 are still running. Some of these projects concerned at the same time the issue of unaccompanied minors and of trafficking in children. A study on the contribution of civil society in finding missing or sexually exploited children, a seminar on the reintegration of Romanian children, a study on residence permits for women and minors trafficked for purpose of sexual exploitation and further projects on trafficking in minors are examples in this context.

The STOPWEB project, already initiated in 2001, could be continued in order to address the problem of how to disseminate the results of the STOP Programme.

Furthermore, the workshops on trafficking in human beings in the framework of the EU Forum on the Prevention of Organised Crime made a wide range of actors aware of the possibilities provided by the STOP Programme.

The organiser of each project is required to provide the Commission with a final activity report to outline results of the project for evaluation. Based on the final reports that this far have been submitted to the Commission and the information that has reached the Commission in managing the programme, it is fair to say that the projects supported under the STOP Programme have made a clear contribution at European level in developing and strengthening the combat against and the prevention of trafficking in human beings and the sexual exploitation of children, including child pornography on the Internet. The STOP II Programme therefore played an important role for the creation of an area of freedom, justice and security as set out in the Amsterdam Treaty.

Information about the STOP Programme

From year to year the knowledge of the STOP Programme increases. In 2002 about eighty requests for information were sent to the Commission by mail, faxes or e-mail. The requests for information have often originated from entities never having expressed an interest in the STOP Programme to the Commission before. Besides the publication of the Annual Programme in the Official Journal, other factors having generated this development are for instance the distribution of information via the NGOs and public authorities, in particular those which have organised projects supported by the STOP Programme.

Co-financing from organisers

In 2002 the organisers mobilised a total sum of 1.228.581 €. This represents an average amount of own co-financing of 81.905 € per project. This means that the STOP Programme contributed to the projects by 58 % and the organisers by 42 %

The number of submitted projects

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
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Submitted projects	62	65	57	55	39	40
Accepted projects	25	18	20	18	18	15
%	40%	27%	35%	33%	46%	37%

As the interest for the STOP Programme continued to increase, this development is difficult to interpret.

It is, however, from the Commission's point of view clear that, since the start of the programme, the general quality of proposals has improved and that the knowledge about the criteria set for a project to be accepted is more widespread. A parallel increase in the efforts put in every application and an increase in the overall quality of the projects could thus be said to have taken place.

The annexed list of projects adopted in 2002 give an overview of the activities under the budget for 2002 and thus an indication of the role of the STOP II Programme in contributing to the achievement of the mentioned objectives in the financial year 2002.

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Project:	2002/STOP/103
Organisation:	Université De Liège, Service De Psychologie Clinique
Title of the Project:	Elaboration et Passation d'une grille d'entretien clinique destinée à l'Evaluation des Delinquants sexuels
Total estimated cost	120.848,68 Euro
Granted co-financing	68.475,7 Euro
Participants from:	B, DK, F, CH
Description:	Development of a clinical interview tool (grid) for the evaluation of sexual offenders (based on the conclusions of the project 1999/STOP/028): 1. development of the clinical interview grid; 2. testing of this grid; 3. analysis of the data collected by using this grid.

Project :	2002/STOP/104
Organisation:	Churches Commission For Migrants In Europe
Title of the project:	Exchange Programmes and Networking - Training and Dissemination of Information
Total estimated cost	195.577,76 Euro
Granted co-financing	127.125,54 Euro
Member States:	DE, I, EL, B, F, RU, RO, CZ
Description:	Personal contact, exchange of experiences and dissemination of information about the trafficked persons at European level through mutual visits in order to improve aid organisation for trafficked women. Two workshops aimed at defining best practice methods, present examples of fruitful co-operation with public authorities, present and assess and further develop existing training modules, draft awareness raising material. The main vector of dissemination shall be the already existing website www.coatnet.org

Project:	2002/STOP/108
Organisation:	Child Focus
Study	Study on the follow up of the Council Resolution of 27 September 2001 on the contribution of civil society in finding missing or sexually exploited children
Total estimated cost	200.000 Euro
Granted co-financing	200.000 Euro

Participants from:	B
Description:	The first part of the project involves a study on the actual extent of the phenomenon of missing or sexually exploited children. The second part of the project is intended to give an overall view on the existence, role and structure of the civil society organisations in the EU Members States actively supporting the search for missing or sexually exploited children. The third part of the project is to examine the legal issues arising from the involvement of the civil society organisations in the Member States actively supporting the search for missing or sexual exploited children, in particular the issues competent authorities sending confidential information to such organisations. Three round tables have been foreseen in November 2002, March 2003, and June 2003.

Project:	2002/STOP/109
Organisation:	Policia Judiciaria
Title of the project	Conferencia Internacional a investigacao criminal do abuse sexual de menores
Total estimated cost	50.193,95 Euro
Granted co-financing	32.626,07 Euro
Participants from:	P,B,D,E,F,IRL,I,UK, PL
Description:	This project aimed at organising an international conference on criminal investigations concerning sexual exploitation of children, including to obtain evidence, what constitute evidence, testimonial evidence and the victims as a witness, data collection and treatment, investigation techniques linked to online crime. It was intended that common methodologies and procedures will be identified for the benefit of all participants.

Project:	2002/STOP/112
Organisation:	Censis - Centro Studi Investimenti Sociali
Title of the project:	Exchange / STOPWEB II: Extending the network and involving beneficiaries / Dissemination of Information
Total estimated cost	95.556 Euro
Granted co-financing	65.934 Euro
Participants from:	E, I, P
Description:	The project used research, a questionnaire and interviews to collect information and more than double the STOPWEB (as established by a STOP-project of 2001) catalogue to include related projects by other institutions. The project analysed the needs of institutions and organisations regarding access and use of results of STOP-funded and similar project initiatives. It will refine the dissemination plan

currently underlying the STOPWEB site to better address the needs of additional users and at least doubling the database of material and contact available to subjects seeking partners or material. In this way exchange of good practices and networks through will be encouraged.

Project:	2002/STOP/115
Organisation:	Transcrime - University Of Trento
Title of the project:	A Study For Monitoring The Trafficking In Human Beings For The Purpose Of Sexual Exploitation In The EU Member States
Total estimated cost	110.000 Euro
Granted co-financing	70.000 Euro
Participants from:	FIN, I, S
Description:	This project aimed at improving statistical data and the qualitative sources of information on the trafficking of human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation in the 15 EU Members States. It also aimed at quantifying this criminal activity in the 15 EU Member States and to suggest ways of preventing this criminal activity. A two-day working seminar was included. The project was a follow-up and extension of the successfully concluded study in STOP-project 2000/137.

Project :	2002/STOP/120
Organisation:	Forum Europeen Pour La Sécurité Urbaine
Title of the project	Secucités enfants roumains
Total estimated cost	105.113,82 Euro
Granted co-financing	70.000 Euro
Participants from:	F,I,RO
Description:	The main goal of the project is to create the best conditions for reintegration of Romanian children. To that end links between countries to prepare the departure and the arrival of those children should be established and developed with a view to promote co-operation among countries of origin, transit and destination. To ensure continuity, the creation of permanent link between the countries will be sought for dissemination and exchange of information. Seminars were foreseen Bucharest in January 2003 and in Paris in September 2003.

Project:	2002/STOP/122
Organisation:	Centre Hospitalier Psychiatrique Les Marronniers

Title of the project: **Evaluation diagnostique et etiologique des adolescents auteurs d'abus sexuels en communaute europeenne**

Total estimated cost **170.554 Euro**

Granted co-financing **117.350 Euro**

Participants from: **B, F, NL, UK, LUX**

Description: This research project looks into the clinical specificities of 50 adolescent sexual abusers and compare these with the same number of non adolescent abuser of the same socio-cultural background. The project includes seminars.

The research intends to look into particularly three questions:

- a) At the diagnostic level at the level of personality: Do these adolescent abusers present specific psychopathological disorders ? If yes, which are these ?
- b) At the the etiological level: Are the antecedents of sexual, physical or psychological abuse a factor of risk for becoming a sexual abuser ?
- c) What practical changes will have to be made in the use of prognostic and etiological tools to assess and measure the risks and dangerousness of such behaviour?

Project: **2002/STOP/124**

Organisation: **Organisation Internationale Pour Les Migrations**

Title of the project: **La traite des mineurs non accompagnes dans l'union europeenne; recherches et conference europeenne**

Total estimated cost **187.219,20 Euro**

Granted co-financing **60.542,60 Euro**

Participants from: **F, IRL, P, IRL**

Description: The project aims at developing and reinforcing exchange of information between persons responsible for preventing and combating trafficking, in particular protection and assistance to unaccompanied minors. The objective is to develop networks with a view to elaborate common methodologies for optimising the co-operation between Germany, Belgium, Spain, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal and UK. Complementary and new research will be carried out on Ireland, Portugal and UK to fill lacunae. An international conference shall be held in Paris in June 2003.

Project: **2002/STOP/126**

Organisation: **IOM - Vienna**

Title of the project: **Research and networking: trafficking in human beings and its interlinks with illegal immigration from/through selected candidate countries to the EU member states**

Total estimated cost **93.393 Euro**

Granted co-financing **64.693 Euro**

Participants from: **B, I, HU, SK, SI, PO, CZ**

Description: The project will focus on SK, SI, PO, CZ, AND BG as Candidate Countries and It, Austria, Germany, and Greece as some of the countries of destination in the EU, where victims of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation and labour exploitation and illegal migrants are found. Researchers gather data and information on existing sources, such as documents, studies, news, criminal cases and information derived from border guard services, etc. For the purpose of the project, the primary target group is professionals working at government institutions, and relevant IOs and NGOs working on assistance to victims of trafficking and service providers to migrant/third country nationals.

Project: **2002/STOP/128**

Organisation: **International Centre For Migration Policy Development**

Title of the project: **Awareness Training For The Police - Trafficking In Human Beings**

Total estimated cost **333.523 Euro**

Granted co-financing **199.444 Euro**

Participants from: **A, UK, BG, RO**

Description: The project shall contribute to the countering of trafficking in human beings by enhancing the capabilities of the national police forces in South Eastern European countries to understand trafficking in human beings and consequently to detect and adequately deal with cases of trafficking in human beings along agreed upon standards (best practices). Further, the co-operation between the police and NGOs shall be strengthened, both nationally, regionally and beyond. The activities of the project include the development of training modules for awareness training of the police by an international project team, i.e. training of trainers seminars for SEE trainers teams, implementation of training at national/local levels and follow-up regional seminar of all participating experts and the international project team to exchange experiences and on that basis adjust the training module.

Project: **2002/STOP/131**

Organisation: **Defence For Children International Section The Netherlands**

Title of the project: **Joint East West Research Project On Trafficking In Children For Sexual Purposes In Europe : The Sending Countries**

Total estimated cost	195.750 Euro
Granted co-financing	68.512,5 Euro
Participants from:	B, D,FIN,I,, NL CZ, EE, PL, RO
Description:	The project aims to research the situation of trafficking in children for sexual purposes in eight Eastern European Countries. It is a follow-up to the study on the eight receiving countries under the STOP Programme in 2000. The research will be done in four stages: a) identification, including the establishment of contacts, b) country specific research in eight sending countries, c) the organisation of an expert meeting with around 409 participants, d) final report which will be used as tool for development of policy in this field.

Project:	2002/STOP/132
Organisation:	Christian Albrechts Universitat Zu K
Title of the project:	Kinderpornografie : Entwicklung eines Verfahrens zur Schatzung des Lebensalters der kindlichen Opfer
Total estimated cost	299.675 Euro
Granted co-financing	188.299 Euro
Participants from:	D, I, LT
Description:	The aim of the project is the development of an objective and scientifically reasonable method for age estimation applicable to films and pornographic pictures. The method is based on the evaluation of age-specific proportions of the face during childhood. Reference data for facial proportion in defined age classes shall be gathered by anthropologists in Northern, Southern and Eastern Europe. The reference data shall be used to develop a software for age estimation by identification of age specific facial proportions. The quality, reliability and the practicability of the software shall be evaluated by its application on films and photographs of children of known age and on original pornographic material.

Project:	2002/STOP/135
Organisation:	Association Save The Children
Title of the project	Enact : children who are abused and the law
Total estimated cost	234.693,30 Euro
Granted co-financing	145.181,25 Euro
Participants from:	DK, I, S, UK, BG, RO
Description:	The Network shall stimulate and/or consolidate national and international platforms in the contrast to child trafficking

phenomena through a multidisciplinary approach able to translate problems emerging from data analysis and to existing knowledge in practical tools and strategies to support effective concerted actions, synergies and co-operation between national and international institutions, agencies and organisations operating in the field of prevention, protection, contrast and rehabilitation. The project includes to: a) increase, systematic and disseminate knowledge of quantitative and qualitative aspects of child trafficking phenomena and sexual exploitation involving European sourcing and receiving countries, b) reach a better coordination and synergy among current and future interventions addressing the problem at national and international level, and c) enhance, support and connect the capacities of practitioners, decision-makers, and other stakeholders

Project: **2002/STOP/137**

Organisation: **Arsis, Society For The Social Support Of Youth**

Title of the project: **"Nathalie"**

Total estimated cost **152.384 Euro**

Granted co-financing **105.864 Euro**

Participants from: **EL, F, I, ALB**

Description: The project is a pilot project and aims primarily at the improvement of the existing systems, the exchange of experience and know how and the creation of an effective network of public services and NGOs that work against trafficking of Albanian children. The project will promote: a) the co-operation between Greek services/organisations and Albanian services and international organisations working in Albania and also the creation of a stable network of co-operation, b) the transfer of know how from Italian services and NGOs to Greece, c) the spherical approach of the problem in Greece, Italy, France and Albania, d) the creation of data base and website, aiming at the communication, information and exchange of experience and know how of the fighting child trafficking between Member States of EU and third countries, and e) the open presentation of the project's actions in Greece and the spreading of its products in other countries of EU and third countries of Eastern Europe.

THE HIPPOKRATES PROGRAMME

2002 REPORT

THE HIPPOKRATES PROGRAMME 2002 REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The present report relates to the second year of implementation of the Hippokrates programme, a programme of incentives and exchanges, training and cooperation for the prevention of crime. The programme was established by the Council Decision 2001/515/JHA adopted on 28 June 2001⁷. The Hippokrates programme expired at the end of 2002 and, together with the Grotius, Oisin, Stop and Falcone programmes, it has been replaced by the AGIS-programme from 1 January 2003. On 22 July 2002, the EU Council decided to set up a framework programme for police and judicial co-operation in criminal matters to run from 2003 to 2007 (Council decision 2002/630/JHA, OJ L 203, 1.8.2002, p. 5).

The report contains a summary of the activities under the programme and a number of statistical information. The second part contains a list of the projects co-financed by the Hippokrates programme in 2002, along with a brief description of their main elements.

2. FINANCIAL YEAR 2002

The annual work programme and call for applications for 2002 was published in OJ C 66 of 15.3.2002. The deadline for submission of applications was set for 30 April 2002.

The criteria used for the selection of the projects are laid down in the work programme.

The following activities have been covered :

- **Training** for professional purposes including language courses
- **Exchanges and placements**
- **Conferences, seminars or meetings**
- **Research and study** on topics concerning cooperation in the field of crime prevention
- **Dissemination** of the results of the programme and information on cooperation in the field of crime prevention.

2.1. Selection of the 2002 projects

At the close of the 30 April 2002 deadline, 44 projects were received and evaluated under the Hippokrates programme for 2002. The examination of the applications was carried out by the Commission (officials from the JAI services). Of the 44 projects evaluated, 14 were recommended for co-financing at the Hippokrates Committee of

⁷ OJ L 186 of 7.7.2001

23 July 2002 (32%). One of these projects was later withdrawn (2002/HIP/003) and another project (2002/HIP/021) was not granted a subvention, because the action for which it was requested had already been completed before an agreement could be signed. Thus, 12 projects were finally selected for co-financing in 2002, which accounts for 27% of the submitted applications.

A total amount of 1 Mio € was available for the 2002 exercise. During its meeting on 23 July 2002, the Hippokrates Committee approved the Commission's proposal to co-finance 14 projects. The initial total amount for this co-financing was 961.098,58 Euro. After having deducted the requested amounts for the one withdrawn project (10.495,04 Euro) and the one project rejected at a later stage after the Committee Meeting (15.000 Euro), and after the budgetary assessment, the 12 projects finally selected for co-financing amount to **873.410,51** Euro in total. Thus, the average amount of co-financing per project in 2002 was **72.784,2** Euro.

Most of the projects are aimed at encouraging seminars and conferences, research and studies, dissemination of the results obtained within the framework of the programme, and training on crime prevention issues.

The projects submitted originated from 10 Member States.

11 projects of all the applications submitted requested co-financing below 50.000 Euro and the rest of the projects were above this level.

The selection was as follows:

- Four projects for which less than 50.000 Euro were requested have been selected by the Commission. They amount to 85.437,70 Euro.
- Eight projects for which the requested grants were 50.000 Euro or above have been selected by the Commission. They represent a total amount of 787.972,74 Euro.

As refers to the subject matter of the 12 projects co-financed under the Hippokrates programme in 2002, there was quite an even distribution between different priority areas such as youth crime, urban crime and drugs-related crime with some emphasis on youth crime.

2.2. Distribution of the selected projects

The 12 projects often include a **combination** of activities. Two thirds of the selected projects foresees a seminar or a conference, half of them a study or research and around one third training.

Covered areas	Number of projects 2002
Training, Exchange, Teaching modules	5
Conferences and Seminars	8
Research and specialised studies, feasibility studies	6

2.3 Level of co-financing

The level of co-financing varied between 40,9% and 70% for the different projects selected. The maximum amount of co-financing allowed within the framework of the Hippocrates programme is 70% of eligible costs. Of the 12 projects proposed, five of the subsidies granted equalled 70% of eligible costs. For all except one of the projects proposed the subsidy granted was 50% or more of total costs. It must be underlined, however, that the subsidy granted represents a ceiling only, and that actual funding at the conclusion of a project is usually below the granted amount. This is normally due to either actual costs being lower than foreseen by project organisers, to inability of promoters to provide justification of expenses, to certain costs in the end considered ineligible, or a combination of all these factors together.

2.4 Execution of the programme

After the selection of projects, promoters were informed and, where applicable, accepted the conditions set and the amounts granted.

3. INDICATORS AND RATIOS

The data indicated are based on the amounts committed for the co-financing of the selected projects. These amounts are based on the budget estimate submitted by the applicants and the maximum amount set by the Commission for each specific project. Definitive figures will only be possible after completion of all projects, on the basis of their real costs.

3.1. Number of projects

	2002
Projects evaluated	44
Number of co-financed projects	12
Ratio of selected projects compared to the projects evaluated (in %)	27 %

3.2 Beneficiaries

The programme shall co-finance projects submitted by public or private organisations in the European Union involved in the prevention of crime. The distribution of applicants selected for 2002 is as follows:

	2002	
Beneficiaries	Projects	Co-financing in Euro (€)
National authorities	3	171.723,1
Regional authorities	2	184.033,24
International organisations	1	81.547
Other (including NGOs, Universities, Foundations, Associations etc.)	6	436.107,2
TOTAL	12	873.410,51

Additional indirect effects are obtained through internal dissemination of knowledge and networking.

4. BUDGETARY AND COST-RELATED RATIOS

4.1. Demand and supply

The total amount requested by applicants was 5.396.257,95 Euro. This represents more than 5 times the available budget.

The total amount of subsidies requested in 2002 was 69% of the total cost of all projects together. Many project organisers have problems structuring their budgets in an acceptable way, and there is a tendency to count staff costs as direct financial contributions instead of as contributions in kind.

4.2. Leverage effect of projects

The amount of Community financing committed for the 12 projects co-financed in 2002 was **873.410,51** Euro, which represents 62% of the total costs (1.405.349,06) of these projects together. This means that for each Euro made available by the Hippokrates programme, a leverage effect of about 1.4 Euro was generated, i.e. 1 Euro of Hippokrates funding generated 1.4 Euro worth of co-operation in the fields covered by the program.

5. DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS BY TYPE OF ACTION

5.1. By amount of subsidy

	Projects submitted	Projects selected	Total grant
Less than 50.000 Euro:	10	4	85.437,77
50.000 Euro or above:	34	8	787.972,74
Total	44	12	873.410,51

6. GENERAL EVALUATION AND COMMENTS

Awareness of the programme

Information on the annual programme was disseminated through the EC Official Journal and made available on the Commission's Web Site.

European dimension of projects

Most projects showed a satisfactory European dimension. Further efforts must be made to reach broader circles and interested partners. This concerns notably the business sector and its associations.

Participation of all Member States, candidate countries and third countries

The external dimension of a crime prevention policy is reflected in the participation of candidate countries and third countries. At least one candidate country is partner in one third (4) of the proposed projects. Estonia, Hungary, Poland and Romania are the candidate countries represented as partners. Nevertheless, candidate countries are not authorised to submit applications and their participation is therefore highly dependent on the contacts they may have with promoters. Promoters have included participants from candidate countries in 4 projects.(HU, EE, PO, RO).

Issues and topics addressed through the projects:

The priority areas of the Hippocrates programme – youth crime, urban crime and drugs related crime – were all covered.

The full list of projects co-financed in 2002 is included as an Annex to this report.

PROJECTS CO-FINANCED IN 2002 UNDER THE HIPPOKRATES PROGRAMME

Project: 2002/HIP/001

Organisation: Ministry Of Justice

Title of the project : Public and private co-operation in crime prevention especially aimed at the business world

Participants from: NL, DK, FIN, S

Total estimated cost: 42.000,00 €

Granted co-financing: 25.977,20 €

Description: Organisation of a 2-day seminar on public-private partnership in crime prevention in close co-operation with the Alliance of Insurance Companies. Sharing of information and best practices and exchange of views within this field. The private sector areas represented are, for example, banks, insurance companies and retail trade.

Time Frame: From July 2002 to January 2003

Project: 2002/HIP/002

Organisation: International Organisation For Immigration (IOM)

Participants from: BE, HU, B, IOM-offices in Member States, Council of Europe

Title of the project: Research on infiltration by trafficking networks into organisations working to combat trafficking/working with victims of trafficking – networking and co-operation between international organisations, public bodies, private sector and NGOs

Granted co-financing: 122.619,00 €

Granted co-financing: 81.249,27€

Description: Research and seminars. Examination of infiltration by traffickers into organisations involved in counter-trafficking and other implicated organisations. Providing a networking forum for international organisations/NGOs, public authorities and private sector to discuss the findings of the research. Making concrete recommendations for the implementation of co-ordinated measures to counter infiltration. Forging of partnerships.

Time Frame: 12 months: from 01/10/02 to 01/10/03

Project:	2002/HIP/005
Organisation:	Centre For European Constitutional Law – Themistocles & Dimitris Tsatsos Foundation (CECL)
Title of the project:	Space, urban development/expansion and crime
Total estimated cost:	165.480,00 €
Granted co-financing:	95.749,00 €
Participants from:	EL, B, E, I, UK
Description:	Comparative study focusing on 5 major European cities presenting alarming figures of urban expansion and criminality. Primary focus on similarities and differences between cities in Southern and Central Europe. Study of the interrelation between urban development and crime, with particular reference to street and violent criminality, to identify common variables that could serve as guidelines for urban crime prevention policies. To study the stratification of residential zones and the “construction” of urban ghettos for criminals that are inaccessible to the police. To compare the conditions for urban developments control between the participant countries.
	<u>Time Frame:</u> 12 months: from June 2002 to May 2003

Project:	2002/HIP/008
Organisation:	Excma. Diputacion Provincial De Alicante (The County Council Of Alicante)
Title of the project:	Youth – vip
Participants from:	ES, I, P, S, UK, EE
Total estimated cost:	191.476,06 €
Granted co-financing:	132.751,5 4 €
Description:	Research, training, 2 seminars and a conference in the form of 2 working groups on the prevention of violence at school. Raising of awareness among professionals who work, and families who live, with adolescents. Description of intervention programmes for the amelioration of the behaviour of violent youths. Expected outcome is to incorporate new European partners in the network of professionals already created by the project 2001/HIP/055. To elaborate a guide on different methods of intervention in violent situations. To distribute a guide on different cases in the field of risk behaviour and violent behaviour.
	<u>Time Frame:</u> December 2002 – December 2003

Project: 2002/HIP/009

Organisation: IRCP – Institute For International Research On Criminal Policy, Gent University

Title of the project: Developing A Methodology For Measuring Organised Crime In The EU: Part Two. Feasibility Study Of A Risk-Based Methodology Across The European Union

Participants from: BE, I, S

Total estimated cost : 75.000,00 €

Granted co-financing: 47.980,00 €

Description : Research on the need for accurate measurement of criminal phenomena. Development of a methodology for measuring and reporting on organised crime in European context. The second of three independent projects composing a study framework. This second project will broaden the scope of the first analysis.

Expected outcome is to establish the feasibility of a more sophisticated risk-based methodology. To provide the foundations for a more comprehensive long-term study incorporating all Member States. The study will be published in a report providing a comparative analysis of alternative approaches to the measurement and the reporting on organised crime.

Time Frame: From June 2002 to June 2003

Project: 2002/HIP/010

Organisation: Ministère De L'intérieur – Secrétariat Permanent À La Politique De Prévention

Title of the project: European Crime Prevention Award

Participants from: BE, DK, S, UK

Total estimated cost : 168.665,00 €

Granted co-financing: 92.519,00 €

Description: 1-day seminar for field workers and official representatives on how to prevent phenomena linked to youth crime, urban crime and drugs related crime, followed by an award ceremony for the schemes nominated as “best and most promising practices”. All Member States and all Candidate Countries will be invited. Dissemination of best practices on how to develop and evaluate prevention schemes. Expected outcome is to improve the networking between Member States and applicant countries and integrate the European Crime Prevention Award into the EUCPN.

Time Frame: 12 months: from 1 May 2002 to 30 April 2003

Project:	2002/HIP/024
Organisation:	University Of Salford
Title of the project:	NO TITLE
Participants from:	UK, D, EL, E, NL, A, FIN, S, PL
Total estimated cost:	223.200,00 €
Granted co-financing:	151.750,00 €
Description:	<p><u>Study</u> of best practices in and development of case studies illustrating design-centred situational crime prevention. Identification of the consequences of urban planning and environmental design on urban crime. Development of a European Resource Directory to promote and support the design of secure urban environments. <u>Training</u> of project partners and key stakeholders in the use of the Directory. Addresses needs identified by previous research under a current Hippokrates project. <u>Seminar</u> to present findings.</p> <p><u>Time Frame:</u> 12 months: from November 2002 to October 2003</p>

Project:	2002/HIP/028
Organisation:	Victim Support
Title of the project:	Safe Teen Against Crime
Participants from:	IRL, F, UK
Total estimated cost:	117.566,00 €
Granted co-financing:	81.547,00 €
Description:	<p>Joint project. Conference on the effects of crime as experienced by young people. Young people will devise safety strategies in areas where crime affects their lives. Focus on the identification of issues and how they will be addressed. Understanding of crime and its effects as perceived by young people. Strategies devised by young people on how to keep themselves safe against crime. A prototype for a publication written by and for young people as European citizens.</p> <p><u>Time Frame:</u> 12 months: from September 2002 to August 2003</p>

Project:	2002/HIP/031
Organisation:	Ayuntamiento De Barcelona – Sector De Vía Pública
Title of the project:	Cooperation Mechanisms For The Prevention Of Delinquency Among Immigrant Youths: Operative Investigation To Develop Common Means In This Field

Participants from: **ES, I, D**

Total estimated cost: **72.175,00 €**

Granted co-financing: **49.379,30 €**

Description: Comparative study and a meeting. An operative investigation carried out within the frame of social, cultural and economic parameters of three Member States to identify and describe the social situation and profile of young delinquent immigrants and establish a relation to young immigrants who do not commit offences. Expected outcome is a compilation of good working practices for intervention from each country.

Time frame : 12 months: from 01/10/2002 to 30/09/2003

Project: **2002/HIP/036**

Organisation: AN GARDA SIOCHANA (IRISH POLICE FORCE)

Member State: IRL

Title of the project : Preventing and reducing youth delinquency and youth alcoholism among both indigenous and immigrant youths

Total estimated cost: 41.596,00 €

Granted co-financing: 24.637,20 €

Description Training. Practical and operational exchanges between the participating countries to compare and contrast practices to reduce crime problems associated with underage drinking by more widespread proof of age schemes and strengthening of alcohol education for juveniles. Comparison between immigrant youths and indigenous youths.

Expected outcome is Identification of any pan European approaches. Identification of appropriate levels of multi-agency measures to deal with youth delinquency and youth alcohol misuse and better knowledge among the partnerships in this field. Identification of the roles and functions within the partnerships of statutory agencies, NGOs, law enforcers, social workers etc. A Manual of Best Practices.

Partners: S, UK

Time Frame: 9 months: from August 2002 to May 2003

Project: **2002/HIP/038**

Organisation: **Associazione La Tenda – Centro Di Solidarieta**

Title of the project: **Mediation**

Member State: **IT, P, RO**

Total estimated cost: **50.240,00 €**

Granted co-financing: **34.774,00 €**

Description: Piloting of a complex model for co-operation and communication for transnational exchange. Defining of integrated systems of alternatives to imprisonment of minors. 2 transnational conferences (1 in Italy, 1 in Romania) on youth crime: analysis of the causes of juvenile delinquency, prevention of recidivism, prevention of violence at school. Expected outcome is enlargement of the transnational partnership. Mainstreaming and dissemination of policies for the prevention of crime in the partner countries – elaboration of a co-operation model and publication of a manual on policies for alternatives to prison in regard of young offenders.

Time Frame: 12 months: from 01/11/2002 to 31/10/2003

Project: **2002/HIP/040**

Organisation: **Asbl Fan Coaching Standard**

Title of the project: **Euro Fan: European Programme And Study On Hooliganism Prevention**

Member State: **BE, D, E, F, P**

Total estimated cost: **135.332,00 €**

Requested amount: **55.097,00 €**

Description: Creation of a link between preventive measures and optimising of resources in the field in Europe by identifying qualitative prevention measures and by organising international exchanges focused on transfer of knowledge through seminars. Organisation of a university curriculum, which is internationally recognised, for the training of hooliganism prevention officers. Organisation of international seminars as a follow-up to the conference in April 2002.

Time Frame: 9 months: from July 2002 to March 2003

THE FALCONE PROGRAMME

2002 REPORT

THE FALCONE PROGRAMME 2002 REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The present report relates to the fifth and last year of implementation of the FALCONE programme, a programme for exchanges, training and cooperation for persons responsible for action to combat organised crime. The programme was established by the Joint action 98/245/JHA adopted by the Council on 19 March 1998⁸

The report contains a summary of the activities under the programme and a number of statistical information. A list of the cofinanced projects with their main elements is to be found in the second part of the report.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME AND DECISION MAKING 2002

The management Committee of the programme, established in accordance with the Joint Action and consisting of representatives of all Member States, was consulted on the annual work programme 2002 by a written procedure that expired on 21 February 2002. To prepare its proposal, the Commission had taken the advice of the specialists, as required by the Council decision, and met those on 23 January.

The annual work programme 2002 and the call for proposals were formally adopted by the Commission on 7 March 2002. It was published in OJ C 66 of 15 March 2002.

The deadline for submission of applications for Falcone 2002 was set at 30 April 2002.

The Commission evaluated all applications submitted, according to the criteria laid down in the Joint Action establishing the programme, as well as those mentioned in the annual work programme. The Commission held the meeting with the external specialists assisting in the evaluation on 20 June 2002 and submitted a proposal for selection to the Committee which met for its last (and 8th) meeting on 23 July 2002. The Committee gave a positive opinion on the list of projects proposed.

The Commission adopted formally the proposals to be cofunded in 2002 by written procedure on 17 September 2002.

2.1. Results of the selection of the 2002 projects

Only 31 projects were received, all of them were eligible.

The examination of the applications was carried out by the Commission (officials from the JAI services, secretaries of the Falcone, Oisin and Grotius criminal programme) as well as by the external specialists designated to assist the Commission in this task.

⁸ JO L 99 of 31.3.1998

Despite the rather small number of applications, the result in selection was quite high. Pursuing the policy aimed at funding only projects with a clear content, output and being susceptible of having an impact on fight and prevention of organised crime, the Commission proposed 22 projects for cofunding. 9 projects were considered of insufficient clarity and quality.

The lower number of projects compared to previous years, notably 1999 and 2000, did not make it necessary to spend the full amount of 2.000.000 Mio € that was available for the Falcone programme in the 2002 exercise.

From the 22 projects selected, **18** could finally end with a commitment and a contract. For three projects, the time spend in unfruitful discussions with beneficiaries, notably on the eligibility of certain expenses and overestimation of others did not allow to conclude the procedure, and no contract could be awarded. For one project, the request was withdrawn by the applicant.

The 31 submitted projects originated from nine Member States.

7 projects requested a cofinancing below 50 000 € whereas 24 projects were above this level.

The selection was as follows:

- 5 projects for which less than 50.000 € were requested were selected by the Commission, after the Falcone Committee had given its opinion; their total commitment amount at 173.622 €.
- 13 projects for which the requested grant was above 50.000 € ; were selected and committed; for 3 projects, the procedure did not come to a conclusion. The 14 projects represent a total amount of 963.383,8 €.

In total, commitments amounted at € for the 18 projects, which represents an average subsidy of 63.166 € per project.

The remaining amount was used to reinforce the Grotius II programme (see specific report on Grotius II programme), the only one of the five Title VI programme for which number and quality of projects justified to commit (slightly) more than the identified budget amount.

The projects are aimed at encouraging training, seminars and conferences, establishment of networks and research on organised crime. Studies on specific organised crime issues, as deriving from the Tampere conclusions and the "strategy for the new millenium" have also been cofinanced.

2.2. Distribution of the projects benefiting from a grant

Covered areas	Number of projects		
	2000	2001	2002
Training, Exchange, Teaching modules	6	4	7
Conferences and Seminars	15	10	6
Joint projects	5	3	-
Research and specialised studies, feasibility studies	8	7	4
Exchange of Information and Dissemination, Networking	1	1	1
TOTAL	35	25	18

2.3 Level of cofinancing

For projects below 50.000 € the grant generally amounted to the requested subsidy, with a maximum rate of 80%. For projects a maximum of 70% was cofinanced, which corresponds to existing ceiling for the programmes Grotius II criminal, Oisin II, Stop II and Hippokrates.

2.4 Execution of the programme

After the pre-selection of projects and the consultation of the Committee, promoters were informed and, where applicable, accepted the conditions set and the amounts granted. The Commission services finalised the internal procedures and issued most contracts before December 2002. However, due to long discussions with some operators, several commitments could only be made at the beginning of 2003 until Easter, and contracts issued afterwards.

3. INDICATORS AND RATIOS

N.B. The data indicated are based on the amounts committed for the cofinancing of the selected projects. These amounts are based on the budget estimate submitted by the applicants and the maximum amount set by the Commission for each specific project. Definitive figures will only be possible after completion of all projects, on the basis of their real costs.

3.1. Number of projects

	2000	2001	2002
Projects received	84	72	31
Projects eligible	82	71	31
Number of cofunded projects	35	25	18
Ratio of selected projects compared to the eligible projects (in %)	42	35 %	58%

3.2 Beneficiaries

Public authorities at central or regional level, research and universities, NGOs and other applicants including business are eligible, the projects being targeted at supporting the general efforts of persons responsible to combat and prevent organised crime. The distribution of applicants selected for 2002 is as follows:

	2000		2001		2002	
Beneficiaries	Projects	Cofinancing in Euro (€)	Projects	Cofinancing in Euro (€)	Projects	Cofinancing in Euro (€)
National authorities	22	1.171 306	17	1.115.437	14	791.020,8
Regional authorities	8	357 974	2	36.344	-	-
NGOs (including Universities)	8	430 680	6	431.255	4	345.985
TOTAL	38	1.959 960	38	1.583.036	18	1.137.005,8

The number of direct beneficiaries (according to the project descriptions) is estimated at more than 600 (9) persons, which will take part in seminars and training sessions. Additional indirect effects are obtained through internal dissemination of knowledge and networking.

4. BUDGETARY AND COST-RELATED RATIOS

4.1. Demand and supply

The total amount requested by applicants was 3.065.126 € compared to 5.493.451 € in 2001 and 6.772.112 € in 2000. This represents 1,5 times the available budget.

The average grant's request amounted at 67,8% of the total budget estimate of the projects (98.875 €), compared to 65% in 2001 and 68 % in 2000.

⁹ Estimated number of participants mentioned in the application forms.

4.2. Information concerning the projects for which a cofinancing has been granted

	1999	2000	2001	2002
Projects ≤ 50 000			437.599	
Total budget estimate	697 601	595.431		273.716
Total grant	506 989 (72.6 %)	419.519 (71.45 %)	311.922 (71,28 %)	173.622 (63,4%)
Projects > 50 000 Euro			1.976.837	
Total budget estimate	2.706 818	3.862.240		1.725.630
Total grant	1.452 971 (53.6 %)	1.867.016 (48.34 %)	1.271.114 (64,30 %)	925.434,1 (53,6%)
Total cost estimates for all projects selected	3.404 419	4.457.671	2.414.436	1.999.346
Total grants	1.959 960 (57.5 %)	2.286.535 (51.29 %)	1.583.036 (65,56 %)	1.137.005,8 (56,8%)

4.2. Leverage effect of projects

For each Euro granted through the programme, 0,81 Euro were additionally generated at the level of partners and participants to the projects, both in form of financial commitment to the project and direct support in human resources and the use of the applicant's structures, as well as, in some cases, travel expenses directly paid by participants and not included in the budgets.

5. DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS BY TYPE OF ACTION

5.1. By size of subvention - in Euro (€) and %

		Projects submitted	Projects selected	Total grant	Average subsidy granted per project
Projects ≤ 50 000 €	1998	30	13	365.511	28.116
	1999	48	18	506 989	28.166
	2000	30	10	419.519	41.952
	2001	27	9	311.922	34.658
	2002	7	5	173.622	34.724
Projects > 50 000 €	1998	48	22	1.887.133	85.778
	1999	68	20	1.452 971	72.649
	2000	54	25	1.867.016	74.680
	2001	45	16	1.271.114	79.445
	2002	24	13	963.383,8	74.106

Total	1998	78	35	2.252.644	64.361
	1999	105	38	1.959 960	51.578
	2000	84	35	2.286.535	65.330
	2001	72	25	1.583.036	63.322
	2002	31	18	1.137.005,8	61.058

5.2 Distribution of projects by type or function - in Euro and %

Category	Indicative distribution annual programme	Indicative distribution (in %)	Amount committed on the basis of the annual decision	Distribution of projects by category (in %)	Distribution of projects by budget allocation (in %)
I. Training, Exchanges Preparation of teaching modules	800. 000 (1998: 750.000) (1999: 800.000) (2000: 800.000)	40 % (1998: 37,5 %) (1999: 40 %) (2000: 40 %)	847.488,8 (1998: 996.688) (1999: 1.123.830) (2000: 1.379.134)	74 % (13 projects) (1998: 54 %) (1999: 66 %) (2000: 60 %)	75 % (1998: 44 %) (1999: 56 %) (2000: 60 %)
II. Conferences and Seminars	(2001: 800.000)	(2001: 40%)	(2001: 800.630) I = 516.626 (1998: 427.174) (1999: 656.981) (2000: 359.629) (2001: 288.313) II = 345.154 (1998: 427 174) (1999: 466.849) (2000: 1.019.505) (2001: 512.317)	(2001: 54,6%) I = 42% (1998: 20 %) (1999: 24 %) (2000: 17 %) (2001: 16%) II = 31% (1998: 34 %) (1999: 42 %) (2000: 43 %) (2001: 40%)	(2001 : 51%) I = 45% (1998: 19 %) (1999: 33 %) (2000: 16 %) (2001: 19 %) II = 30% (1998: 25 %) (1999: 23 %) (2000: 44 %) (2001: 32%)
Joint projects	600 000 (1998: 600.000) (1999: 600.000) (2000: 600.000) (2001: 600 000)	30 % (1998: 30 %) (1999: 30 %) (2000: 30 %) (2001: 30%)	0 (1998: 451 902) (1999: 272.550) (2000: 400.417) (2001: 218.143)	0 % (0 projects) (1998: 20 %) (1999: 13 %) (2000: 14 %) (2001: 12%)	0 % (1998: 20 %) (1999: 14 %) (2000: 18 %) (2001: 14%)
Research, specialised studies, feasibility studies	450 000 (1998: 400.000)	22,5 % (1998: 20 %)	245.025 (1998: 656 922)	21 % (4 projects)	21 % (1998 (29 %)

	(1999: 400.000) (2000: 450.000) (2001: 450 000)	(1999: 20 %) (2000: 22,5 %) (2001: 22,5%)	(1999: 417.500) (2000/ 415.984) (2001: 507.381)	(1998: 20 %) (1999: 16 %) (2000: 23 %) (2001: 28%)	(1999: 21 %) (2000: 18 %) (2001: 32%)
Information	150 000 (1998: 150 000) (1999: 150.000) (2000: 150.000) (2001: 150.000)	7, 5 % (1998: 7,5 %) (1999: 7,5 %) (2000: 7,5 %) (2001: 7,5%)	44.492 (1998: 147 132) (1999: 146.080) (2000: 91.000) (2001: 56.880)	5 % (1 project) (1998: 6 %) (1999: 5 %) (2000: 3 %) (2001: 4%)	4 % (1998: 7 %) (1999: 7 %) (2000: 4 %) (2001: 3%)
<u>Sub-total</u>	2.000 000	100 %	1.137.005,8	100 %	100 %
Evaluation	0 (1999: 50.000)	0 (1999: 2,5 %)	0 (1999: 40 000)	0	0 (1999: 2 %)
<u>Total</u>	2.000.000 (1998: 2.000 000) (1999: 2.000.000) (2000: 2.000.000) (2001: 2.000.000)	100 %	1.137.005,8 (1998: 2 252 644) (1999: 1.999.960) (2000: 2.286.535) (2001: 1.583.036)	100 %	100 %

6. GENERAL EVALUATION AND COMMENTS

Awareness of the programme

The programme can be definitely considered as being well known amongst professionals from police/judiciary and an increasing number of other actors, notably NGO and from regional general administration services. Information on the annual programme was disseminated through the EU Official Journal, made available on the Commission's Web Site, and benefited from publication in newsletters and professional publications at Member States level. Over 280 requests for information (compared to over 540 in 2001 and 400 in 2000) were received and answered, over 70% of them through Internet (mailbox: [JAI Falcone](#)). For the first time a significant number of requests came also from candidate countries.

Attitude of promoters towards the programme

Beyond the fund raising aspects, promoters continue to be keen to using the programme to link up with potential partners and give a more European orientation to their activities and research work.

The programme has been seen as contributing to a great extent to developing and implementing policies and actions very closely linked with decision making and “Brussels issues”. Over the years it contributed to act as a laboratory to clarify and test new ideas and their feasibility with a clear policy-making purpose, whereas other programmes, like Oisin or Grotius were more largely used by Member States authorities to sensitise and train their personnel in international cooperation issues.

European dimension of projects

Most projects showed a satisfactory European dimension, although the peripheral regions and the Scandinavian countries were less associated to projects. Applications came from only 9 Member States, and the tendency of having projects that associate partners either from the northern or southern Europe, i.e. countries with similarities in structures, problems and language capacities could not be overcome and remains a problem. In some Member States, only the public sector is really aware/making use of the programme. Business sector and professional associations remain rather non-existent as promoters of projects, although on a case by case basis, they participate in a number of them, both when new techniques are to be looked at or when training/sensitisation is concerned, notably in topics linked with economic crime.

Participation of all Member States, candidate countries and third countries

The conferences and training projects cofinanced under the programme directly associated over 1000 people during the events, whereas other projects like visits, exchanges and research will allow developing over a longer period of time in-depth work between professionals and academics from the different participating countries.

The Europe-wide interest for a better cooperation of police and justice against the threats of organised crime has been reflected in the participation of professionals from candidate countries and third countries in the projects. Candidate countries were not eligible as beneficiaries of contracts, but in view of the enlargement, many promoters associated participants from the acceding countries to their project. Candidate countries will participate in 13 out of 18 projects selected compared to 20 projects (out of 35 projects selected two years ago). 11 selected projects will associate all Member States; these projects are all open to participants from all or at least a majority of candidate countries (depending on the topic chosen and the programmes defined by the organisers).

Issues and topics addressed through the projects :

Topics concerning **financial crime** continued to be very present in the projects selected. Such projects cover in particular technical training in investigations, seizure of assets, financial crime linked with drugs trafficking and research to define indicators allowing to detect at risk areas for money-laundering. In addition, it is worth mentioning a private/public partnership conference between law enforcement

and credit card companies, that accompanies the EU Action Plan on fighting crime in credit and payment cards.

Law enforcement cooperation was supported through. Short term placements and exchanges between services, to allow practitioners acquiring knowledge of systems and investigation techniques, as well as to develop better communication channels or draft manuals and prepare training contents.

Police cooperation and cooperation with third countries against organised crime gangs and drugs trafficking, including improvement of intelligence, controlled deliveries, development of practical exercises. With a view to **reducing drugs trafficking**, the goal of reinforcing international cooperation and networks has been pursued through projects involving Latinamerican and Asian countries and police services.

The full list of projects cofinanced in 2002 is included as an Annex to this report.

FALCONE PROJECTS 2002

Project:	2002/FAL/100
Organisation:	Direction Generale De La Gendarmerie Nationale
Title of the project:	Training Seminar On Criminal Financial Analysis
Total estimated cost:	118.141,19 €
Granted Co-financing:	82.698,00 €
Participants from:	A,B,D,DK,E,EL,F,FIN,I,IRL,L,NL,P,S,UK BG,CZ,CY,EE,LV,LT,HU,PL,RO,MT,SI,SK,TR,Europol
Description:	<p>Yearly training cycle for 47 criminal investigation and financial investigation analysts from all Member States and applicant countries. Identification of common principles and methods to organise an investigation. Development of new investigation methods. Creation of distant-working groups of analysts with a preparatory and conclusive seminar. Topics : collection and identification of economic and financial data; analysis of flows of goods, capital and banking transactions; analysis of legal and economic structures and data; identification of balance and accountancy manipulations and illegal window dressing; transversal analysis. Conclusive seminar with law enforcement/judiciary services</p> <p>Timescale : October 2002 - October 2003</p> <p>Partners : Gendarmerie, Police, Ecole de la magistrature and University Aix/Marseille (F), OCEDEFO (B), Min. Interior (FIN), Europol</p> <p>Expected Outcome : improvement of knowledge; improvement of financial investigation in OC investigation</p>

Project:	2002/FAL/105
Organisation:	Visa International Eu
Title of the project:	The Law Enforcement Conference - Improving Fight Against Fraud And Counterfeiting Of Non-Cash Means Of Payments
Total estimated cost:	165.549,00 €
Granted Co-financing:	99.329,00 €
Participants from:	A,B,D,DK,E,EL,F,FIN,I,IRL,L,NL,P,S,UK BG,CZ,CY,LV,LT,EE,PL,HU,SK,RO,MT,SI,TR

Description:	<p>Conference for 200 senior police officers, magistrates and public prosecutors from all Member States and candidate countries to discuss credit card fraud and counterfeiting and possibilities of public private partnership in this area. The event will allow to present efforts made by law enforcement and card industry and to assess what mutual support could be given in terms of training, knowledge of techniques used by criminals, exchange of information and support. The project will contribute to implementation of the Action Plan on organised crime of 2000 and the Action Plan of 2001 to prevent credit card fraud. Preparatory discussions have already been conducted in the European Forum for prevention of organised crime, set up last year by the Commission.</p> <p>Venue : Autumn 2002</p> <p>Partners : Visa International EU, Europay SA, American Express Services Europe (UK), Swedish National Economic Crimes Bureau (S) and UCAMP, the Italian Anti Forgery Means of Payments Central Office (I)</p> <p>Expected Outcome : sensitisation, support from private industry to training needs identified by law enforcement</p>
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Project:	2002/FAL/106
Organisation:	Police Academy Of Rhineland-Palatinate-Lps
Title of the project:	Internationale Conference: Combating Organized Crime And Connected Forms Of Terrorism
Total estimated cost:	130.260,00 €
Granted Co-financing:	86.928,00 €
Participants from:	A,B,D,DK,E,EL,F,FIN,I,IRL,L,NL,S,UK EE, HU,pl

Description:	<p>Three training seminars, each for 35 specialised and middle management police officers from 14 Member States and three applicant countries responsible for combating organised crime. Presentations and workshops on legislation, working procedures and methods to tackle OC groups dealing with trafficking in drugs, firearms and money-laundering. Preparation of pedagogical modules and materials.</p> <p>Venues : November 2002, March and May 2003</p> <p>Expected outcome : improvement of qualification, association of candidate countries, exchange of experience between participants</p>
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Project:	2002/FAL/107
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Organisation: Greek Ministry Of Public Order - Department Of International Police Cooperation
Title of the project: The Fight Against Criminality, The Strategic Planning Of The Facing Of Economic Crimes Including Smuggling
Total estimated cost: 90.201,00 €
Granted Co-financing: 63.140,00 €
Participants from: A,B,D,DK,E,EL,F,FIN,I,NL,UK
BG,CY,HU,PL,RO,SI,TR,UKR,RUS,BIH,FYROM,CRO,YUG,ALB,USA,CDN
Description: Three Day Seminar for 80 persons from police and customs services from EU and applicant countries on the prevention and fight against smuggling of fuel, alcohol, cigarettes. The seminar will comprise a number of presentations on legislation, crime phenomena, techniques used by smugglers and law enforcement.
Venue : 15 to 17 March 2003, Athens
Expected Outcome : increase knowledge upon volume, types of smuggling, techniques used; networking;

Project: 2002/FAL/109
Organisation: An Garda Siochana (Irish Police Force)
Title of the project: International Police Cooperation Channels For Information Sharing On Organised Crime (Ip-Coc)
Total estimated cost: 60.602,00 €
Granted Co-financing: 36.361,00 €
Participants from: D,DK,I,IRL,UK
Description: Seminar and exchange visits to identify practical problems at national level regarding the channels of communication. The project is aimed at contributing to speed up exchange of information through police liaison officers. It will identify practices, establish contact points for the different strands of communication and examine methodologies and complementarity/interdependency of the instruments and channels. The project aims at establishing a standard operational approach to identifying a necessary criteria for selection and adoption of a particular communication channel.
Partners : IRL, Danish Police, NCIS (UK)
Timescale : August 2002 - May 2003

Expected Outcome : clarify channels, learn about their methodology and identify approach for common criteria for selection of a specific channel

Project: **2002/FAL/110**

Organisation: **An Garda Siochana (Irish Police Force)**

Title of the project: **An Integrated Multidisciplinary Approach To The Investigation Of Organised Crime On A Strategic European Level**

Total estimated cost: **65.897,00 €**

Granted Co-financing: **39.538,00 €**

Participants from: **B,E,IRL,UK**

Description: Project to examine the prevention and control of organised crime at a strategic level through study visits and a conference on the risk and impact of criminal organisations in main areas like cybercrime, fraud and counterfeiting, property theft and commodities smuggling, money laundering, drugs trafficking. The conference and its workshops will explore key issues in the management of major investigations and identify best practice. A manual conceived as an aide-memoire for organised crime investigators will contain information on groups, methods to gather intelligence, preventive measures, laws etc. will be produced.

Timescale : August 2002 to May 2003

Partners : IRL, Federal Police (B), Judicial Police (Spain), National Crime Squad London (UK)

Expected outcome : network, knowledge, establishment of a model of best practice for international cooperation in detection, investigation and prosecution of OC.

Project: **2002/FAL/112**

Organisation: **Gruppo Abele, Centro Studi, Torino**

Title of the project: **Transnational Environmental Crime : Major Trends And The Role Of Organised Crime**

Total estimated cost: **109.441,00 €**

Granted Co-financing: **76.709,00 €**

Participants from: **E,I**

Description: Research on organised crime involved in transnational environment crime, through a comparative analysis of Italy and Spain. The project is proposed to focus on a wide range of illegal practices emerging in two countries, Italy and Spain, related : a)- the trafficking in waste and nuclear materials and b)- the illegal trade in protected species of wild flora and fauna and their derivatives. It aims at providing a detailed overview of the phenomenon through analysis of specific case studies in the countries concerned which will significantly contribute to strengthen European's Union's policies in the field of prevention and fight against transnational environmental crime.

Timescale : October 2002 to July 2003

Partnerships : Gruppo Abele Onlus, Legambiente (I), GEPEC(E)

Expected Outcome : results of research

Project: **2002/FAL/114**

Organisation: **Bundeskriminalamt, Referat Oa 14**

Title of the project: **Dissemination/Seminar - Methods And Procedures Relating To Combating Organised Crime**

Total estimated cost: **59.795,65 €**

Granted Co-financing: **44.492,00 €**

Participants from: **A,D,E,F,I,S,UK HU,PL,NO,CH**

Description: Seminar to disseminate results of research regarding OC in different areas, links between OC and terrorism and updating of information on investigation of organised crime activities in specific areas, including also specific topic \"organised crime and corruption\". A synthesis of discussions/evaluation of research will be produced.

Partners : BKA, IHESI (F), Home Office (UK), Rijkskriminalpolisen (SW), Min. Interior (HU)

Venue : 7-9 October 2002

Expected Outcome : exchange of knowledge upon research, formulation of needs by practitioners and definition of areas of research of interest for the future.

Project: **2002/FAL/115**

Organisation: **Esta - Brandenburg**

Title of the project: **Training-Seminar : Improvement Of Measures To Confiscate Illegal Criminal Proceeds**

Total estimated cost: **83.154,09 €**

Granted Co-financing: **66.523,00 €**

Participants from: **A,D,NL CZ,HU,PL,RO, SK**

Description: Two 5-day seminars on the confiscation of assets and on the fight against money-laundering. Training targeted at 30 investigating officers and middle management of law enforcement services of three EU Member States and five applicant countries and Switzerland. The project is developed by the applicant and the Landeskriminalamt Brandenburg.

Timescale : last quarter 2002 and first quarter 2003

Partners : ESTA, LKA Brandenburg, (D), Police Limburg Zuid,(NL),

Expected outcome : sharing of knowledge upon investigation methods and legal background; reflection upon results/efficiency of techniques used; improvement of methods; exchange of information; facilitation of cooperation; dissemination

Project: **2002/FAL/116**

Organisation: **Delegacion Del Gobierno Para El Plan Nacional Sobre Drogas**

Title of the project: **Conference On Strategies To Fight Illicit Trafficking Of Cocaine**

Total estimated cost: **99.694,00 €**

Granted Co-financing: **52.350,00 €**

Participants from: **A,B,D,DK,E,EL,F,FIN,I,IRL,L,NL,P,S,UK
LV,LT,HU,RO,SK,Colombia,Peru,Bolivia,Ecuador**

Description: Conference to be held in Rome associating 50 persons from police, customs, judiciary and epidemiological experts from all Member States, five candidate countries and 4 latinamerican countries for an integrated, multidimensional project, including aspects like the financial dimension and money-laundering aspects, precursor diversion, law enforcement and criminal justice cooperation mechanisms. The conference is to help to determine the impact of this trafficking for the space of freedom, liberty and justice. It complements Italian project FAL 118/2002

The conference will help updating knowledge, information and increase competences of law enforcement authorities and

international cooperation. The seminar will target the trafficking, money-laundering aspects and criminal justice cooperation mechanisms

Partners : ES, Police nationale (FR) Police fédérale (B), Services antidrogue (I), Direção central de investigação do tráfico de estupefacientes (P)

Venue : may 2003

Expected Outcome : better knowledge and contribution to an integrated response to trafficking in cocaine and the threat this creates for the area of LSJ.

Project:	2002/FAL/117
Organisation:	Federale Politie Belgie
Title of the project:	Use Of Statistical Data And Indicators Produced From These Data To Identify Risk Of Money-Laundering By Cash Generating Business
Total estimated cost:	119.955,00 €
Granted Co-financing:	71.955,00 €
Participants from:	B,F,NL

Description: Considering that in addition to the EU Directive on money-laundering, other sources of information could be used to detect a possible existence of money-laundering, the project proposes to set up indicators to assess the possible risk in certain areas or companies, basing on open sources and statistical data and indicators. It will examine which data and indicators could be used regarding certain cash generating business (laundry, vending machines, restaurants, betting and gaming, lunaparks etc...) The type of data selected and the indicators will be tested against one or several of these activities, to define what combination and set of information can help identifying a risk of the entity being misused for money-laundering. Such systems would allow a rapid screening of companies and could also help to identify the areas/moment where the highest risks are.

Timescale : October 2002 to September 2003

Partners : Belgian Police (B), University of Antwerp (B), Ministerie van Justitie(NL) en Centre de formation de la PJ,gendarmerie (F)

Expected Outcome : indicators for assessing deviation from general patterns

Project: 2002/FAL/118

Organisation: Direzione Centrale Per I Servizi Antidroga

Title of the project: Conference - European Conference On Strategies To Control Trafficking Of Cocaine

Total estimated cost: 122.827,00 €

Granted Co-financing: 52.350,00 €

Participants from: A,B,D,DK,E,EL,F,FIN,I,IRL,L,NL,P,S,UK EE,LV,RO,SI

Description: Four day conference for 60 to 80 persons from law enforcement and criminal justice of all member States, five candidate countries and latinamerican countries to analyse and discuss threat of cocaine trafficking and activities of organised criminal groups in this area. This conference is the first part of a common project of Spain and Italy to contribute to implement EU political recommendations for a global multidimensional and multidisciplinary strategy in this area. The conference will help improving the analysis of the threat, techniques used and organisations operating in this area. It is open to candidate countries and to latinamerican countries.

Partners : IT, Plan anti droga (ES), BKA (D), Prisma Team/NL

Venue : April 2003

Expected Outcome : analysis of threat and actors, update knowledge about techniques used, gain view on links between trafficking and subsequent crime and prepare the Madrid session devoted to the evaluation of instruments applied to combat trafficking (project FAL 117/2002)

Project: 2002/FAL/119

Organisation: Delegacion Del Gobierno Para El Plan Nacional Sobre Drogas

Title of the project: Conference - European Conference On Prevention, Based Upon Better Knowledge Of Organised Crime In Drugs Trafficking

Total estimated cost: 59.340,00 €

Granted Co-financing: 41.538,00 €

Participants from: A,B,D,DK,E,EL,F,FIN,I,IRL,L,NL,P,S,UK LV,LT,HU,RO,SK

Description: Three-Day conference for 50 persons from law enforcement and criminal justice of all Member States and five candidate countries

with a view to contribute to a policy of prevention of drugs trafficking. Contents: reflection upon the concept of prevention in this area, the actors and policies/strategies, presentation of tools in prevention of money-laundering, methods of risk analysis, crime context intelligence, harmonisation of indicators, management of statistics, application of twin-track strategy to prevention of narcotrafficking, crime-proofing diagnosis of legislation and instruments.

Partners : ES, Police nationale (F), Servizi antidroga Italian Police (I), Direção central de investigação do tráfico de estupefacientes (P), Federal Police (B)

Venue : November 2002

Expected Outcome : contribution to improve methodology of investigation; introduction of a twin-track strategy and development/harmonisation of indicators and practices to prevent/reduce trafficking; sharing of experience with candidate countries.

Project:	2002/FAL/120
Organisation:	Il Reparto Del Comando Generale Della Guardia Finanza
Title of the project:	Projekt Monika - Study On Measures That Can Be Adopted Against The Country Of Registration Of Vessels Used By Criminal Organisations Involved In Illegal Trafficking Of Migrants
Total estimated cost:	289.713,00 €
Granted Co-financing:	60.000,00 €
Participants from:	E,I CY

Description: Study on strategies and identification of legislation/rules that could be used at international level to respond to and prevent misuse of boats and vessels by criminal organisations active in migrants' smuggling. The study aims at identifying the legal instruments pertaining to both civil and criminal law that could be used in relation to countries of registration of vessels involved in illicit traffic by sea carried out by transnational organised crime.

The study would be complemented by the collection of statistical and criminal data on these phenomena.

Timescale : June to December 2002

Partners : Guardia di Finanza, Università La Sapienza, Roma (I) Guardia Civil (E) Ministry of Interior (CY)

Expected Outcome : comparative gathering of doctrine, law, case

law and statistical and criminological data of in I, E, CY concerning trafficking at sea by organised criminal organisations. identification of legal instruments applicable towards the registration countries. Report in IT and EN.

Project: 2002/FAL/121

Organisation: Direccion General De La Guardia Civil, Jefatura De Investigacion Y Criminalistica

Title of the project: Proyecto Herkules - Exchange Of Officers From Financial Services From Spain, Italy And Portugal

Total estimated cost: 93.850,00 €

Granted Co-financing: 75.080,00 €

Participants from: E,I,P

Description: Eight three-months exchange periods for officers from fiscal authorities to improve knowledge on methods and strategies of their partner organisations, with a view to enhance cooperation against smuggling in tobacco and other sensitive goods.

Timescale : 15 September 2002 - 30 July 2003

Partners: Guardia civil (E) Guradia di Finanza (I), Guarda Nacional Republicana (P), FIIAPP (organisation of exchanges) (E)

Expected Outcome : knowledge of legal systems and operational tools, investigation methods; improvement of international cooperation in smuggling of goods.

Project: 2002/FAL/122

Organisation: Academy Of European Law Trier -Era

Title of the project: Judicial Aspect Of Fight Against Organised Crime Impact Of New Technologies And Money Laundering-Seminar In The Framework Of The European Judicial Training

Total estimated cost: 124.075,00 €

Granted Co-financing: 65.475,00 €

Participants from: A,B,D,DK,E,EL,F,FIN,I,IRL,L,NL,P,S,UK
BG,CZ,CY,EE,LV,LT,HU,MT,PL,RO,SI,SK,TR

Description: Three Day seminar for 120 judges and magistrates from EU and candidate countries on Judicial aspects of fight against organised crime : impact of new technologies and money laundering. The

seminar and its outcome would benefit magistrates that are involved in practical investigation and help international cooperation in this area. Information and discussion on current national approaches and strategies on the implementation of EU/international instruments to fight money-laundering and on the possible emergence for an intergated approach to fight cybercrime.

Timescale : October 2002 - October 2003

Partners : Era (D), Training and study center for the Judiciary (NL), Institut Europejski Lodz (POL)

Expoected Outcome : improvbement of knowledge and techniques to conduct investigations in transdnational cases Seminar as a pilot project for further replication. Part of a series of actions to facilitate dissemination of knowledge between judicial personal.

Project:	2002/FAL/123
Organisation:	Consiglio Superiore Della Magistratura
Title of the project:	Judicial Aspects Of Combating Organised Crime : The Impact Of New Technologies And Money-Laundering
Total estimated cost:	92.984,89 €
Granted Co-financing:	65.089,00 €
Participants from:	B,F,I,P lt,hu,lv,ro

Description: Two and a half day training seminar for 120 judges and prosecutors on legislation and administrative rules governing the storage of computer data, including as a means of evidence in organised crime cases. The seminar will allow to update knowledge, exchange on methods and confront procedural rules, as well as the reporting obligations of the banking sector and the ways the respect of these obligations are ensured in the different jurisdictions. Money-laundering via the Internet will be another main area of training, specially in the workshop sessions.

Timescale : December 2002 - December 2003

Partners : I, ENM (F), ERA (D), Conseil supérieur de la justice (B), Centro de estudios judiciarios (P)

Expected Outcome : updating of information on legislation and practices in EU member States, improvement of quality of investigation in the covered area, contribution to irmprove cooperation between participating countries and professionals.

Project: 2002/FAL/125

Organisation: Ministry Of Public Order

Title of the project: Balkan Routes: Recent Developments Regarding The Balkan Routes Of Heroine Criminal Organizations Involved Operandi

Total estimated cost: 85.785,00 €

Granted Co-financing: 60.049,00 €

Participants from: A,B,D,E,EL,F,I,NL,S,UK,BG,CY,HU,PL,RO,SI,TR,ALB, FYR, BIH,CRO,UKR,RUS,USA,CDN

Description: Three day seminar on trafficking in heroin, including lectures and workshops on risk analysis, case analysis, role of crime syndicates, techniques of trafficking and modus operandi, and methods to combat traffickers (controlled deliveries, undercover, etc.. The seminar is scheduled for 86 law enforcement investigation officers from ten Member States, seven applicant countries and third countries. Europol and Interpol will be asked to give support for the seminar. The results will be disseminated on a CD ROM.

Venue : First semester 2003, Athens

Partners : Ministry of Interior (EL), Directorate for the countering of Organised crime and Antidrug (RO) and Ministero dell Interno, Dipartimento della Pubblica Sicurezza, Servizi Antidroga(I)

Expected Outcome : improve exchange of information, experience and knowledge