NOTE

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Delegations will find attached the 2019 factsheets of results of the Operational Action Plans of the EU Policy Cycle to tackle organised and serious international crime, prepared by Europol.

These factsheets take into consideration comments received from Drivers and NECs.
GENERAL FACTSHEET
OAPS 2019

CRIMINAL, FINANCES, MONEY LAUNDERING AND ASSET RECOVERY

49 arrests
Seized: 66 800 104 in cash.
Other: 18 vehicles, 165 cannabis plants
Assets seized: 200 bank accounts frozen

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: OP CARTON ROUGE
2 HVTs identified

CYBERCRIME – ATTACKS TO INFORMATION SYSTEMS

22 arrests
7 international investigations/operations supported
5 EMPACT action days executed
1 OCG and 9 high-value targets (HVT)
40 000 victims’ data recovered, and 16 proxy servers identified; over €550 000 000 in cash and cryptocurrencies
Taken down: multi-million euro cryptocurrency laundering service Bestmixer, illegal online platform The Wall Street Market, illegal online platform Valhalla Marketplace

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: TAKE DOWN OF MULTI-MILLION EURO CRYPTO CURRENCY LAUNDERING SERVICE BESTMIXER
Bestmixer was one of the three largest mixing services for cryptocurrencies. Achieved a turnover of at least €200m (approx. 27 000 bitcoins) in one year, guaranteeing customers’ anonymity

CYBERCRIME – NON-CASH PAYMENT FRAUD

475 arrests/detentions
1 306 international investigations supported/contributed
3 international operations supported/contributed
1 OCG dismantled
Identified: 60 HVTs, 1 370 fraudsters, 386 herders, 3 383 money mules, 4 757 victims
€17.9m fraud prevention
Seized: €40 000 in cash
Other: 120 fake university diplomas and other counterfeit documents, computers, luxury watches and other jewellery
Taken down: 300 Instagram accounts

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: E-COMMERCE ACTION (ECOMM 2019)
60 arrests
Fraudulent transactions reported for a value of €5 164 392.60

DOCUMENT FRAUD

165 arrests
4 print shops dismantled
Seizures: 3 655 fraudulent documents
Involved in: 9 JOINT ACTION DAYS

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: OF MARKO
(Large-scale forgery of documents for migrant smuggling networks), 1 arrest, 1 fully equipped print shop dismantled
198 passports + 3 200 biometric single pages of original Greek and foreign passports, 172 identity cards, 90 driving licences, residence permits. Equipment: paper laminating and cutting devices, ink, etc

DRUGS – CANNABIS, COCAINE AND HEROIN

283 arrests
Seized: 37.2 tonnes of cannabis resin, 10 tonnes of cocaine, 8 tonnes of acetic anhydride for heroin production, 500 kg of heroin, 10 kg of fentanyl, €7m in cash
Other: 4 yachts, 1 vessel, 103 vehicles
Assets seized: 800 bank accounts frozen, €27m in properties and luxury goods

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: OPERATION BEAUTIFUL
4 tonnes of cocaine seized, €21m in cash seized, 800 bank accounts frozen, luxury goods worth €6m, properties worth €20m
Other: 3 yachts, 77 vehicles, 4 firearms

DRUGS – NPS/SYNTHETIC DRUGS

555 arrests
Seized: 11.3 tonnes of pre-precursors (MAPA), 2.4 tonnes of cocaine, 2.5 tonnes of cannabis, 682 kg of MDMA, 229 000 ecstasy pills, 247 kg of methamphetamine, €7.5m in cash and cryptocurrency
Other: 57 firearms, 16 cars and luxury goods
7 illicit laboratories dismantled

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: LARGE SCALE JAD
11.3 tonnes of pre-precursors, 1.3 tonnes of cocaine, 19 000 ecstasy pills, 10 kg of amphetamine, 6 kg of MDMA
€50 000 in cash. Other: 6 firearms, 16 cars
FACILITATED ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

2 601 arrests
86 OCGs identified/dismantled
Identified: 19 facilitators, 508 over-stayers, 34 irregular migrants
Seized: 2,875 documents, €1.2m in cash. Other: 3,556 mobile phones, 1 vessel, 37 vehicles, 2 trucks, 2 vans, 21 tractors, 7 boat engines, 57 firearms, 983 pieces of ammunition, 200,000 cigarettes, drugs

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: INVESTIGATION CASE

13 arrests, 86 OCGs identified/dismantled, 70 HTVs identified, 19 facilitators identified, 34 irregular migrants found, 508 over-stayers detected, 12,534 entry refusals, 4 print shops identified and dismantled, 1,061 internet referrals, 389 criminal proceedings against sham marriages, mobile phones and documents seized

ORGANISED PROPERTY CRIME

1,251 arrests
23 mobile organised crime groups dismantled
Seizures and assets seized: value of the seizures and assets seized: €4,444,424

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: OP PANDORA IV

64 arrests, 28,000 cultural goods seized, 158 criminal investigations initiated

TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

825 arrests
94 OCGs identified/dismantled
Identified: 1 HTV, 824 suspects, 1,307 potential victims (including 69 minors)
Seized: €173,000, 62,500. Other: 6 vehicles, computers, mobile phones
Assets seized: €1.5m frozen

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: LABOUR EXPLOITATION

273 arrests, 323 potential victims identified, 100 new investigations

MTIC FRAUD

31 arrests
12 OCGs identified/dismantled
Tax evasion prevented: €8.7m
Seized: €2.2m in cash, 15 tonnes of goods. Other: 1 truck
Assets seized: €6.6m seized/frozen

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: BALTIC REGION

9 OCGs investigated, €2.2m in cash seized, vehicles and real estate worth €1.8m

EXCISE FRAUD

444 arrests
Seized: 5,215,710 kg of designer fuel, 7,880 litres of mineral oil, 32,571 kg of ethanol-like liquid, 956,866 kg of tobacco, 348,272,731 pieces of cigarettes, 12,965 litres of vodka, 235 pallets of alcoholic beverages and soft drinks, €979,234 in cash. Other: 104 trucks, 78 trailers, 58 cars, 3 vans, 75 forklifts, 1150 containers, 4 weapons, IT equipment, machinery, large quantity of ingredients for fuel laundering
254 illicit tobacco production/storage/distribution facilities dismantled
Assets seized: machinery/equipment for illegal production of tobacco (137 production lines, 75 packaging lines, 61 cutting machines, 22 generators and huge quantities of precursors), illegal fuel filling stations and equipment for fuel distribution, real estate, luxury vehicles worth €1.6m, 186 bank accounts frozen
Tax evasion prevented: €370,361,417

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: OPS CHAIN BRIDGE III/IV

59 arrests, 5200 tonnes of designer fuel, €330,000 in cash and other assets seized, 186 bank account frozen. Other: 78 trucks, 78 trailers

FIREARMS

1,069 arrests
6,072 weapons, 59 weapon parts, 31,369 pieces of ammunition and 121 cartridges, 15 explosive improvised devices, 99 hand grenades, 4 blocks of TNT, 9 sticks of dynamite, €2,774,305 in cash, €4m in cryptocurrency, €35,000 in gold. Other: 299.5 kg of drugs, 25,866 kg of cocaine, 188,000 pills, 80 kg of heroin
Taken down: 50 dark web accounts

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: OP ARMES 72 AND VARDUGS

152 arrests, 4,490 weapons seized, 9 sticks of dynamite, €470,000 in cash

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

148 arrests
3 OCGs identified/dismantled
977 suspected individuals/illegal entities identified
Seized: 30 tonnes of contaminated fishes, 2,471 kg of illegal fisheries, 240 kg of glass eels, 13 fishing boats, 4 boats, 1,030 tonnes of lead acid batteries (+ 9,630 tonnes under investigation), 224,207 batteries, 50,511 kg sets of solar batteries, 1,783.65 kg of used batteries, 130 lithium batteries, 22 truck batteries, 12 car batteries, 340 kg of waste, 23,394 m² of timber. Other: 3 tanks, 12 vehicles, 3 engines
Assets seized: €2,691,648 illicit profit

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: OPS END OF LIFE BATTERIES

15 arrests, 1 OCG dismantled, 5 potential HTVs identified
Seized: 1,030 tonnes of lead acid batteries (+ 9,630 tonnes under investigation), 224,207 batteries, 50,511 kg sets of solar batteries, 1,783.65 kg of used batteries, 130 lithium batteries, 22 truck batteries, 12 car batteries
FACILITATED ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION
2019

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATION 1
5 arrests and 13 houses searched.

OPERATION 2
11 members of an OCG were arrested; 1 vessel, 2 cars, mobile phones and around 50 travel documents were seized.

OPERATION 3
23 members of an OCG arrested; 5 premises searched; seized firearms and vehicles were seized. The criminal network is suspected of having facilitated the transportation of around 10 000 migrants from FR to UK.

OPERATION 4
4 arrests and the confiscation of 105 travel documents and 42 postal parcels.

INVESTIGATION CASE 1
11 arrests; 18 house searches; firearms and around €480 000 in cash seized.

INVESTIGATION CASE 2
13 arrests; 8 premises searched; mobile phones and documents seized.

- 11 Joint Investigation Teams (JITs);
- 4 Operational Task Forces (OTFs);
- 86 OCGs identified/investigated/disrupted;
- 19 facilitators identified;
- 7 hubs identified;
- 4 print shops identified/dismantled;
- 1 081 internet referrals;
- 12 house searched;
- 12 534 entry refusals;
- 508 over-stayers detected;
- 389 criminal proceedings against sham marriages.

SEIZURES

2 875 documents;
- 50 Sestanta, 105 Postman, 50 Zank, S94 OA 2.2, 1371 OA 2.7, 163 JAD Danube, 213 Air Omnia, 329 sham marriages
- 1 vessel, 37 vehicles, 2 trucks, 2 vans, 21 tractors, 7 boat engines.

- 200 000 cigarettes
- 1 12m in cash
- drugs
- 57 firearms
- 963 pieces of ammunition
- 3 556 mobile phones
JOINT ACTION DAYS / EMPACT ACTION DAYS

- JAD ARKTOS
- JAD CPA
- JAD ADRIA
- JAD DANUBE 4
- JAD WESTERN BALKAN

- LSJAD
- JAD MOBILE 2
- JAD MORPHEUS
- JAD GAAD

REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS

- 191 Strategic intelligence reports
- 1022 analytical packages
- 46 Integrated Situational Awareness Analyses reports (ISAA)
- 2 Investigation Initiation Documents (IID)
- 5 Joint Reports (EMSC/FRONTEX; FRONTEX/EASO)
- 8 Early warning Notifications (EWN)
- 66 Intelligence Notifications (IN)
- 45 incident reports
- 26 cross-match reports
- 196 hit reports
- 392 EUROSUR Fusion Services (EFS) requests
- 21 Intelligence analysis products
- EDF Annual Risk Analysis report

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- 2 online courses
- 4 webinars
- 8 ALDO courses
- 3 visa trainings
- 17 exchanges
- 6 residential training activities

GRANT FUNDING

- 2 high-value grants: €297,399
- 11 low-value grants: €467,674
EUROPEAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

EMPACT

TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS
2019

825 ARRESTS

1,125 new investigations initiated for all forms of exploitation
4,501 contributions containing criminal-related information shared by
Member States
Significant seizures related to criminal finances in 16 THB cases

SEIZURES

94 OCGs identified/investigated/disrupted

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

8,824 suspects reported

41 operational meetings

94 OCGs identified/investigated/disrupted

62 joint investigation teams
(including 30 new JITs in 2019)

1 operational task force (OTF) on a Nigerian
drug-criminal OCG

1 high-value target identified

MARIPOSA

5 arrests

€43,000

$2,500

3 vehicles

mobile phones

computers

ABRAHAM

7 arrests

39 potential new cases

478 agricultural sites checked

LETO

12 arrests

12 house searches

€13,000

3 cars

Other significant operations:

Operation KING
Operation KOALA
Operation WEEK
Operation WATERFALL
Operation WEBMASTER

JOINT ACTION DAYS/EMPACT ACTION DAYS

- Labour exploitation, (273 arrests - 46 for THB and 227
  for other crimes - 323 potential victims identified, 100
  new investigations)

- Labour exploitation in the agricultural sector (7 arrests,
  302 potential victims identified, 39 potential new cases)

- JAD Western Balkans

- Child trafficking: (70 arrests, 206 potential
  victims, including 53 minors, 31 new THB cases
  initiated)

- LSJAD THB: sexual exploitation, forced
  begging and forced criminality, focus on
  identification of OCGs and detection of
  document fraud (162 arrests, 476 victims,
  incl. 16 minors, 111 new investigations)
PREVENTIVE MEASURES AND AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS

- Cooperation with LEA, GO and NGOs engaged in the fight against THB
- Multi-channel prevention campaign to raise awareness of THB

TRAINING

- 1 CEPOL online course: investigation of THB as cyber-enabled crime
- 2 webinars
- 5 CEPOL residential training activities
- 11 exchanges in CEPOL exchange programme

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Follow up of the establishment of a cooperation platform with China for the mutual exchange of knowledge and operational cooperation.
- Expert meetings on criminal finances, bringing together THB experts, financial experts, FIU representatives, tax services, AROs, FIUs, prosecutors, Europol and Eurojust.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS

- 182 hit notifications
- 4 strategic analytical products
- 247 cross-match reports
- 4 operational analysis reports
- 7 forensic extraction reports
- 5 OSINT reports

Other products:

- ALEFA THB financial investigation handbook
- Guidelines on cross border financial investigations and asset recovery
- Checklist to involve document experts in THB investigations

GRANT FUNDING

- 1 high-value grant: €199 999 97
- 6 low-value grants: €153 096 00
444 ARRESTS/DETENTIONS

INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS SUPPORTED/CONTRIBUTED

93 investigations related to designer fuel fraud have been initiated. Activities have been conducted under the framework of operation Chain Bridge.

14 ongoing joint cases in total have been identified with investigations being initiated by relevant law enforcement authorities of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden.

JOINT ACTION DAYS/EMPACT ACTION DAYS

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

CHAIN BRIDGE III and CHAIN BRIDGE IV Ø (designer fuel fraud):

- 59 arrests, 5.2m kg of designer fuel, 78 trucks, 78 trailers, more than € 330 000 in cash and various other assets seized; 186 bank account frozen; revenue loss prevented estimated at € 39.2m.

Coordinated/joint operational activities in the countries of Baltic Sea region:

- 97.3 million pieces of cigarettes, almost 13 000 litres of vodka, 125 pallets of various alcohol beverages, more than €100 000 in cash and assets of a value of €1.6m were seized; €7.6m revenue loss prevented.

Operational activities on illicit production of tobacco products:

- 254 illicit production, storage and distribution facilities dismantled (51 cigarettes production sites; 8 water pipe tobacco production sites; 90 tobacco cutting facilities; 105 storage facilities); almost 216 million pieces of cigarettes, almost 957 tonnes of tobacco, more than €540 000 in cash and various other assets were seized; the revenue loss prevented is over €278 million.

OTHER OPERATIONAL MEASURES

- Exchanges of intelligence and coordinated operational activities have identified suspect supply chains, various companies involved in these chains and illegal unloading premises resulted in increased volumes of designer fuel seized.

- Upon the investigations related to mineral oil fraud initiated 186 bank accounts frozen.

- 254 illicit tobacco production, storage, and distribution facilities dismantled.

- Several fuel laundering facilities dismantled.
SEIZURES

7 880 litres of mineral oil
5 215 710 kg designer fuel

32 571 kg of a liquid similar to the ethanol

12 965 litres of vodka
235 pallets of various alcohol beverages (vodka, beer, wine) and Coca-Cola

956 866 kg of tobacco
348 272 731 pieces of cigarettes

€979 234

ASSETS SEIZED

real estate, luxury vehicles and other assets

104 trucks, 78 trailers, 58 cars, 3 vans
75 forklifts and 11 ISO containers

illegal fuel filling stations and equipment for fuel distribution

huge quantities of ingredients for fuel laundering (e.g., bleaching earth, activation clay, etc.) and machinery used in fuel laundering

communication (phones) and IT equipment
1 signal jammer

4 weapons and telescopic sights

Machinery and equipment for illegal production of tobacco products
137 production lines
75 packaging lines
61 cutting machines
22 generators

Huge quantities of precursors for illicit production of tobacco products (filters, cigarette paper, glue, flavours, packaging, etc.)

TRAINING

1 residential training
1 exchange programme

2 webinars dedicated to excise fraud

468 officials from the EU Member States LEA, third countries and international bodies trained in these training events.

GRANT FUNDING

1 high value grant: €199 643.11

REPORTS

136 SIENA messages
30 intelligence contributions
~ 750 messages exchanged using CENcomm

TAX EVASION PREVENTED: €370 361 417
### MTIC FRAUD 2019

#### OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Baltic Region**
- 9 OCGs investigated
- 2 action days implemented
- 104 searches made
- Vehicles and real estate worth **€1.8 million**
- **€2.2 million** in cash seized

**Textiles Trade**
- 7 searches made
- 15 tonnes of goods
- 1 lorry seized
- **€291,000** in cash seized

**Trade of Electronic Goods in Southeast/Southwest Europe**
- 2 OCGs investigated
- 23 searches made
- **€2.5 million** seized/frozen in bank accounts

### CRIMINAL FINANCES, MONEY LAUNDERING AND ASSET RECOVERY

- 7 money laundering operations supported by relevant analytical projects at Europol
- 29 money laundering-related intelligence contributions sent to Europol
- **€6.8 million** (at least) seized/frozen in cash, bank accounts, vehicles and real estate
**ENHANCED MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPROACH**

- Police
- Customs
- Tax administrations
- Judicial authorities
- EU bodies and agencies, and international organisations (EU COM, EUROPOL, EUROJUST, CEPOL, EUROFISC, OLAF, IOTA, etc.)

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP**

- 24 forums/events attended and collaborations established with partners from Europe, Africa, Asia and North America, as well as with relevant international bodies
- Letter of Intent signed between Europol and the Intra-European Organisation of Tax Administrations (IOTA) to establish future cooperation in the field of tax fraud

**TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

- 2 CEPOL webinars
  - 315 attendees from police, tax authorities and customs authorities
- CEPOL exchange programme
  - 4 exchanges
- 1 CEPOL residential activity
  - 41 participants from police, tax and customs authorities

**GRANT FUNDING**

- High value grant – not requested
- 3 low value grants: €37,417
555 ARRESTS

OVERALL SEIZURES

- 11.3 tonnes of pre-precursors (MAPA) used for production of amphetamine and methamphetamine
- 682kg of MDMA
- 229,000 ecstasy pills
- 247kg of methamphetamine
- 2.5 tonnes of cannabis
- 2.4 tonnes of cocaine
- €7.5 million in cash, luxury goods and cryptocurrency
- 57 firearms

OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

OPERATION 1
- 11.3 tonnes of pre-precursors (MAPA)
- 1.3 tonnes of cocaine
- 6kg of MDMA (crystal)
- 19,000 ecstasy pills
- 10kg of amphetamine
- €600,000 in cash
- 6 firearms
- 16 cars

OPERATION 2
- 1,090kg of cocaine
- 2.5 tonnes of cannabis
- 5kg of hashish
- 675kg of MDMA
- 210,000 ecstasy pills
- 2kg of amphetamine
- 100kg of heroin
- €1.3 million seized

OPERATION 3
- 300kg of various drug substances
- 50 illegal dark web accounts shut down
- €4 million in cryptocurrency
- €2.2 million in cash
- €35,000 in gold
- 51 firearms

OPERATION 4
- 242kg of methamphetamine
- 269 litres of BMK
- 85 litres of N-formyl-methamphetamine
- 10kg pseudoephedrine
7 illicit laboratories for synthetic drugs production dismantled

- 4 OPERATION 7
- 2 OPERATION 9
- 1 OPERATION 4
- 1 OPERATION 8

**2 JOINT ACTION DAYS**

**OPERATION 1**

- Targeting smuggling and distribution of synthetic drugs, new psychoactive substances and their pre-precursors into and within the EU.

**OPERATION 3**

- Targeting drug trafficking through criminal market sites in the Dark web

**REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS**

- **EU Drug Market Report**
  - by EMCDDA and Europol
- **EU manual on illicit synthetic drugs/NPS production**
- **Europol cross-match reports, hit notifications on ongoing cases and Europol Intelligence Notifications**

**TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

- 5 residential courses on drug crime-related matters
- 151 law enforcement and judicial officers trained
- 2 webinars on drug crime-related topics
- 304 participants
- CEPOL online module on synthetic drugs
- 236 participants

**GRANT FUNDING**

- 1 high-value grant: €200,000
- 4 low-value grants: €126,265
CANNABIS, COCAINE AND HEROIN
2019

283 ARRESTS

SEIZURES

- 37.2 tonnes of cannabis resin
- 10 tonnes of cocaine
- 8 tonnes of acetic anhydride for heroin production
- 500 kg of heroin
- 10 kg of fentanyl
- 1 drug laboratory dismantled
- 37.2 tonnes of cannabis resin
- 4 yachts
- 2 sailing vessels
- €27 million in properties and luxury goods
- €7 million in cash
- 103 vehicles
- 800 bank accounts frozen

INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

FAMILIA  
- 1 021 kg of cocaine
- €2 million in cash
- 77 vehicles
- €1 million in luxury goods
- 3 yachts

BEAUTIFUL 2018-2019  
- 4 tonnes of cocaine
- > €2 million in cash
- 4 firearms
- €20 million worth in properties
- > €6 million worth in luxury goods
- 800 bank accounts frozen

EN
HABANO GL/GRIMM BROTHERS  ⚫
- 2 tonnes of cocaine
- 10 kg of fentanyl

AGAMA  ⚫
- 1 pleasure craft
- 227 kg of cannabis
- Alprazolam tablets, Diazepam tablets
- 2 lorries confiscated

BALKAN ROUTE  ⚫
- 500 kg of heroin
- 19 vehicles

ELG  ⚫
- 10 tonnes of cannabis resin

SOLEN  ⚫
- 5.4 tonnes of cannabis resin

AZUL  ⚫
- 592 kg of cocaine
- 1 sailing vessel

LUNA III  ⚫
- 8,000 litres of acetic anhydride for heroin production

DIABLO  ⚫
- 6.2 tonnes of cannabis resin

- 7.4 tonnes of cannabis resin

4 JOINT ACTION DAYS

- JAD Adria targeting wholesale trafficking of cannabis from Albania across the Adriatic Sea and through the Balkan region into and within the EU.
- JAD Western Balkans targeting heroin, cannabis and acetic anhydride trafficking along the Balkan route.
- JAD Morphus focusing on drug trafficking via air couriers.
- JAD Cyber-patrol targeting drug trafficking through criminal market sites on the Dark web

COOPERATION WITH NON-EU STATES

- USA
- Colombia, Uruguay and Paraguay
- Western Balkans
- Morocco
- Pakistan
- Macao and Hong Kong
- Malaysia

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- 5 CEPOL residential courses
- 156 law enforcement and judicial officers trained
- 2 webinars
- 378 participants
- 21 law enforcement officers participated in the CEPOL exchange programme

GRANT FUNDING

- 1 high-value grant: €399,993.39
- 9 low-value grants: €238,081.00
475 ARRESTS/DETentions

1 306 INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS SUPPORTED/CONTRIBUTED

- 165 Global Airport Action Days (GAAD)
- 63 e-commerce
- 53 TELECOM FRAUD
- 2 third-party cooperation OA 4,2
- 1 025 EMMA (European Money Mule Action)

3 INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS SUPPORTED/CONTRIBUTED

- 3 operations on card payment fraud

1 OCGS IDENTIFIED/DISMANTLED/DISRUPTED

- 1 Dakar meeting

SEIZURES/TAKE DOWNS:

- €40 000 in cash
  - Telecom fraud: €20 000
  - Third-party cooperation: €20 000
- 120 fake university diplomas (e-COMMERCE)
- Computers, counterfeit documents, luxury watches and other jewellery (telecom fraud)
- 300 accounts on Instagram (EMMA)
€17.9m FRAUD PREVENTION

- €5m telecom fraud action
- €12.9m EMMA (OA 5.1)

JOINT ACTION DAYS
EMPACT ACTION DAYS

GAAD 2019
CYBER PATROL/
CARDING ACTION

EMMA 2019
E-COMMERCE
TELECOM FRAUD

REPORTS

- 1 strategic report on fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment
- 24 cross-match reports (12 GAAD; 12 TOP 100)
- 25,066 fraud alerts/fraudulent transactions (2,400 GAAD; 1,100 TOP 100; 6,490 e-commerce; 36 NCP; 7,520 EMMA; 7,520 money mules).
- 14 intelligence packages/investigative leads (14 TOP100)
- 1 cyberbit
- 1 annual report (telecom fraud)

OTHER OPERATIONAL MEASURES

- 60 high-value targets identified (Cyber patrol, CAW)
- 12 intelligence packages on prolific vendors (Cyber-patrol, CAW)
- 3,383 money mules identified
- 386 herdiers identified (EMMA)
- 4,757 victims identified (4,757 EMMA)
- 1,370 fraudsters identified (10 GAAD; 1,300 TOP 100; 60 e-commerce)
- €5.1m of fraud discovered (5.1 e-commerce)

GRANT FUNDING

- 1 high-value grant: €184,640.11
- 1 low-value grant: €7,075.00

OTHER PREVENTION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Awareness campaigns:
- #BuySafePaySafe awareness campaign
- One prevention awareness campaign launched in 30 countries for EMMA.
- Awareness campaign related to IRSF, Wangiri, and Vishing.

Training:
- P3 CyberFraud project, including training
- Training on telecom fraud
- Avila training

Development of the check card tools
including preparation of the mobile app using NFC features
EMPACT

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

2019

58 INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED

2 VICTIM IDENTIFICATION TASK FORCES ORGANISED (VIDTF 6 and 7)

39 VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

10 COORDINATED COVERT OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

SEIZURES

21 childlike sex dolls
5 websites shut down

50% INCREASE IN NON-CONTENT FILES AND WARNING FILES compared to 2018

55% REDUCTION IN SEARCHES FOR EXPLICIT CHILD ABUSE ON A PEER2PEER NETWORK (Police2Peer technique)

22.3% REDUCTION IN CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL (FILES) thanks to non-content files and warning files uploaded

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

VICTIM IDENTIFICATION TASKFORCE

24 international experts
19 victims identified and safeguarded
355 intelligence packages created
1,914 series created and shared

DARKNET ACTIVITY

867 dark web sites hosting child abuse material identified
360 intelligence packages disseminated

BASELINE MATERIAL CONFIRMED: 52,365
365 INTELLIGENCE PACKAGES CREATED

COOPERATION WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES/PARTIES
- AU, CA, NZ, US
- INTERPOL

INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS CIRCULATED
- Quarterly intelligence dashboard on latest trends
- List of 20 high-value child sexual exploitation online targets
drafted and shared
- Guide on childlike sex dolls trafficking – UK situation

21 EU MEMBER STATES USING HELPLINKS.EU

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- One-week training course on covert activities
- 3 CEPOL residential courses on
  - Victim identification
  - Strategies in managing child sex offenders
  - Child sexual exploitation on the Internet/undercover operations
- 2 CEPOL webinars on
  - Childlike sex dolls
  - Financial investigations
- Participation in CEPOL exchange program
- 1 seminar in Singapore
  - Prevention and prosecution of travelling child abusers
- 3 ICANN meetings attended

GRANT FUNDING
- 1 high-value grant: €199 978
- 2 low-value grants: €28 803
7 INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

22 ARRESTS

OTHER OPERATIONAL MEASURES

1 OCG involved in malware attacks identified
38 premises searched
9 HVTs identified
40 000 victims identified and stolen data recovered
Cryptomining equipment worth 500 000€ identified
16 proxy servers identified

SEIZURES

> €550 000 in cash and cryptocurrencies
Several vehicles

TAKEDOWNS

Multi-million euro cryptocurrency laundering service Bestmixer
Illegal online platform
The Wall Street Market and Valhalla Marketplace

REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS

21 hit notifications
11 cross-match reports
89 intelligence packages/investigative leads

1 BTC analysis
2 BTC intel notification
1 EMAS malware analysis report
2 forensic reports

12 thematic/knowledge products
(1 on the threat(s) and criminal business model of ransomware cyber threats; 11 SIRIUS)
**EMPACT**

**CYBERCRIME ATTACKS TO INFORMATION SYSTEMS 2019**

**JOINT ACTION DAYS EMPACT ACTION DAYS**

- JAD cyber patrol Action-CPA

**DEVELOPED TOOLS**

- 2 decrypting tools
- 16 developed tools for internet investigations

**GRANT FUNDING**

- 1 high-value grant: €199,847.53
- 2 low-value grants: €22,871.00

**OTHER PREVENTION AND CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES**

- Table Top Exercise CYLEEX2019: EU Law Enforcement Emergency Response Protocol
- Successful establishment of Cyber-Prevent SPOC network
- SIRIUS platform trainings, best practices and material included in the platform
- DigiCrime conference
- Power Off Prevent activity
- ENISA-LEA workshop
- WEB-Platform PLASMA

**TRAINING:**

- E-Evidence
- Darkweb and cryptocurrencies
- EMAS tactical workshop
- Virtual currencies tactical workshop
1 069 ARRESTS/DETENTIONS

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

GLOCKAR/CONVOY
7 suspects arrested in different operations, 50 weapons, 188,000 tablets of medicine and 3kg of cocaine were seized

MKO SIGNAL
10 suspects arrested, illegal workshop dismantled, 16 pistols, 10 weapons and ammunition were seized

LAST DESTINATION
1 suspect arrested, 16 firearms, 121 cartridges and 4 blocks of TNT were seized

STILL
6 suspects arrested, 95 hand grenades, 4 rifles and 8 handguns were seized

BEARDING
14 firearms, 53 weapons, 8 silencers, 691 rounds of ammunition and 80kg of heroin were seized

TANGERINA
1 suspect arrested, 31 firearms, 15 EIDs, 2,846 rounds of ammunition and 1 silencer were seized

ARMES 72 AND WARDOGS
152 arrests, 495 house searches, 4,490 weapons, 470,000€ in cash, 9 sticks of dynamite were seized in different countries of the EU

CICLOPE
25 people arrested, 121 pistols and revolvers, 71 rifles and shotguns and 4 SALW (assault rifles) were seized

SEIZURES

5,462 weapons
380 firearms
2 uzi submachine guns

31,369 pieces of ammunition

1 5.56 calibre rifle
4 22 calibre rifles
15 EIDs
14 glock pistol frames
1 glock pistol
139 pistols
5 assault rifles
5 submachine guns
71 rifles and shotguns

18 weapons parts
18 silencers
2 barrels
2 frames
several glock barrels, more than 5 components for illegal changes of glock pistols into automatic weapons and 2 glock pistols with the illegal component mounted

99 hand grenades
121 cartridges
4 blocks of TNT
9 sticks of dynamite

299.5kg of drugs
188,000 medicine tablets

25,866kg of cocaine

80kg of heroin seized

2 people arrested, 84 firearms, 3,500 pieces of ammunition, several barrels and other essential components were seized, more than 5 components for illegal changes of glock pistols into automatic weapons and 2 glock pistols with the illegal component mounted were seized

16 people were arrested, 6,311 kg of cocaine, 1 assault rifle, 5 submachine guns, 4 hand grenades, 2 pistols and 1 revolver and their respective ammunition were seized

2 people arrested, 2 uzi submachine guns, 2 barrels, 2 frames, 1 5.56 calibre rifle, 4 22 calibre rifles, 1 glock pistol, 14 glock frames, several glock barrels, 2,000 pieces of ammunition and 11 silencers were seized.

Other
€2,774,305 in cash
= $4 million in cryptocurrency
€35,000 in gold

3,000 firearms traced
JOINT ACTION DAYS/EMPACT ACTION DAYS

JAD Tayrona - over 75 investigations were conducted and seized 19,552 kg of cocaine; arrested 583 people; checked 36 vessels and seized 140 shipments of cocaine in cargo and parcels. Additionally, more than 3,000 firearms were traced, 133 firearms were seized; over 14,600 cartridges of ammunition, parts and components of weapons, several rocket launchers and hand grenades were seized.

JAD WESTERN BALKAN - 175 individuals were arrested; 51 firearms, 3 other weapons and 895 pieces of ammunition were seized.

Joint Action Day CPA (Cyber-Patrol - Action) arrested 61 people and shut down 50 dark web accounts used for illegal activity; 65 search warrants, seizing 299.5 kg of drugs, 51 firearms, and over €6.2 million (almost €4 million in crypto currency), €2.2 million in cash, and €35,000 in gold.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS

570 house searches
50 dark web accounts shut down
65 search warrants granted
18 investigations initiated

595 SIENA messages
3 Cross-Match-Reports provided, 4 operations initiated, 10 intelligence exchanges

714 Cases registered in Prima as new; 3 operational task forces; 356 analytical products generated (10 OAIR — 239 CMR — 107 SHN); 15 Intelligence packages; 15 additional OM (not organised by API); 34 Strategic meetings, conferences, seminars; 20 action days with deployment of Mobile Office.

GRANT FUNDING

1 high-value grant: €199,884
6 low-value grants: €176,294

TRAINING

2 residential activities
4 webinars
1 exchange programme
1 251 ARRESTS

23 MOBILE ORGANISED CRIME GROUPS (MOCGs) DISMANTLED

70 SERIOUS CRIME INVESTIGATIONS SUPPORTED

163 NEW CASES INITIATED

19 JOINT ARREST OPERATIONS

SEIZURES AND ASSETS SEIZED

Value of seizures and assets seized from criminals: €4 444 424

11 seized vehicles commissioned to the police

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

ABBRACCIO ⚫

target: RO MOCG

10 arrests

1 600 stolen cars seized valued at €13m
(assets currently frozen)

ARROW-SURFER ⚫

target: RO MOCG - active in cargo thefts
(150 thefts committed, estimated damage €10m)

68 arrests

73 house searches

PANDORA IV ⚫

64 arrests

156 774 inspections realized

28 000 cultural goods seized

340 427 people checked

41 administrative investigations

158 new investigations initiated

TRIDENT ⚫

36 arrests

Seizures valued at €330 000
(stolen cars, truck trailers, airbags, boat engines, used stolen batteries, computers, drugs, etc.)

234 000 checks in Europol Analysis System
ORGANISED PROPERTY CRIMES
2019

JOINT ACTION DAYS
EMPACT ACTION DAYS

JAD MOBILE 2

Seizures:

- 459 stolen cars
- 230 stolen car parts
- 105 fraudulent identity documents
- 20 tonnes of raw tobacco

11 EMPACT ACTION DAYS (including Ops Trident and Pandora)

TRIVIUM

- 381 arrests
- €113,000 in cash
- Stolen cosmetics – valued at €420,000

COOPERATION WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES/PARTIES

AL, AU, GE, MD, CO, US
INTERPOL
WCO
PCCSEE

TRAININGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 24 workshops
- 67 operational/coordination meetings
- 9 reports delivered

12 training courses
CEPOL training - 468 participants
2 training courses on special tactics and the use of tracking devices for Member States and Western Balkan countries

1 conference on the diamond sector
1 prevention campaign
EUCPN – European Focus Day on Domestic Burglaries – 19 June 2019
12 Member States participated

GRANT FUNDING

- 1 high-value grant: €199,996
- 4 low-value grants: €199,372

EUROPOL PUBLIC INFORMATION
EMPACT

148 ARRESTS

3 OCGs DISMANTLED

5 POTENTIAL HVTs IDENTIFIED

977 SUSPECTED INDIVIDUALS/LEGAL ENTITIES IDENTIFIED

387 INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED

SEIZURES

- 30 tonnes of contaminated fish
- 2,471 kg of illegal fisheries
- 240 kg of glass eels
- 13 fishing boats

Other seizures:
- 4 boats
- 3 tanks
- 12 vehicles
- 3 engines

Assets seized:
- €2,691,648 million in illicit profit

- 1,030 tonnes of lead acid batteries (+ 9,630 tonnes under investigation)
- 224,207 batteries
- 50,511 kg of solar battery sets
- 1,783,65 kg of used batteries
- 130 lithium batteries
- 22 truck batteries
- 12 car batteries
- 340 kg of waste
- 23,394 m³ of timber

COOPERATION WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES/PARTIES

- BR, CO, CR, EC, MX, PA, PE, RS, TH, UA
- OSCE
- INTERPOL
- UNODC
- OECD

JOINT ACTION DAYS

JAD DANUBE 4
- 1 arrest, 265 checks
- 18 infringements on illegal waste trafficking
- 3 investigations initiated

LARGE SCALE JAD
ENVIRONMENT RELATED SEIZURES
- 166 endangered species
- 2,471 kg of illegal fisheries

JAD CYBER PATROLLING
- 4 suspicious websites identified

6,825 INSPECTIONS HELD

4 SUSPICIOUS WEBSITES DETECTED

1,518 administrative fines recorded
OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

ARIEL 17 - YIN YU

- Seizures: 240 kg of glass eels, 2 fishing boats, 2 vehicles, €991,500 of assets
- JI: 2 coordination meetings, 1 coordination centre set up at Eurojust

CARPATOS - SILURO - CARPE DIEM

- Seizures: 30 tonnes of contaminated fish, 11 fishing boats

ARQUIMEDES - QUERCUS

- Seizures: 23,394 m³ of timber, 10 vehicles

TARGETING WASTE TRAFFICKING FROM END-OF-LIFE BATTERIES

- Seizures: 1,030 tonnes of lead acid batteries (+9,530 tonnes under investigation), 224,207 batteries, 50,511 kg of solar battery sets, 1,783 kg of used batteries, 130 lithium batteries, 22 truck batteries, 12 car batteries, 340 kg of waste
- 15 arrests
- 1 OCG dismantled
- 5 potential HVT identified
- 1,461 inspections
- 40 investigations held

REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS

- 6 intelligence reports - including the "Compilation of the Member States' criminal law and overview of EU law on IUU (illegal, unreported and unregulated) fishing"
- 1 monitor on wildlife crimes prevention
- Videos on timber sampling methods and analysis provided

GRANT FUNDING

- 1 high-value grant: €200,000
- 2 low-value grants: €34,590

113 ADMINISTRATIVE CASES INITIATED

MEETINGS

- 3 study visits
- 1 regional seminar in Mexico
- 40 coordination/operational meetings held
49 ARRESTS

262 CASES

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

CARTON ROUGE CASE

OA 4.3: 2 high value targets identified


REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS

555 cross-match reports
10 operational analysis reports
22 financial intelligence reports
2 strategic intelligence reports
Chinese OC and MTIC Fraud
1 report: ‘Eurojust Casework in Asset Recovery’
1 leaflet checklist on financial investigations for non-financial investigators

TRAINING

13 training activities
22 participants in CEPOL exchange programme

GRANT FUNDING

1 high value grant: €169,504
2 low value grants: €30,102

SEIZURES

€ 6,800,104 cash seized
18 vehicles
200 bank accounts
165 cannabis plants

SEIZURES RESULTS IN OTHER PRIORITIES LINKED TO CFMLAR

MTIC €89,750,500, PIL €29,810
1 sea vessel, 2 VL

JOINT ACTION DAYS/EMPACT ACTION DAYS

18 actions days (AP Sustrans and Asset recovery)

Joint Customs Operation (JCO) (EMPACT CFMLAR with CCWP 9th action plan)

Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, outcomes and operational results of JCO DAPHNE (CCWP) will be disseminated at a later stage.

From 506 reports retrieved by Europol containing total 525 persons, 485 IDs and 33 number plates which were crosschecked with Europol databases. Europol produced 21 reports and reported hits on 58 unique persons.

HORIZONTAL SUPPORT IN ACTION DAYS

Operation Pretty Woman (THB: 15 arrests, 3 victims safeguarded, 2 vehicles, €10,000 seized)

Operation Costa (THB: 14 arrests, 3 vehicles, €3,000 seized)

Operation Getback (fraud and swindling, money laundering, corruption, €25 million seizures (bank accounts))

Operation Taurus (fraud and swindling, money laundering, 2 action days in 2019 with 1 arrest, bank accounts and 13 properties seized (overall value €5 million) along with documents pertaining to the fraud
165 ARRESTS

SEIZURES

3 655 documents
(including ID documents, breeder documents, marriage certificates, car registration cards, university diplomas (FII, THB, OPC, NPS, NCPF)

TRAINING

CEPOL
1 residential training activity
1 Online course
2 webinars
13 CEPOL program exchanges

FRONTEX
8 ALDO courses
3 visa training courses

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

MARKO
A very active forger was arrested in the city centre of Athens, responsible for selling and buying documents from Greece and other countries. The illicit documents were then provided to irregular migrants for their onward travels and further residence in the EU.

Europol’s contribution: deployment of Europol experts from EMSC and EC3 – Document Forensic Laboratory to provide on-the-spot intelligence analysis and forensic support.

Key operational outcome: one arrest for large-scale forgery of documents and facilitating illegal immigration. Dismantling of a fully equipped print shop and seizure of 3 200 biodata single pages of original Greek and foreign passports, 198 passports, 172 ID cards, 90 driving licences and a number of residence permits, alongside all the equipment necessary for the document forgery (paper laminating and cutting devices, ink, etc.)

FII /Document fraud

SESTANTE (JIT)  
POSTMAN (Multidisciplinary aspects of EMPACT close cooperation with customs and police authorities)
MOMBASA (forged documents previously distributed through parcel services and abusing visa applications in EU delegations in third countries to travel to Spain and move further on to Ireland).
TURBERRY (JIT)
MILLENIUM

SCARIF
THIRA
KURROU
AMOUDA (JIT)
HEPS
TURKIRAN
MARKO, MONARCH led to the dismantling of print shops.

FII/NCPF/Document fraud

GAAD
During the analysis phase of the new approach of Global Airport Action Days, more than 2 400 fraudulent transactions were processed and analysed and 12 cross-match reports were sent to LEAs. Ten people were identified as potential fraudsters. During Global Airport Action Days, which took place from 18 to 22 November 2019, 60 countries, 393 airports, 56 airlines, 12 OTAs participated. 165 suspicious transactions were sent and 79 arrests/interrogations took place.

Joint Investigation Teams (JITs)
4 fully equipped print shops producing counterfeit documents dismantled
REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS

- **64** cross-match reports
- **26** hit notifications
- **13** operational analysis reports

- **12** intelligence notifications:
  - **FIL**: intelligence notification document and ID fraud; Turkish special passport
  - **NPS**: intelligence notifications on mislabelling practices in the smuggling of chemicals

- **1** Handbook on Afghan documents;
- **1** EDF annual risk analysis report;

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Expansion of the PROFID project, web database for the profiling and comparison of false documents, tailor made to each Member State.

- **FIA** delegated regulation laying down the detailed arrangements for the systematic exchange, by electronic means, of information relating to the transfer of firearms within the EU in the internal market information (IMI) system.

- Further development of Frontex’s Centre of Excellence for Combating Document Fraud

11 JOINT ACTION DAYS

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RESULTS OF THE JADS 2019

**SUSPECTS ARRESTED:** 1,068

- 86 drug trafficking/production
- 79 non-cash payment fraud
- 52 facilitated illegal immigration
- 3 excise fraud
- 41 TTB
- 37 firearms trafficking
- 46 document fraud
- 724 other crime areas (offences against the person, drugs possession, road safety crimes, property crime, etc.)/unknown

**WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES:**

- 98 firearms
- 0.15kg of TNT
- 1,303 rounds of ammunition

**Endangered species/illegal fisheries seized/recovered:**

- 166 endangered species
- 2,471kg of illegal fisheries

**CASES/INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED:** 707

- 49 drug trafficking/production
- 165 non-cash payment fraud
- 1 facilitated illegal immigration
- 12 excise fraud
- 110 TTB
- 63 online trade of illicit products and services
- 8 document fraud
- 299 other crime areas

**Victims of TTB identified:** 476

- 460 adults
- 16 minors

**DRUGS, (PRE)RECURSORS AND NPS SEIZURES:**

- 1,322.2kg of cocaine
- 0.04kg of heroin
- 216.1kg of cannabis and 1,107 cannabis plants
- 10.63kg of amphetamine
- 19,601 ecstasy pills
- 6.12kg of MDMA (crystal)
- 0.96kg of ketamine
- 0.92kg of NPS
- 0.26kg of methamphetamine
- 11,300kg of MAPA

**OTHER SEIZURES / CONFISCATIONS:**

- 21,927,767 pieces of cigarettes
- 21,223kg of raw tobacco
- 1,220.7 litres of alcohol
- 455 cars and 230 car parts/engines
- 9 vessels

**Drones** used for smuggling tobacco

**Financial seizures/confiscations:** €504,698

- Fraudulent documents seized: 596
- Prevented revenue: €2,060,000
- Migrants intercepted: 7,317
- Clandestine entries: 164
- Entry refusals: 600
- Overstays: 111