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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: €6 800 104** 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** 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 CRYPTOCURRENCY 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 – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION



**58** arrests  
**39** victims identified  
**Seized: 21** childlike sex dolls  
**50%** increase of non-content files and warning files compared to 2018  
**22.3%** reduction in child sexual abuse material/files thanks to non-content files and warning files uploaded

**OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT: VICTIM IDENTIFICATION TASKFORCE**

**19** victims identified and safeguarded, **1 914** series created and shared, **355** intelligence packages created

### 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: OP MARKO**

(Large-scale forgery of documents for migrant smuggling networks), **1** arrest, **1** fully equipped print shop dismantled  
**198** passports + **3 200** biodata 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, **€2m** 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 **€60 000** 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** HVTs identified  
**19** facilitators identified, **34** irregular migrants found,  
**508** over-stayers detected, **12 534** entry refusals, **4** print shops identified and dismantled, **1 081** 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** HVT, **8 824** suspects, **1 307** potential victims (including 69 minors)  
**Seized:** **€173 000**, **\$2 500**. 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:** **€6.8m** 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, **11** ISO 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  
**Seized:** **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 WARDOGS

**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/legal 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 511kg** 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 394m³** 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 HVTs 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

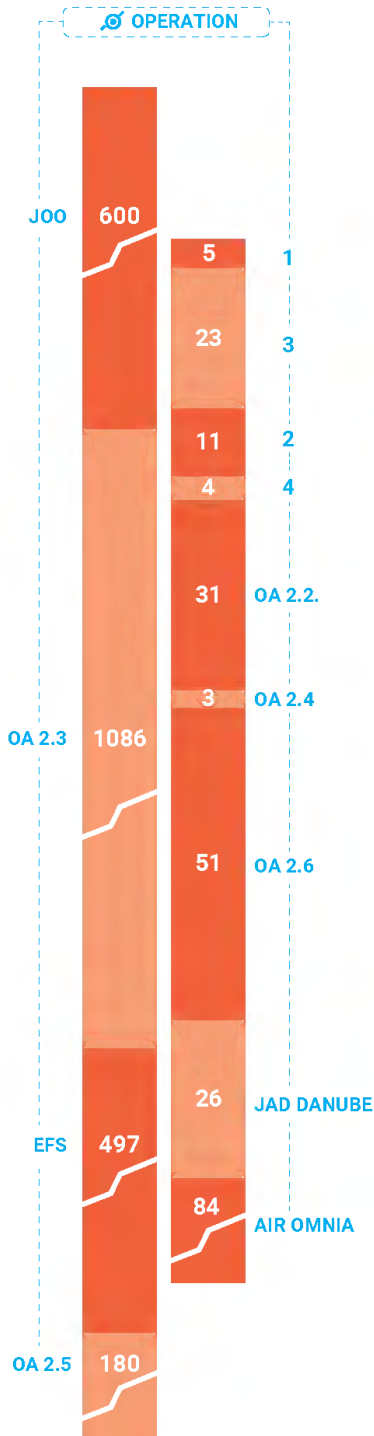


2019

**2 601 ARRESTS**

## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

🎯 = OPERATION



### 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. 34 irregular migrants were found hidden by the OCG.

- 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 Sestante, 105 Postman, 50 Zank, 594 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



drugs



€1.2m in cash



**57** firearms  
**983** 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



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>191</b> Strategic intelligence reports</li> <li><b>1 022</b> analytical packages</li> <li><b>46</b> Integrated Situational Awareness Analyses reports (ISAA)</li> <li><b>2</b> Investigation Initiation Documents (IID)</li> <li><b>5</b> Joint Reports (EMSC/FRONTEX; FRONTEX/EASO)</li> <li><b>8</b> Early warning Notifications (EWN)</li> <li><b>66</b> Intelligence Notifications (IN)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>45</b> incident reports</li> <li><b>26</b> cross-match reports</li> <li><b>196</b> hit reports</li> <li><b>392</b> EUROSUR Fusion Services (EFS) requests</li> <li><b>21</b> intelligence analysis products</li> <li>EDF Annual Risk Analysis report</li> </ul> |
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## 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**



## TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS



2019

🔗 = OPERATION

**825 ARRESTS**
**SEIZURES**


**1 125** new investigations initiated for all forms of exploitation  
**4 501** contributions containing criminal-related information shared by Members States

Significant seizures related to criminal finances in **16** THB cases

**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  
poly-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**



**€ 1.5m** frozen in bank  
accounts, companies  
and web domain

the OCG is suspected of having  
generated **€ 500 000**, partly laundered

**JOINT ACTION DAYS/EMPACT ACTION DAYS**


• Labour exploitation, (**273** arrests – **46** for THB and **227** for other offences – **323** potential victims identified, **100** new investigations)



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



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



• 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)



• JAD Western Balkans



## TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS



2019

### 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**

**JOINT ACTION  
DAYS/EMPACT  
ACTION DAYS**
**JAD ARKTOS**

coordinated by FRONTEX were carried out in May 2019 (11.7 million pieces of cigarettes, 2 tonnes of tobacco, 396 litres of alcohol were seized).

**OPERATION HANSA**

was carried out in October 2019 (35 million pieces of cigarettes and 95 tonnes of tobacco were seized; €43m tax evasion prevented).

**OPERATION GEODE**

was carried out in March 2019 (80 pallets of beer and wine seized; €1.5m of revenue loss prevented).

**SPOOKS I SPOOKS II**

were carried out in June and October/November 2019 (30 pallets of vodka, beer and Coca-Cola seized; €480 000 of tax evasion prevented).


**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.

**OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS****CHAIN BRIDGE III and CHAIN BRIDGE IV**  (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**

## 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**

## 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.)"

## REPORTS



**136** SIENA messages

**30** intelligence contributions

~ **750** messages exchanged using CENcomm

**€ TAX EVASION PREVENTED: €370 361 417**



MTIC FRAUD



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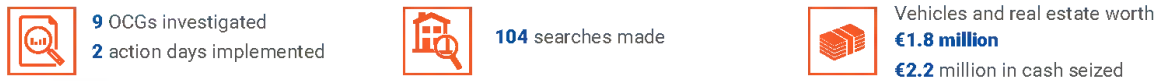
**31 ARRESTS**

**OVERALL RESULTS**

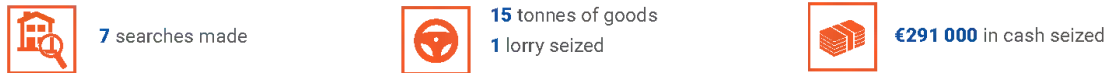


**OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

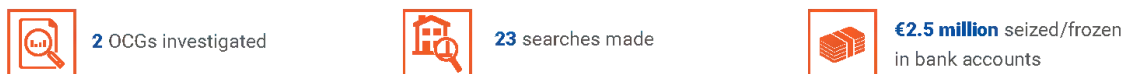
**BALTIC REGION**



**TEXTILES TRADE**



**TRADE OF ELECTRONIC GOODS IN SOUTHEAST/SOUTHWEST EUROPE**



**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


**MTIC FRAUD**

**2019**

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## 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

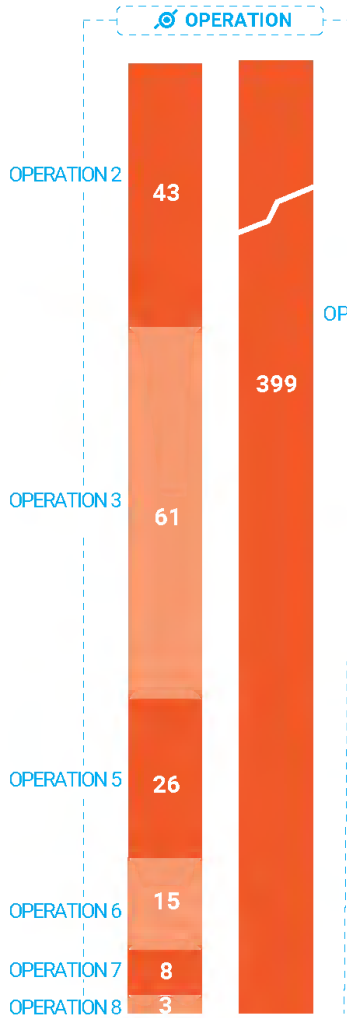
## GRANT FUNDING



- 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
- 2.5 tonnes** of cannabis
- €7.5 million** in cash, luxury goods and cryptocurrency
- 682kg** of MDMA  
**229 000** ecstasy pills  
**247kg** of methamphetamine
- 2.4 tonnes** of cocaine
- 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
- €60 000** 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 4**

- 242kg** of methamphetamine
- 269 litres** of BMK  
**85 litres** of N-formyl-methamphetamine  
**10kg** pseudoephedrine

**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



## 7 illicit laboratories for synthetic drugs production dismantled



**4** OPERATION 7



**2** OPERATION 9



**1** OPERATION 4



**1** OPERATION 8

## **2 JOINT ACTION DAYS**

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS**

### OPERATION 1



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



### EU Drug Market Report

by EMCDDA and Europol



### EU manual on illicit synthetic drugs/NPS production

### OPERATION 3



targeting drug trafficking through criminal market sites in the Dark web



### 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 exchange programme

**14** law enforcement officers enrolled



CEPOL online module on synthetic drugs

**236** participants

## **GRANT FUNDING**



**1** high-value grant: **€200 000**

**4** low-value grants: **€126 265**



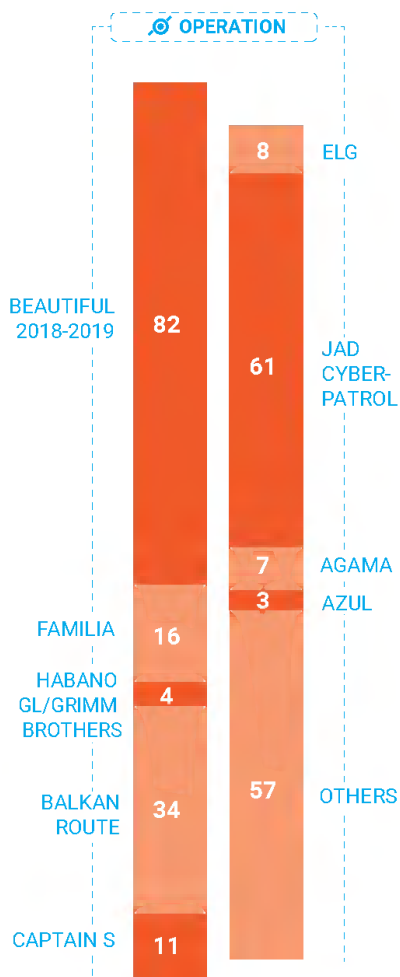
# CANNABIS, COCAINE AND HEROIN

## 2019

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### 283 ARRESTS

### SEIZURES



37.2 tonnes of cannabis resin

4 yachts  
1 sailing vessel

10 tonnes of cocaine

€27 million in properties and luxury goods

8 tonnes of acetic anhydride for heroin production

€7 million in cash

500kg of heroin

103 vehicles

10kg of fentanyl

800 bank accounts frozen

1 drug laboratory dismantled

### INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

#### FAMILIA

1 021kg of cocaine

#### BEAUTIFUL 2018-2019

4 tonnes of cocaine

€2 million in cash

> €2 million in cash

vehicles

77 vehicles

€1 million in luxury goods

3 yachts

#### CAPTAIN S

6.5 tonnes of cannabis resin

€20 million worth in properties  
> €6 million worth in luxury goods

4 firearms

800 bank accounts frozen

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## HABANO GL/GRIMM BROTHERS



**2 tonnes** of cocaine



**1** pleasure craft



**10kg** of fentanyl



**1** lorry

## AGAMA



**227kg** of cannabis



Alprazolam tablets  
Diazepam tablets



**2** lorries  
confiscated

## BALKAN ROUTE



**500kg** of heroin



**19** vehicles



**8 000 litres** of  
acetic anhydride for  
heroin production

## ELG



**10 tonnes** of  
cannabis resin

## LUNA III



**6.2 tonnes** of  
cannabis resin

## SOLEN



**5.4 tonnes** of  
cannabis resin

## DIABLO



**7.4 tonnes** of  
cannabis resin

## AZUL



**592kg** of cocaine



**1** sailing vessel



## 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** Morpheus 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



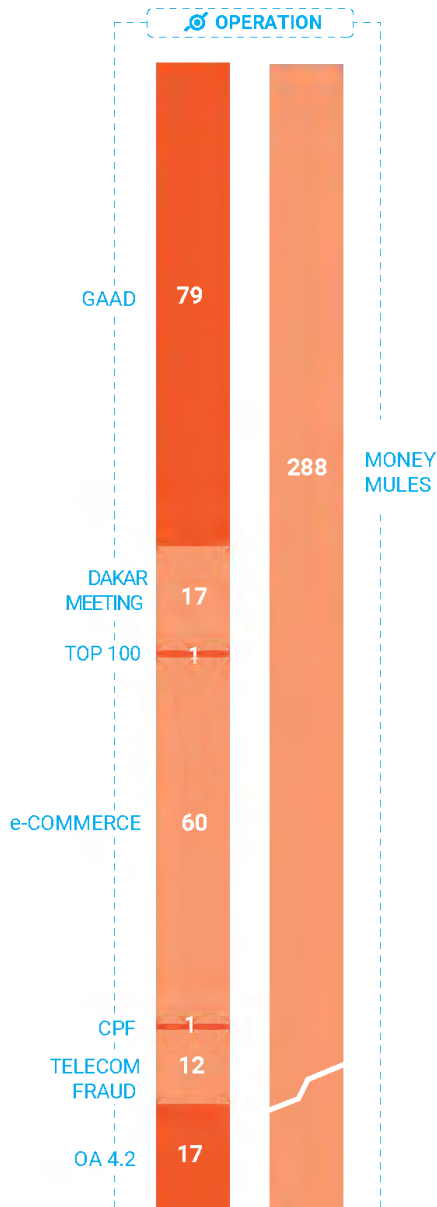
## GRANT FUNDING



**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)





## CYBERCRIME/NON-CASH PAYMENT FRAUD



2019

### € 17.9m FRAUD PREVENTION



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



### JOINT ACTION DAYS EMPACT ACTION DAYS



|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>GAAD 2019</b>                        | <b>EMMA 2019</b>                    |
| <b>CYBER PATROL/<br/>CARDING ACTION</b> | <b>E-COMMERCE<br/>TELECOM FRAUD</b> |



### 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 herders identified (EMMA)



4 757 victims identified (4757 EMMA)  
1 370 fraudsters identified (10 GAAD; 1300 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



### 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 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



## 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**

 **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**


 **21** childlike sex dolls  
**5** websites shut down

### 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

**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

**BASELINE MATERIAL CONFIRMED:**  
**52 365**



## CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

2019

### 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**



## CYBERCRIME ATTACKS TO INFORMATION SYSTEMS



2019

**7 INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS SUPPORTED**

**5 EMPACT ACTION DAYS EXECUTED**

**22 ARRESTS**

**SEIZURES**

### OTHER OPERATIONAL MEASURES

**> €550 000** in cash and cryptocurrencies

Several vehicles

**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€**

**16** proxy servers identified

### 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

**1** BTC analysis  
**2** BTC intel notification

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

**89** intelligence packages/investigative leads

**1** EMAS malware analysis report  
**2** forensic reports



## 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



## SEIZURES



### 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



**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

#### Other



**299.5kg** of drugs  
**188 000** medicine tablets



**€2 774 305** in cash  
≈ **€4 million** in cryptocurrency  
**€35 000** in gold



**25 866kg** of cocaine



**3 000** firearms traced



**80kg** of heroin seized

#### ICEBERG



**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

#### B...



**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

#### ALPES



**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.



## JOINT ACTION DAYS/EMPACT ACTION DAYS



**JAD Tayrona** - over **75** investigations were conducted and seized **19 552kg** 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).



## OTHER OPERATIONAL MEASURES



**570** house searches



**50** dark web accounts shut down



**65** search warrants granted



**18** investigations initiated



## REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRODUCTS



**4 595** 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 OAR – 239 CMR – 107 SHN); **15** Intelligence packages; **15** additional OM (not organised by AP); **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



## ORGANISED PROPERTY CRIME

2019

🔗 = OPERATION

 **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 PROPRETY CRIMES

### 2019

 = OPERATION

### JOINT ACTION DAYS EMPACT ACTION DAYS



#### JAD MOBILE 2

#### Seizures:



459 stolen cars



105 fraudulent identity documents



230 stolen car parts



20 tonnes of raw tobacco

11 EMPACT ACTION DAYS (including Ops Trident and Pandora)

#### TRIVIUM



381 arrests

#### Seizures:



15 stolen cars



€113 000 in cash  
Stolen cosmetics –  
valued at €420 000



### INNOVATION

#### DIAMOND

- Use of IMBOX application (Military Grade Instant Messaging Communications chatting platform)
- Europol facial recognition system



### PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR

- Baltic Sea ferry companies
- Cargo/transport companies
- Phone manufacturers
- Bank sector, etc.
- Car manufacturers



### GRANT FUNDING



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



### 2 LONG-TERM INVESTIGATIVE VISITS



### 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 - 488 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

1 video clip recorded to promote EMPACT

**148 ARRESTS**

**3 OCGs DISMANTLED**

**5 POTENTIAL HVTs IDENTIFIED**

**977 SUSPECTED INDIVIDUALS/LEGAL ENTITIES IDENTIFIED**

**4 SUSPICIOUS WEBSITES DETECTED**

**6 825 INSPECTIONS HELD**

**1 518 administrative fines recorded**

**387 INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED**

**SEIZURES**

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

**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

**Other seizures:**

**4** boats

**3** tanks

**12** vehicles  
**3** engines

**Assets seized:**

**€2 691 648 million** in illicit profit

**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.

**JAD CYBER PATROLLING**  
**4** suspicious websites identified

**LARGE SCALE JAD**  
 ENVIRONMENT RELATED SEIZURES  
**166** endangered species  
**2 471 kg** of illegal fisheries  
 Operational centre set up at the European Fishery Control Agency (ES).

= OPERATION

## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

### ARIEL 17 - YIN YU



24 arrests

#### Seizures:



240 kg of glass eels



2 fishing boats



2 vehicles



€991 500 of assets

### CARPATOS - SILURO - CARPE DIEM



13 arrests

#### Seizures:



30 tonnes of contaminated fish



11 fishing boats

#### JIT:

2 coordination meetings  
1 coordination centre set up at Eurojust

### ARQUIMEDES - QUERCUS



73 arrests

#### Seizures:



23 394 m<sup>3</sup> of timber



10 vehicles



4 035 inspections held

### TARGETING WASTE TRAFFICKING FROM END-OF-LIFE BATTERIES



15 arrests



1 OCG dismantled



5 potential HVT identified

#### Seizures:



1 030 tonnes of lead acid batteries (+ 9 630 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



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



# CRIMINAL FINANCES/MONEY LAUNDERING /ASSET RECOVERY



2019

🔗 = OPERATION

**49 ARRESTS**

**262 CASES**

## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

### CARTON ROUGE CASE 🔗



OA 4.3: **2** high value targets identified



Op Flakes, Op Niska, Op Collecteurs 13, Op La Strada, Op Kampuzo, Op Double balise, Op Guayota, Op Crypto Trading, Op Taurus

## 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**, FII **€ 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 in 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


 OPERATIONS

 **165 ARRESTS**
 **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**
 **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


 **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).

 **TURBERY** (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.



**3** 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:  
**FI:** intelligence notification document and ID fraud; Turkish special passport



**1** Handbook on Afghan documents;



**1** THB checklist to involve document experts in THB investigations

**NPS:** intelligence notifications on mislabelling practices in the smuggling of chemicals



**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 Combatting Document Fraud



## 11 JOINT ACTION DAYS EMPACT ACTION DAYS

**JAD** ARKTOS

**JAD** ADRIA

**JAD** DANUBE 4

**JAD** WESTERN BALKAN

**LSJAD**

**JAD** MOBILE 2

**JAD** MORPHEUS

**GAAD** Global Airport Action Days eComm **Action**

European Money Mule **Action**

**CYBER PATROL**

## RESULTS OF THE JADS 2019

**JAD** ARKTOS  
**JAD** CPA  
**JAD** ADRIA  
**JAD** DANUBE 4  
**JAD** WESTERN BALKAN  
**LSJAD**  
**JAD** MOBILE 2  
**JAD** MORPHEUS  
**JAD** GAAD

### SUSPECTS ARRESTED: 1 068



**86** drug trafficking/production  
**79** non-cash payment fraud  
**52** facilitated illegal immigration  
**3** excise fraud  
**41** THB  
**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** THB  
**63** online trade of illicit products and services  
**8** document fraud  
**299** other crime areas

### Victims of THB identified: 476

**460** adults  
**16** minors

### 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**

### DRUGS, (PRE)PRECURSORS 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