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Delegations will find attached factsheets outlining the results of the 2021 EMPACT Operational Action Plans and Joint Action Days, as well as results for the 2018 -2021 EMPACT cycle, as prepared by the EMPACT support team of Europol.



Data for general fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAPs 2021

OAPs 2021:

Quantitative data – from factsheets per priority/OAP (number of):

Priorities/ OAPs	Arrests	Seizures	Assets/Other seizures	Investiga- tions	Victims
FII	3.409	€926.760	93 cars, 1 yacht, 2 jet skis', 159 firearms, 2 bank accounts of 69.000€ and €74.000 re- spectively, 2 houses, 52,5 kilos of cocaine, 719kg of cannabis, 69340 hashish joints, 36 million illegal cigarettes, 2.36 tonnes of raw tobacco, 160 tonnes of alcohol, 6000 li- tres of mineral oil, 8730 kg hookahs, 128 ecstasy pills, 918 forged 2 euro coins, Hun- dreds of forged travel documents	3.285	
THB	3.108	33,2 million Euros and 1.3 million Pounds	90 different devices (computers, hard drives, mobile phones, false credit cards, bitcoins, and means of transportation), €100.000 in cash and jewellery (gold), 40 kg of marihuana.	1.250	5.294
ENVICRIME	76	€8.209.473	ivory items, waste containers, dogs, gas cylinders, treatment plants, etc.	234	

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EXCISE FRAUD	694	€462.497.087 €2.3 million EUR and 11.300 CZK in cash	<p>512.7 million pieces of cigarettes;1.62 mil- lion kg of tobacco (raw tobacco, fine cut to- bacco, water pipe tobacco);5 containers with counterfeit wine and 286,000 litres of alcohol; 35 million kg of designer fuel;480 kg of SNUS</p> <p>309 means of transport (trucks, trailers, cars, vans, ISO tankers, etc.); 42 fork-lifts; 26 flexi-tanks; 6,500 kg of bleaching earth, 3,000 litres of HHO (Kerosene), 14,000 li- tres of MGO (Marine Gasoil Red); 10 IBC's (Intermediate bulk container); 2 road tank- ers; Various assets worth €6.4 million; €1.82 million seized from bank accounts re- lated to designer fuel fraud;</p> <p>Machinery, equipment and pre-cursors for illicit production of tobacco products: 165;Production lines 45 Packaging lines; 78 Cutting machines; 29 Generators; 42 Forklifts;</p> <p>Huge quantities of precursors (filters, glue, cigarette paper, aluminium foil, flavours, packaging materials, etc.).</p> <p>356 Illegal production sites, tobacco cutting and storage facilities dismantled;</p>	231 ¹	

¹ From the action leaders reports

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			Cigarettes production sites 73; Water pipe production sites 28; Tobacco cutting facilities 71; Storage facilities 184. Tax evasion prevented 462.497.087 EUR		
MTIC	169	€23.259.804	Tax evasion prevented €45.000.000		
FIREARMS	404		4.020 firearms; 243 weapons; 17.468 ammunitions; 126.597 Kgs Pyrotechnics; 57 hand grenades	501 ²	
CCH	122	€1.721.500	2.600 kg. Cocaine; 1.317 kg. Marijuana; 14.239 plants (Marijuana); 926 kg. Heroin; 4.589 kg. cannabis; 28 vehicles trucks; helicopters; 2 Yachts; 4 weapons		
NPS SYD	31	€1.060.000 PLN 4.000.000	76 kg of 4-CMC; 4,1 kg of methamphetamine; 66 kg of MDMA + 800 pills; 15 kg of cutting agent for methamphetamine; 2 weapons	9 ³	
NCPF ⁴	1.851			2.550	146
CSA/CSE	58			302	169
CAIS	27	Almost €400.000 in fiat currencies ((a govern-	21 platforms; 7 luxury cars, more than 100		

² From the action leaders reports

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⁴ From the action leaders' reports

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		ment-issued currency that is not backed by a commodity such as gold) and € 1,1 million euros in cryptocurrencies	IT devices; 400 grs of gold, 22 kg of silver		
CFMLAR	9	€20.390.381 More than 50 foreign bitcoin exchange accounts for a total face value over €25 million euros seized in virtual currencies in NL	15 websites offline	77	
OPC	1.153	€ 23.755.617	€+105 million of real estates; 46 kg of gold, 1077 vehicles seized (or re-turned to owners), +1000 bottles of alcohol, +600 cosmetic/perfumes, significant number of luxury watches (+100), 10 weapons, 9426 cultural goods, 3,52 million cigarettes, several tens of kilograms of jewels, 2.6 kg cocaine, +100 mobile phones / tablets / computers, 4 stolen boats, 159 forged documents, 4 agricultural machines	464	

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DOCUMENT FRAUD	27		508 documents seized 2 print shops dismantled		
Total calcu- lated figures for public version:	11.138	n/a	n/a	8.693	5.609

Qualitative data from factsheets per priority/OAP (based on the Operational Highlights from the Driver's report)

1-OAP Facilitated Illegal Immigration

Operation related to TELEGRAM channel

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This organisation also facilitated the return of criminals to Algeria so that they could avoid identity checks at airports or harbours and sent to Algeria stolen items. The criminal activity of this organisation has been linked by the investigators to 54 migrant smuggling events, and 250 migrants have been associated with the ring in the seven months that the investigation lasted.

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2-OAP Trafficking in Human Beings

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An investigation against poly-criminal OCG with links to drug trafficking, tobacco smuggling and money laundering, active in Spain, Germany, United Kingdom, Ukraine and Russia, involved in THB for sexual exploitation of Russian and Polish victims. Action day with the following results: 8 house searches, 17 arrests, 2 victims liberated

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3-OAP Environmental crime

There were 42 526 inspections and 234 investigations conducted, leading to the seizures of 8 209 473 Euros in addition to numerous items (ivory items, waste containers, dogs, gas cylinders, treatment plants, etc.), and the arrest of 76 perpetrators.

Illegal trade of F-Gas

An action dedicated to the fight against the illegal trade of F-Gas, brought about unexpected results thanks to the creation of a multidisciplinary network involving relevant actors and experts from the Police, Customs and administrative authorities, including the participation of stakeholders from the private sector. The investigations conducted after the intelligence gathering period led to the arrest of 7 people and the seizure of numerous gas cylinders illegally traded within the EU.

Operations at sea

An action tackling environmental crime at sea, led to two main operations: "Multi-purpose Maritime Operations Black Sea" and "30 days at sea" can be pointed out as an example of successful operation. More than 29 000 inspections were conducted and led to the detection of more than 1400 offences (13 of them involving medical waste), 5 maritime pollutions and 10 cases of illegal shipments of waste.

IVORY

An action focusing on ivory trafficking, through the involvement of the NGO WWF/TRAFFIC, resulted in the operational phase in conjunction with the administrative authorities which provided technical and practical support. This preparatory work paved the way for the operational activities which directly led to 1224 inspections, 39 cases, the seizure of more than 200 ivory items and the arrest of 14 perpetrators.

4-OAP Excise fraud

Operation CHAIN BRIDGE VII/VIII

14 regional intelligence driven operations have been carried out in different regions of the EU targeting various aspects of excise fraud related to illicit, so called “designer” fuels, e.g., supply chains, new Modus Operandi applied, illegal storage facilities used, illegal production of designer fuels in the EU MS, etc. These well prepared and coordinated operational activities, carried out in the framework of operations Chain Bridge VII/VIII resulted in 73 arrests, almost 35 million kg of designer fuel seized, 17.6 million kg additionally determined designer fuels. Revenue loss prevented – 72.3 million EUR.

Operation LALIBELA

Led by FR and targeting illegal transportations of shisha (water pipe) tobacco, led to 1 suspect arrested, 4,842 kg of water pipe tobacco, 19,240 kg of raw tobacco seized, 1.2 million EUR of revenue loss prevented.

5-OAP MTIC fraud

OA 2.1: Number of suspects investigated, 142; number of SIENA contributions to AP MTIC, 181; number of joint operations, 5 (action day); number of searches, 269; Value of assets recovered : 21.620.000 EUR real estate/cars+bank accounts, 729.000 EUR cash; number of arrests, 164; tax evasion prevented, 45.000.000 EUR.

OA 2.2 (Baltic Sea): Number of suspects being investigated: 18; number of arrests, 5; Number of SIENA contributions to operational action: 63; Number of searches: 17; Number of arrests: 5. Value of assets recovered: 910 804 EUR.

6-OAP Firearms

Operation Conversus has targeted trafficking of blank firearms, which are illegally transformed into lethal firearms. As a result of the deployment of personnel throughout the year to carry out controls, inspections in premises and others, there were following seizures:

- 1534 firearms;
- 17464 pcs. Ammunition;
- 6550 kg pyrotechnics;
- Over 260 house searches

Operation Mars has targeted the conversion of of Flobert firearms into fire live ammunition:

- 1 OTF since OCT 2020 until now where 11 suspects were arrested, and 357 weapons were seized (the majority Flobert weapons). Over 1500 flobert weapons were sold by this OCG.
- Information about 1912 flobert weapons were contributed (by SK weapons books), out of which 15 were seized and traced to the weapons books of 2021;
- Additional 50 Flobert weapons were reported seized in different SIENA strings;

Operation ARMSTRONG VIII has targeted the trafficking of firearms by courier and parcels. It resulted in 313 seizures during the intelligence phase and further results during the Action Days – during the action days 51.248 parcels were checked, which resulted in seizures of 5 firearms, 1 gas/alarm weapons, 43 firearms parts, 48 pieces of ammunition and 104 other weapons.

7-OAP Cannabis / Cocaine/ Heroin

Operation MUSALA and CUBO

Over 60 suspected members of a Balkan drug cartel flooding Europe with cocaine have been charged in an international law enforcement operation involving eight countries, among them Colombia. It led to the following results: 23 members of the cartel arrested, seizures of 2.6 tons of cocaine, 324 kilos of cannabis (marijuana), 800 000 €, 12 luxury cars and 4 motorcycles.

Operation MARBLE and BITUMEN ROLLS

Two major investigations concerning trafficking of heroin along the Balkan route. The first investigation triggered seizure of 400 kg of heroine in port of Varna, Bulgaria. The second investigation led to the seizure of 520 kg of heroin in Sliven, Bulgaria.

- 3 suspects arrested in relation to the seizure in Varna.
- 2 suspects were arrested in relation to the seizure in Sliven
- Two pre-trial investigations/prosecutions were executed
- 920 Kg of heroin seized

Operation IDENTITY

Project IDENTITY is a framework to carry out intelligence gathering to identify High Value Targets and OCG members. The intelligence activities led to initiation of new criminal cases. Several European OCGs have been detected and 245 of its members identified so far. It will further contribute to disruption of criminal networks.

Operation AZUL

A maritime joint operation "Operation Azul" took place despite the pandemic restrictions. Statistical analysis of vessel movements continued to demonstrate the importance of the Azores archipelago to transatlantic sailing, highlighting the region as a key location for the prevention and tackling of maritime drug trafficking.

8-OAP NPS / Synthetic drugs

Operation GREN

During the operation targeting the Vietnamese organised crime groups there were various action days resulting in seizure of 64 kg of MDMA pills which can be estimated as 320 000 pills & five members of Vietnamese crime groups were arrested.

Operation HEXAGON

During the action days the amount of 76 kg of 4-CMC and assets in total amount of 1 000 000 Euro in cash were seized.

9-OAP Cybercrime Non-cash payment

ATM's attacks

Within an investigation supported by Europol, the Polish authorities have arrested two individuals committing so-called 'Black Box' attacks against ATMs, in which criminals connect electronic devices to a cash machine and remotely force it to spew out all its cash. The investigation uncovered that these criminals committed dozens of ATM attacks in at least seven European countries, stealing an estimated €230 000 in cash. The criminals were always targeting the same brand and model of ATM.

E-Commerce Action

The MS in cooperation with the Merchant Risk Council and Europol performed a coordinated action against online fraud as part of the 2021 eCommerce Action taking place in 16 countries in EU and beyond. As a result of this, 46 suspects were arrested linked to fraudulent transactions. The modus operandi involved using certain mobile apps associated with banks in order to make transfers and purchases illegally. Moreover, the participants of this action also launched the #SellSafe Awareness campaign translated to 16 languages. The aim of the campaign lasting for three days was to make e-commerce more secure by promoting safe online purchasing methods and by helping new merchants to open their first online shop without the risk of cyberattacks. The campaign was conducted on the websites and social media channels of participating agencies, press releases and TV-interviews of experts.

10-OAP Cybercrime CSA/CSE

Live stream sexual abuse of minors

A successful investigation, led by the Romanian Police, into live stream sexual abuse of minors with the focus on victim and offender identification, in cooperation with financial organisations used by the offenders to pay the organisers of the abuse, gave the following results:

- 61 Intelligence packages distributed based on Skype information;
- 35 minor aged victim identified;
- 40 suspects identified;
- 16 Countries involved.

Encrypted environments

As a result of the efforts made by the UK, supported by the participating MS and operational partners, an investigation of the encrypted environments obtained the following results:

- Identified high risk environments:
 - 59 paid for sites;
 - 8 chat sites;
 - 2 hosting sites;
 - 1 search engine;
 - 16 forums;
 - 5 Free IIOC (Indecent Images Of Children) sites;
 - 2 Index sites;
- Taken down:
 - 21 boards.

11-OAP Cybercrime Attacks information systems

Operation Blood Seeker

Investigations led by Romania and the United States, with the support of Europol, led to arrest one of the targets. The investigation targeted a sophisticated actor specialised in compromising corporate networks and exfiltrating sensitive information. He was also an affiliate for a couple of ransomware families.

Operation Talpa

This operation was carried out by the Canadian authorities together with the United States, supported by Europol, and targeted a *RagnarLocker* ransomware string. Affiliates of this ransomware family were arrested in the Ukraine. Results: 3 arrests. See more via <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/ransomware-gang-arrested-in-ukraine-europol%E2%80%99s-support>

Operation GoldDust

Five suspects who belonged to the ransomware group *REvil* were arrested. This operation was carried out by Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Romania, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Kuwait, UK, US and Europol. The *REvil* ransomware family was one of the most prolific one of the last years. Results: 7 arrests. See more via: <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/five-affiliates-to-sodinokibi/revil-unplugged>

Operation 5th Element

During this operation, twelve suspects were arrested. The operation was carried out by Norway, France, Netherlands, Ukraine, UK, Germany, Switzerland, US, Europol and Eurojust. The operation targeted members of the *LockerGoga* ransomware group that infected high profile companies across the world.

Operation 26Palmbeach

The operation was carried out by Germany, Netherlands, UK, Canada, US, Sweden, Italy, Bulgaria and Switzerland. The police authorities took down the criminal VPN provider DoubleVPN. Two suspects were arrested.

Operation LadyBird

Emotet, one of the most significant botnets, has been disrupted. The investigations were led by Germany and the Netherlands and supported by Ukraine, France, UK, US, Lithuania and Canada as well as Europol and Eurojust. Two suspects were arrested.

12-OAP Criminal finances, Money laundering and asset recovery

Sky ECC

The large bitcoin operation on the telephone messages (Sky ECC) made an impact on organized crime. Intelligence regarding foreign criminals will be shared with MS and third countries in 2022.

Investigations around 27 new cases on money laundering and investment/on line sale of financial service frauds from 14 MS were targeting 27 transnational OCGs and led to the following results: 9 arrests, seizures € 20.390.381,38, 15 websites taken offline.

13-OAP Organised Property Crime

Operation Gün Batimi:

Call centres based in Turkey were targeting elderly people in several countries and performed the fake-police or fake-grandson/child trick on them. Investigations included operational exchanges with the following countries AL, AT, BE, BA, BG, HR, EL, HU, NL, MK, RO, RS, SK, SE and CH. While Germany, Austria and Switzerland were the main countries targeted, The Netherlands were affected by money laundering activities and all other countries were crossed by the suspects on their way to and from Turkey. Operational meetings and action days in Turkey led to the following remarkable operational results: 37 arrests, 48 house searches, seizure of 1.5 Mio. € / 200.000 \$ cash, 5 kg gold, 25 luxury watches, 5 illegal weapons, 41 high value cars and 87 real estates. The total estimation of the seizures being € 105 Mio.

Operation RECEL 93:

A criminal case was initiated in France at the beginning of 2021 on a fencing network. A criminal organisation (family clan) was collecting stolen jewels. Members of the OCG were travelling once a week to Antwerp (BE) with 3 to 5 kg of gold/silver/precious stones/stolen jewels to be sold to a mala fide jewellery shop. The Joint Arrest Operation resulted in the seizure of 35 kg of gold, 360 000 € in cash, freezing of bank accounts containing 127 000 €, seizure of real estate in Paris, 75000€ of precious stones, 190 000 € of luxury watches (total seizure +2 € million). The dismantlement of this fencing network and its impact on organised crime in France and neighbouring countries is visible by the slowing down of criminal activities.

Operation SWORD:

With € 1.1 Million euros budget for two years (2021 – 2022), the project ISF SWORD brings a very important added value in the work of OPC investigators from the 30 participating countries. It also brings an important innovative concept in putting victims at the core of its activities. Indeed one of the project objective is to return stolen goods to the victims for a value of € 5 million.

- Operational support: deployment of 20 GPS tracking devices, cameras, drones and microphones)
- Operational results: 61 cases were supported by the project in 2021. Activities performed led to 124 arrests, 19 MOCGs dismantled, € 3 million seized, stolen goods worth a value of 300 000 € returned to victims.

Document fraud

Operation Made in China:

This Operation was dealing with a network of smuggling migrants from Morocco to Germany who travelled with Chinese or Thai visas. Upon their arrival in Germany, they used to apply for asylum at Frankfurt. After their release from the administrative detention center of Giessen, the migrants were picked up at the German border and disseminated inside the whole Schengen area. Then, they used forged administrative documents or obtained genuine resident permit illegally to stay on the territory. The price for the service of this OCG is estimated between 8000 and 10000 Euros per individual. After investigation the two heads of the OCG has been identified and arrested, one of them was captured in Seville following an European arrest warrant. 11 other OCGS members have been arrested, too. A mutual legal assistance has been launched in September 2021. On October 2021, in the framework of this judicial proceeding, a French delegation met with the Moroccan authorities to share element of investigations. Financial assets of OCG members have been frozen by the Moroccan authorities. The total profit of this OCG is estimated at 2 millions of Euros.

Operation Comme un Aimant:

This case is related to a smuggling network of a document counterfeiting identified in France/Marseille. The smugglers facilitated foreigners to stay on the national territory by providing them with European forged documents. As modus operandi, genuine documents were stolen by pick pockets in Marseille 'streets, and sent to Turkey in order to be falsified. The documents were sent back to France with new identity and sold on the dark web. An operational action conducted by police officers from the "Brigade mobile de recherche" of Marseille led to 5 arrests of the main protagonists involved in this network who contributed to provide forged documents in order for migrants to fraudulently obtain employment contract. The investigation done in Marseille had allowed to seize smartphones ,Go-Pro,Cameras, 24 foreign passports ,100 French passports , 82 French health care cards, registration cards, 120 French Driving licenses , 182 French ID cards. The operation has triggered further investigations.

Operation Aintox:

This Operation was dealing with a network of smuggling migrants from Moldova who settled in France by using fake Romanian identity cards manufactured in Moldova. Upon their arrival in France, the migrants were hired in building companies. A Joint action day was performed in Moldova, France and Romania. During the operation, two print shops were dismantled in Moldova, 7 counterfeiters were identified, 10 500 Euros in cash, 2 fire arms, six luxury vehicles, one standard vehicle, forged documents, material for forgery were seized. In France 5 luxury vehicles, 2 fire arms 8000 Euros in cash, 2 houses estimated at 833 000 Euros, 9 personal bank account for an amount of 69 000 Euros, 1 bank of account for 74 000 Euros were seized and 12 people were arrested. In Romania, luxury vehicles, 2 quads, 2 jet skis, 1 house estimated at 91 700 Euros, accountable documents, property field and 1 fire arm were seized. The OCG facilitated the illegal settlement of at least 150 Moldovan migrants.

Data for fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - FII 2021

OAP 2021: FACILITATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION (FII)

Quantitative data¹:

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			International Investigations supported
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Largest operations with the highest impact on organised crime:

Operation Made in China, Operation Aintox, Operation RIVIERA, Operation DISCOVERY, Operation "Comme un aimant", Operation Crafter, Operation Neptuno, Operation Arión, Operation Zodiac, Operation TRANSPORTER, TASK FORCE WESTERN BALKAN, Operation RISK, JIT Doro

JADs

JAD Danube 6 - 144 people smugglers arrested, 6656 irregular migrants apprehended, 76 false documents detected and over EUR 132 000 in cash confiscated. Albania alone reported 44 of the arrested people smugglers;

JAD Mobile 4 - 518 stolen vehicles detected, 397 stolen parts, 4 stolen boats, 1096 irregular migrants apprehended, 31 people smugglers arrested, 85 forged identity documents detected, 26 forged vehicle documents detected and 34 forged drivers permits;

JAD Stopover - 51kg of cocaine from passengers on scheduled flights; 38 cases of document fraud reported, involving 75 fraudulent documents, 60 refusals of entry; 1 facilitator of illegal immigration arrested; 13 persons arrested in connection with drug importation; 3 cases of visa fraud;

JAD Finestra - 36 million illegal cigarettes seized, 2.36 tonnes of raw tobacco, 32 smugglers of illicit goods and people smugglers arrested, 160000 litres of alcohol, 6000 litres of mineral oil, 174 migrants detected, 186 refusals of entry, 44 fraudulent documents detected and 6 stolen vehicles.

Cooperation with non EU-partners and private parties

Republic of North Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine, Moldova, United Kingdom, United States of America, Algeria, Morocco, Turkey, Pakistan, Senegal, Sudan and UNODC.

Training

Provided by **CEPOL** (10 training activities, 1268 trainees), **EU-LISA** (1 training activity, 33 trainees) and **FRONTEX** (3 training activities)

Grant Funding

- 2 High VALUE Grant: €229,995.02
- 10 Low Value Grant: €463,786.00

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - THB 2021

OAP 2021: Trafficking in human beings (THB)

Quantitative data¹:

Arrests	Seizures	Other		
		Identified /Reported Suspects of THB	Potential Victims Reported	New Cases Initiated
3108	90 different devices (computers, hard drives, mobile phones, false credit cards, bitcoins, and means of transportation). 100.000 euros in cash and jewelry (gold).	10,003 suspects	5294 victims of which 2750 are male, 2419 female and 125 unknown, 852 were indicated as underage.	1250 New cases

¹ No data reported in the category tax evasion

	33,2 million Euros and 1.3 million Pounds.			
	40 kg of marihuana.			

Operational highlights for Public version (from Driver's report):

In 2021 there have been 67 high priority cases in which 33 arrests were reported. The cases mentioned here below are examples of these high priority cases. Furthermore, there were 2 new Operational Task Forces (OTF) established.

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- Indoor marihuana plantation with 300 plants

Other Measures

7 strategic reports (strategic products: SOCTA, EMSC 5th Annual Report, including 5 European Monitoring Team Reports (EPMT) have been shared. A situation report on the current situation regarding Vietnamese human trafficking, EMSC Intelligence Notification – Trafficking of Vietnamese migrants into EU have been shared.

Internet as enabler: The Cyber Patrol activity in 2021 focused on testing the functionality of a number of web crawler tools. Demonstrations for 6 web crawler tools were provided to the group along with 2 months of free licences. Between October and November participating states were able to test the platforms' functionality.

Non-operational achievements

- Survey Routes of THB - A survey has been developed in order to identify the routes used by workers that go to other countries and end up being victims of exploitation.
- Blind Betting Awareness campaign - An awareness campaign against sexual exploitation has been developed called Blind Betting. Two video clips have been developed and filmed. Besides the two videos also poster and flyer materials have been developed. Par-

ticipating Member States were provided with the final products in the language of their country, including with the source materials which allows Member States to make their own adaptations in the poster and flyers, or even in the guiding texts in the videos.

- Training Vietnamese THB - The OA4.4 Payday project organised a training by the NGO Pacific Links Foundation. Pacific Links Foundation is an American-Vietnamese NGO that deals exclusively with Vietnamese migrants and victims of smuggling and trafficking in human beings.

Cooperation with non EU-partners and private parties

- Cooperation with Albania and Ukraine has been significantly strengthened.
- The project Nigerian THB (ETUTU) organised 1 virtual and one physical operational meetings including participation of the Nigerian partners.
- Chinese THB continued in 2021 mainly focusing on the EU cooperation, as the pandemic restrictions did not allow contact with the Chinese authorities. But an OTF on Chinese THB was started.
- Cooperation with Vietnam (Payday) and with North African countries.
- In 2020 contacts with the Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans – IPA 2019 were initiated aimed at establishing cooperation with the Western Balkan countries, by identifying through AP Phoenix, ongoing THB operations involving these countries.
- In total 39 non-EU officials participated in the Trainings, CEPOL activities from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Iceland, Serbia, Ukraine and the UK.

Training

- 3 onsite courses on respectively sexual exploitation, labour exploitation and child trafficking with an average satisfaction rate of 91%.
- 3 webinars on different topics with a satisfaction rate of 98%.
- 1 online module on THB that counted 191 participants.
- 1 exchange programme that hosted 3 participants.

Grant Funding

- 1 High Value Grant: € 175,104.32
- 1 Low Value Grant: € 46,610.00

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - Environmental Crime 2021

OAP 2021: Environmental Crime

Quantitative data¹:

Arrests	Seizures	Assets Seized	Other	
			Inspections and Controls	Criminal Investigations
78	ivory items, waste containers, dogs, gas cylinders, treatment plants, etc.	€ 8 209 473	42 526 inspections	234

¹ No data reported in the category Tax Evasion

Operational highlights for Public version (from Driver's report):

There were 42 526 inspections and 234 investigations conducted, leading to the seizures of 8 209 473 Euros in addition to numerous items (ivory items, waste containers, dogs, gas cylinders, treatment plants, etc.), and the arrest of 76 perpetrators.

Illegal trade of F-Gas

An action dedicated to the fight against the illegal trade of F-Gas, brought about unexpected results thanks to the creation of a multidisciplinary network involving relevant actors and experts from the Police, Customs and administrative authorities, including the participation of stakeholders from the private sector. The investigations conducted after the intelligence gathering period led to the arrest of 7 people and the seizure of numerous gas cylinders illegally traded within the EU.

Operations at sea

An action tackling environmental crime at sea, led to two main operations: "Multi-purpose Maritime Operations Black Sea" and "30 days at sea" can be pointed out as an example of successful operation. More than 29 000 inspections were conducted and led to the detection of more than 1400 offences (13 of them involving medical waste), 5 maritime pollutions and 10 cases of illegal shipments of waste.

IVORY

An action focusing on ivory trafficking, through the involvement of the NGO WWF/TRAFFIC, resulted in the operational phase in conjunction with the administrative authorities which provided technical and practical support. This preparatory work paved the way for the operational activities which directly led to 1224 inspections, 39 cases, the seizure of more than 200 ivory items and the arrest of 14 perpetrators.

Cooperation with non-EU-partners and private parties

Latin American countries, Ukraine and Southeast Asian countries

Private partners, institutions and non-governmental organizations strongly involved in the project

- non-governmental organization WWF/TRAFFIC
- European Fluorocarbons Technical Committee (EFCTC)
- EnviCrimeNet, Jaguar Network

Implementation of horizontal crime priorities

- Illegal online trade and document fraud

Training

CEPOL - 4 training activities completed; 307 trained officers;

French National School for Judiciary trained 30 magistrates from Europe, the Balkans and Asia on environmental crime.

Grant Funding

- 1 High Value Grant: €175,567.64

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - EXCISE FRAUD 2021

OAP 2021: Excise Fraud

Quantitative data:

Arrests	Seizures	Assets seized	TAX Evasion prevented	Other		
				Investigations initiated	Illegal production sites, tobacco cutting and storage facilities dismantled	Reports and information products
694	512.7 million pieces of cigarettes; 1.62 million kg of tobacco (raw tobacco, fine cut tobacco, water pipe tobacco); 5 containers with counterfeit wine and 286,000 litres of alcohol; 35 million kg of designer fuel; 480 kg of SNUS (Smokeless moist	309 means of transport (trucks, trailers, cars, vans, ISO tankers, etc.); 42 forklifts; 26 flexitanks; 6,500 kg of bleaching earth, 3,000 litres of HHO (Kerosene), 14,000 litres of MGO (Marine Gasoil Red); 10 IBC's (Intermediate bulk container); 2 road tankers; Various assets worth 6.4 million EUR; 2.3 million EUR	462,497,087 EUR	231	356 Cigarettes production sites – 73; Water pipe production sites – 28; Tobacco cutting facilities – 71; Storage facilities –	42

	powder tobacco)	and 11,300 CZK in cash; 1.82 million EUR seized from bank accounts related to designer fuel fraud; Machinery, equipment and pre-cursors for illicit production of tobacco products: 165 Production lines, 45 Packaging lines, 78 Cutting machines, 29 Generators, 42 Forklifts; Huge quantities of precursors (filters, glue, cigarette paper, aluminium foil, flavours, packaging materials, etc.).			184.	
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Operational Highlights for Public version (From Driver's report)

Operation CHAIN BRIDGE VII/VIII

14 regional intelligence driven operations have been carried out in different regions of the EU targeting various aspects of excise fraud related to illicit, so called "designer" fuels, e.g., supply chains, new Modus Operandi applied, illegal storage facilities used, illegal production of designer fuels in the EU MS, etc. These well prepared and coordinated operational activities, carried out in the framework of operations Chain Bridge VII/VIII resulted in 73 arrests, almost 35 million kg of designer fuel seized, 17.6 million kg additionally determined designer fuels. Revenue loss prevented – 72.3 million EUR.

Operation LALIBELA

Led by FR and targeting illegal transportations of shisha (water pipe) tobacco, led to 1 suspect arrested, 4,842 kg of water pipe tobacco, 19,240 kg of raw tobacco seized, 1.2 million EUR of revenue loss prevented.

JAD FINESTRA

Involved customs officers and border guards from 11 EU MS, Moldova and Ukraine and focused on excise goods and other illegal commodities smuggling, migrant smuggling and associated document fraud at the EU's Eastern land borders (32 suspects arrested, 36 million pieces of cigarettes, 2,360 kg of tobacco, 160,000 litres of alcohol, 6,000 litres of mineral oil seized, 44 fraudulent documents, 6 stolen vehicles and 174 irregular migrants detected, 5.52 million EUR of revenue loss prevented).

JAD ARKTOS III

Involved customs officials and border guards from 7 EU MS (6.7 million pieces of cigarettes, 2,605 kg of raw tobacco, 11,282 litres of alcohol, 8,100 litres of fuel, 594 kg of drugs seized, 226 fraudulent documents, 15 migrant facilitators and 547 irregular migrants detected).

Impact Action Day HANSA

Involved customs officers from 16 EU MS and took place in February 2022. As the activity has been completed a few days ago, operational results are being calculated at the moment (preliminary 67.2 million pieces of cigarettes and 8,584 kg of tobacco were seized in three different EU MS, 16 intelligence contributions exchanged).

Cooperation with non-EU-partners and private parties

Due to the activities carried out within the framework of this OA, officials of law enforcement authorities of the EU MS had established contacts with law enforcement agencies in the non-EU countries (Moldova and Ukraine) which allowed to exchange, enrich and verify intelligence information quickly, ensuring multidisciplinary response to the challenges faced. Operational achievements highlighted upon point related JAD Finestra.

Switzerland and the United Kingdom are also very active in certain EMPACT Excise Fraud activities ensuring smooth communication between officers from law enforcement authorities from these non-EU countries and the EU MS.

Other operational measures

Increased level of multidisciplinary cooperation can be highlighted not only between the different law enforcement agencies (police, customs, border guards) of different EU MS but also among relevant EU agencies such as Europol, OLAF and Frontex. JADs ARKTOS 3, Finestra and HANSA could be good examples of such multinational and multidisciplinary collaboration when joint operational activities were organised with close cooperation of border guards, customs, police agencies and active usage of tools available at Europol (SIENA, AP support), OLAF (VOCU deployment) and Frontex (Eurosur Fusion Services).

Training

- 1 onsite course.
- 2 webinars.
- 1 exchange programme.

Grant Funding

- 1 High Value Grant: € 176,360.70
- 4 Low value Grants: € 142,624.00

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - MTIC 2021

OAP 2021: Missing Trader Intra Community fraud (MTIC)

Quantitative data:

Arrests	Seizures	Tax evasion prevented
169	€23.259.804	€ 45.000.000

Operational Highlights (from Driver's report):

- OA 2.1: Number of suspects investigated, 142; number of SIENA contributions to AP MTIC, 181; number of joint operations, 5 (action day); number of searches, 269; Value of assets recovered : 21.620.000 EUR real estate/cars+bank accounts, 729.000 EUR cash; number of arrests, 164; tax evasion prevented, 45.000.000 EUR.
- OA 2.2 (Baltic Sea): Number of suspects being investigated: 18; number of arrests, 5; Number of SIENA contributions to operational action: 63; Number of searches: 17; Number of arrests: 5. Value of assets recovered: 910 804 EUR.

Cooperation with non-EU partners and private parties

Within OA2.1, a very good communication with Ukraine has been reported by the AL; furthermore, in the framework of OA 4.1 (and OA 6.2), US Homeland Security Investigations decided to become an associate member of AP MTIC participated in several operational meetings organised by AP MTIC; finally, CH, NO and UK participated in the OAP in some OAs.

Training and capacity building

OA: 3.1, led by Ceuol, which featured 499 trained/exchanged officers as a whole, with an extremely high level of satisfaction reported

Grant funding

No HVG or LVG requested in this OAP.

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - Firearms 2021

OAP 2021: Firearms

Quantitative data¹:

Arrests	Seizures		
	Firearms Seized	Pieces of Ammunition Seized	Pyrotechnics Seized
404	4020	17468	126597 Kg 57 hand grenades

¹ No data reported in the category assets seized and tax evasion

Operational highlights for Public version (from Driver's report):

Operation Mars has targeted the conversion of of Flobert firearms into fire live ammunition:

- 1 OTF since OCT 2020 until now where 11 suspects were arrested, and 357 weapons were seized (the majority Flobert weapons). Over 1500 flobert weapons were sold by this OCG. 228 messages were shared on this OTF. This is an ongoing investigation;
- Information about 1912 flobert weapons were contributed (by SK weapons books), out of which 15 were seized and traced to the weapons books of 2021;
- Additional 50 Flobert weapons were reported seized in different SIENA strings;

Operation Conversus has targeted trafficking of blank firearms, which are illegally transformed into lethal firearms. As a result of the deployment of personnel throughout the year to carry out controls, inspections in premises and others, there were following seizures:

- 1534 firearms;
- 17464 pcs. Ammunition;
- 6550 kg pyrotechnics;
- Over 260 house searches

Operation ARMSTRONG VIII has targeted the trafficking of firearms by courier and parcels. It resulted in 313 seizures during the intelligence phase before the Action Days, 54 firearms, 87 gas/alarm weapons, 61 firearms parts, 4 parcels with ammunition were seized. During the Action Days 51.248 parcels were checked, which resulted in seizures of 5 firearms, 1 gas/alarm weapons, 43 firearms parts, 48 pieces of ammunition and 104 other weapons.

JAD SEE 2021

390 000 individuals and 44 000 vehicles were checked at cross border locations and in suspected hotspots for criminal trafficking.

These controls and investigations have led to the following arrests in several European countries:

- Firearms trafficking or illegal possession of firearms: 17
- Migrant smuggling or illegal immigration: 73
- Drug trafficking: 37
- Firearms and drug trafficking: 7
- Document fraud: 12
- International arrest warrant: 1
- Other crimes not related to the JAD: 19

In addition, investigators seized 51 weapons of different types and 47 kilograms of a variety of drugs.

Other non-operational achievements

4 BULLETin have been developed, and translated to different languages, this BULLETin has been consolidated as a tool of informative, operational and strategic interest for the community of experts in the fight against firearms trafficking.

The Handbook for the detection of firearms at authorized points was finalized and printed in hard copy 2700 copies were disseminated by Frontex.

Cooperation with non EU-partners and private parties

- Cooperation with the Balkans, Ukraine and Moldova.
- Cooperation with MENA countries is a priority and activities are being developed with the support of EEAS and other relevant actors such as INTERPOL.
- Cooperation with Latin America is materialized through the cooperation through the PAcCTO, and the implementation of the network of experts on firearm trafficking called ARCO.
- Cooperation with the US agencies, especially ATF and HSI, as well as the FBI, as they maintain close contacts and participate in the different EMPACT activities.
- Participation with EU projects is very relevant, especially with the Flemish Institute of Peace, as well as in online activities with the University of Alcalá.

Training

- 3 webinars
- 1 Onsite course.
- 1 Online course.
- 1 Online module 'Firearms' (481 participants).
- Exchange programme (4 participants; 94% satisfaction).

Grant Funding

- 1 High Value Grant: € 173,983.12
- 1 Low Value Grant: €19,663.00

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - CCH 2021

OAP 2021: Cannabis, Cocaine and Heroin

Quantitative data:¹

Arrests	Seizures (drugs)	Assets Seized	Other Seizures
122	2.600 kg. cocaine 1.317 kg. Marijuana 14.239 plants (Marijuana) 926 kg. Heroin 4.589 kg. cannabis	1.721.500 euros	28 vehicles trucks, helicopters 2 Yachts 4 weapons

¹ No data reported in the category Tax Evasion Prevented

Operational highlights (from Driver's report):

Operation MUSALA and CUBO

Over 60 suspected members of a Balkan drug cartel flooding Europe with cocaine have been charged in an international law enforcement operation involving eight countries, among them Colombia. It led to the following results: 23 members of the cartel arrested, seizures of 2.6 tons of cocaine, 324 kilos of cannabis (marijuana), 800 000 €, 12 luxury cars and 4 motorcycles.

Operation MARBLE and BITUMEN ROLLS

Two major investigations concerning trafficking of heroin along the Balkan route. The first investigation triggered seizure of 400 kg of heroine in port of Varna, Bulgaria. The second investigation led to the seizure of 520 kg of heroin in Sliven, Bulgaria.

- 3 suspects arrested in relation to the seizure in Varna.
- 2 suspects were arrested in relation to the seizure in Sliven
- Two pre-trial investigations/prosecutions were executed
- 920 Kg of heroin seized

Operation IDENTITY

Project IDENTITY is a framework to carry out intelligence gathering to identify High Value Targets and OCG members. The intelligence activities led to initiation of new criminal cases. Several European OCGs have been detected and 245 of its members identified so far. It will further contribute to disruption of criminal networks.

Operation AZUL

A maritime joint operation "Operation Azul" took place despite the pandemic restrictions. Statistical analysis of vessel movements continued to demonstrate the importance of the Azores archipelago to transatlantic sailing, highlighting the region as a key location for the prevention and tackling of maritime drug trafficking.

Cooperation with non-EU partners and private parties

The OAP received cooperation to a different extent from: Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Pakistan, Serbia, Switzerland, UK, UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) and ENACT (Enhancing Africa's ability to Counter Transnational Crime), the Global Illicit Flows Programme and Project COLIBRI.

Training and capacity building

Capacity building activities carried out by CEPOL in 2021

1. Number of training activities delivered: **9**.
2. Number of Member States/Third Parties participated: **48** (27 MS + 21 TP).
3. Number of participants trained: **1110**

Grant funding

1 High Value Grant for 230,000 €

24 Low Value Grants for a total amount of 975.000€

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - SYD/NPS 2021

OAP 2021: Synthetic Drugs/New psychoactive substances (SYD/NPS)

Quantitative data:¹

Arrests	Seizures	Assets seized	Others	
			New cases initiated & Joint Actions	Specialized reports
31	76 kg of 4-CMC 4,1 kg of methamphetamine 66 kg of MDMA + 800 pills 15 kg of cutting agent for methamphetamine 2 weapons	1.060.000 € 4.000.000 PLN	9	18

¹ No data reported in the category Tax Evasion Prevented

Operational highlights for Public version (from Driver's report):

Operation GREN

During the operation targeting the Vietnamese organised crime groups there were various action days resulting in seizure of 64 kg of MDMA pills which can be estimated as 320 000 pills & five members of Vietnamese crime groups were arrested.

Operation HEXAGON

During the action days the amount of 76 kg of 4-CMC and assets in total amount of 1 000 000 Euro in cash were seized.

Cooperation with non EU-partners and private parties

No specific mention to countries or other partners in Driver's report.

Training and capacity building

Under the management of CEPOL, in 2021 have been implemented 11 activities including: 4 webinars, 4 on-site courses, 1 on-line course, 1 online module and coffee talks.

The total number of participants was 1618 persons from 27 EU Member States and 28 Third Parties.

Grant funding

1 High Value Grant for 176,363.60 €

4 LVGs received for a total amount of 194,811 €

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - NCPF 2021

OAP 2021: Non-cash payment fraud (NCPF)

Quantitative data:¹

Arrests	Others			
	Victims/e-merchants	Money mules identified	Fraudulent transactions reported	Investigations initiated (including JITs)
1851	146	18351	7000	2550

Operational highlights for Public version (from Driver's report):

ATM's attacks

Within an investigation supported by Europol, the Polish authorities have arrested two individuals committing so-called 'Black Box' attacks against ATMs, in which criminals connect electronic devices to a cash machine and remotely force it to spew out all its cash. The investigation uncovered that these criminals committed dozens of ATM attacks in at least seven European countries, stealing an estimated €230 000 in cash. The criminals were always targeting the same brand and model of ATM.

E-Commerce Action

The MS in cooperation with the Merchant Risk Council and Europol performed a coordinated action against online fraud as part of the 2021 eCommerce Action taking place in 16 countries in EU and beyond. As a result of this, 46 suspects were arrested linked to fraudulent

¹ No data reported in the categories: Seizures, Assets Seized or Tax Evasion Prevented

transactions. The modus operandi involved using certain mobile apps associated with banks in order to make transfers and purchases illegally. Moreover, the participants of this action also launched the #SellSafe Awareness campaign translated to 16 languages. The aim of the campaign lasting for three days was to make e-commerce more secure by promoting safe online purchasing methods and by helping new merchants to open their first online shop without the risk of cyberattacks. The campaign was conducted on the websites and social media channels of participating agencies, press releases and TV-interviews of experts.

Operational Highlights:

- 'Black Box' attacks against ATMs, in which criminals connect electronic devices to a cash machine and remotely force it to spew out all its cash (2 suspects arrested).

Cooperation with non EU-partners and private parties

- No information provided

Training and capacity building

- Avila Training Course in Spain, (under CEPOL umbrella) –Cancelled due to COVID-19-

Grant funding

- Low Value Grants: not requested
- High Value Grants: not requested

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - Child Sexual Exploitation 2021

OAP 2021: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Quantitative data¹:

Arrests	Other					
	Victims Identified	Suspects Identified	CSE Material identified	Series	Investigations	Dashboards released
58	169	303	959		302	4

¹ No data reported in the categories Seizures, Assets Seized and Tax Evasion

Operational Highlights:

1) Live stream sexual abuse of minors

A successful investigation, led by the Romanian Police, into live stream sexual abuse of minors with the focus on victim and offender identification, in cooperation with financial organisations used by the offenders to pay the organisers of the abuse, gave the following results:

- 61 Intelligence packages distributes based on Skype information;
- 35 minor aged victim identified;
- 40 suspects identified;
- 16 Countries involved.

2) Encrypted environments

As a result of the efforts made by the UK, supported by the participating MS and operational partners, an investigation of the encrypted environments obtained the following results:

- Identified high risk environments:
 - 59 paid for sites;
 - 8 chat sites;
 - 2 hosting sites;
 - 1search engine;
 - 16 forums;
 - 5 Free IIOC (Indecent Images Of Children) sites;
 - 2 Index sites;
- Taken down:
 - 21 boards.

2 Victim Identification Task Force (VIDTF) created- VIDTF9 and VIDTF10

Police2Peer (P2P)

The P2P platforms keep playing a major role in exchange of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) and that the disruption strategy used brings results.

- P2P files uploaded virtually to all countries in the world;
- 18 624 unique visitors to the helplinks.eu site for 2021 in four official languages: English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

Cooperation with non EU-partners and private parties

AU, BA, CA, CH, CO, ME, MK, NO, PY, RS, UK, USA, Ameripol, Latin American countries from ELIPSIA Network

Training and capacity building

5 CEPOL training activities implemented (2 onsite training activities & 1 online course & 2 webinars), 488 officers trained

Grant funding

- 1 Low Value Grant: € 35,773.00
- 1 High Value Grant: € 176,274.81

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP – CAIS 2021

OAP 2021: Cyber Attacks against Information Systems (CAIS)

Quantitative data¹:

Arrests	Seizures	Assets seized
27	21 platforms	<p>7 luxury cars, more than 100 IT devices</p> <p>Almost €400,000 in fiat currencies(a government-issued currency that is not backed by a commodity such as gold)</p> <p>€ 1,1 million euros in cryptocurrencies</p> <p>400 gr of gold, 22 kg of silver</p>

¹ No data reported in the category tax evasion

Operational highlights (from Driver's report):

Operation Blood Seeker

Investigations led by Romania and the United States, with the support of Europol, led to arrest one of the targets. The investigation targeted a sophisticated actor specialised in compromising corporate networks and exfiltrating sensitive information. He was also an affiliate for a couple of ransomware families.

Operation Talpa

This operation was carried out by the Canadian authorities together with the United States, supported by Europol, and targeted a *RagnarLocker* ransomware string. Affiliates of this ransomware family were arrested in the Ukraine. Results: 3 arrests. See more via <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/ransomware-gang-arrested-in-ukraine-europol%E2%80%99s-support>

Operation GoldDust

Five suspects who belonged to the ransomware group *REvil* were arrested. This operation was carried out by Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Romania, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Kuwait, UK, US and Europol. The *REvil* ransomware family was one of the most prolific one of the last years. Results: 7 arrests. See more via: <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/five-affiliates-to-sodinokibi/revil-unplugged>

Operation 5th Element

During this operation, twelve suspects were arrested. The operation was carried out by Norway, France, Netherlands, Ukraine, UK, Germany, Switzerland, US, Europol and Eurojust. The operation targeted members of the *LockerGoga* ransomware group that infected high profile companies across the world.

Operation 26Palmbeach

The operation was carried out by Germany, Netherlands, UK, Canada, US, Sweden, Italy, Bulgaria and Switzerland. The police authorities took down the criminal VPN provider DoubleVPN. Two suspects were arrested.

Operation LadyBird

Emotet, one of the most significant botnets, has been disrupted. The investigations were led by Germany and the Netherlands and supported by Ukraine, France, UK, US, Lithuania and Canada as well as Europol and Eurojust. Two suspects were arrested.

Cooperation with non EU-partners and private parties

- OA 2.1: Australia, Brazil, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Kuwait, Norway, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine, USA, G-DATA, Bitdefender, Microsoft and other private partners
- OA 2.3: Ukraine, UK, USA
- OA 2.4: RIPE
- OA 3.4: Nigeria, Rwanda, Interpol, Afripol, Google
- OA 3.5: Ceuol exchange programme in the following countries: Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Turkey, Ukraine
- OA 6.1: UK NCA, Canadian RCMP, US LEAs (DHS, DEA, USSS, USPIS)
- OA 7.2: USA

Training and capacity building

10 new specific guidelines were created (Twitch, Wish.com, Riot Games, Line, GitHub, Rocket Chat, Tumblr, Threema, Yubo, Shopify). Furthermore, 11 existing guidelines were updated, including WhatsApp and TikTok.

The 3rd edition of the EU Digital Evidence Situation Report was developed together with Europol, Eurojust and the European Judicial Network and was published on 24 November 2021. The yearly Conference of the EU Commission took place online in December with almost 800 participants.

CEPOL organised 7 onsite courses, another 7 onsite courses were transformed in online courses. Furthermore, CEPOL also implemented 4 webinars, 2 e-workshops and 1 e-Lesson. Additionally, an online Research & Science Conference was hosted by CEPOL in May 2021 where law enforcement experts delivered presentations regarding cyber-attacks.

An international prevention campaign was launched. Together with international partners, the Netherlands published the prevention campaign on Google.

The Cybercrime Conference (C³) of the BKA took place virtually in May 2021. The focus was put on European strategies for combatting cybercrime.

Grant funding

1 High Value Grant for 176,363.60 €

5 LVGs received for a total amount of 232,780 €

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - CFMLAR 2021

OAP 2021: Criminal Finances, Money Laundering and Asset Recovery (CFMLAR)

Quantitative data¹:

Arrests	Seizures	Assets seized	Operations supported
9	€ 20,390,381.38	More than 50 foreign bitcoin exchange accounts for a total face value over €25 million euros seized in virtual currencies in NL 15 websites offline	More than 77 cases

Operational highlights for Public version (from Driver's report):

Sky ECC

The large bitcoin operation on the telephone messages (Sky ECC) made an impact on organized crime. Intelligence regarding foreign criminals will be shared with MS and third countries in 2022. Investigations around 27 new cases on money laundering and

¹ No data reported in the category tax evasion

investment/on line sale of financial service frauds from 14 MS were targeting 27 transnational OCGs and led to the following results: 9 arrests, seizures € 20.390.381,38, 15 websites taken offline.

Operational Highlights:

- 27 new operational cases related to money laundering and investment/on line sale of financial service frauds are shared by participating Countries, involving AP SUSTRANS.

Cooperation with non EU-partners and private parties

- 1 virtual meeting with United Arab Emirates.
- Europol, led to the joining the AMON-network by the United Arab Emirates on the 30th of May.
- In the network EFIPPP 17 countries participated. In most countries, both LEA and FIU participate.

Training and capacity building

- 1 seminar developed by a member state on the topic 'stand-alone money laundering investigations' - supported by CEPOL, attended by 269 (tactical and financial) investigators and prosecutors.
- 1.385 officers trained by CEPOL on financial investigations via various training options.
- Progress in promoting cooperation with the private sector and with third countries.

Grant funding

- 3 Low Value Grants: € 105.217,13
- 1 High Value Grant: € 132,998.86

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP - OPC 2021

OAP 2021: Organised Property Crime (OPC)

Quantitative data¹:

Arrests	Seizures	Assets Seized	Other				
			MOCGs Dis- man- tled	Suspects identified	Inspections/ Crosschecks	Cases Supported	Operational Contributions
1153	€ 23 755 617	+105 € million of real estates; 3 896 973 € in cash; 46 kg of gold, 1077 vehicles seized (or returned to owners), +1000 bottles of alcohol, +600 cosmetic/perfumes, significant	60	608	28240 inspections; 10 045 checks; 1513 crosschecks	+464	9125

¹ No data reported in the category Tax Evasion

Arrests	Seizures	Assets Seized	Other				
			MOCGs Dis-man-tled	Suspects identified	Inspections/ Crosschecks	Cases Supported	Operational Contributions
		number of luxury watches (+100), 10 weapons, 9426 cultural goods, 3,52 million cigarettes, several tens of kilograms of jewels, 2.6 kg cocaine, +100 mobile phones / tablets / computers, 4 stolen boats, 159 forged documents, 4 agricultural machines					

Operational highlights for Public version (from Driver's report):

Operation Gün Batimi:

Call centres based in Turkey were targeting elderly people in several countries and performed the fake-police or fake-grandson/child trick on them. Investigations included operational exchanges with the following countries AL, AT, BE, BA, BG, HR, EL, HU, NL, MK, RO, RS, SK, SE and CH. While Germany, Austria and Switzerland were the main countries targeted, The Netherlands were affected by money laundering activities and all other countries were crossed by the suspects on their way to and from Turkey. Operational meetings and action days in Turkey led to the following remarkable operational results: 37 arrests, 48 house searches, seizure of 1.5 Million. € / 200.000 \$ cash, 5 kg gold, 25 luxury watches, 5 illegal weapons, 41 high value cars and 87 real estates. The total estimation of the seizures being € 105 Million.

Operation RECEL 93:

A criminal case was initiated in France at the beginning of 2021 on a fencing network. A criminal organisation (family clan) was collecting stolen jewels. Members of the OCG were travelling once a week to Antwerp (BE) with 3 to 5 kg of gold/silver/precious stones/stolen jewels to be sold to a mala fide jewellery shop. The Joint Arrest Operation resulted in the seizure of 35 kg of gold, 360 000 € in cash, freez-

ing of bank accounts containing 127 000 €, seizure of real estate in Paris, 75000€ of precious stones, 190 000 € of luxury watches (total seizure +2 € million). The dismantlement of this fencing network and its impact on organised crime in France and neighbouring countries is visible by the slowing down of criminal activities.

Operation SWORD:

With € 1.1 Million euros budget for two years (2021 – 2022), the project ISF SWORD brings a very important added value in the work of OPC investigators from the 30 participating countries. It also brings an important innovative concept in putting victims at the core of its activities. Indeed one of the project objective is to return stolen goods to the victims for a value of € 5 million.

- Operational support: deployment of 20 GPS tracking devices, cameras, drones and microphones)
- Operational results: 61 cases were supported by the project in 2021. Activities performed led to 124 arrests, 19 MOCGs dismantled, € 3 million seized, stolen goods worth a value of 300 000 € returned to victims.

JAD Mobile 4:

This action had a specific focus on trafficking of motor vehicles on the EU borders. More than 10 000 checks were performed and led to the seizure of 525 stolen vehicles, 400 stolen vehicle parts, 4 stolen boats, 2 stolen trailers and 1 stolen heavy machinery.

Cooperation with non-EU-partners and private parties

16: AL, BA, CH, CL, CO, EC, GE, Kosovo*, MD, ME, MK, NO, PE, RS, UA, USA

Other Non-operational achievements

- Report with a wide analysis on thefts in museums, this document presents a comprehensive intelligence picture of the phenomena and provides some advices to the multidisciplinary operators working in the sector.
- In the framework of this OAP, EUCPN reported the participation of 16 countries to the 2021 focus day on domestic burglaries.
- A recommendation paper on “what works to prevent domestic burglaries” was drafted and issued on the base of best practices contributed by 15 MS. This document is available on EUCPN website in all EU languages.

Training

- One onsite course on OPC organised in Spain
- Two webinars (Grandchild trick and Administrative approach)
- CEPOL exchange programme

Grant Funding

- 1 High Value Grant: €176,329.21
- 17 Low Value Grant: €556,339.53

Data for the fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAP – Document fraud 2021

Actions on Document Fraud in 13 OAPs 2021

Quantitative data:

Arrests	Fraudulent documents seized/ Print shops dismantled	Meetings
27	508 documents seized 2 print shops dismantled	7

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Operational highlights for Public version (from Driver's report):

Operation Made in China:

This Operation was dealing with a network of smuggling migrants from Morocco to Germany who travelled with Chinese or Thai visas. Upon their arrival in Germany, they used to apply for asylum at Frankfurt. After their release from the administrative detention center of Giessen, the migrants were picked up at the German border and disseminated inside the whole Schengen area. Then, they used forged administrative documents or obtained genuine resident permit illegally to stay on the territory. The price for the service of this OCG is estimated between 8000 and 10000 Euros per individual. After investigation the two heads of the OCG has been identified and arrested, one of them was captured in Seville following a European arrest warrant. 11 other OCGS members have been arrested, too. A mutual legal assistance has been launched in September 2021. On October 2021, in the framework of this judicial proceeding, a French delegation met with the Moroccan authorities to share element of investigations. Financial assets of OCG members have been frozen by the Moroccan authorities. The total profit of this OCG is estimated at 2 millions of Euros.

Operation Comme un Aimant:

This case is related to a smuggling network of a document counterfeiting identified in France/Marseille. The smugglers facilitated foreigners to stay on the national territory by providing them with European forged documents. As modus operandi, genuine documents were stolen by pick pockets in Marseille 'streets, and sent to Turkey in order to be falsified. The documents were sent back to France with new identity and sold on the dark web. An operational action conducted by police officers from the "Brigade mobile de recherche" of Marseille led to 5 arrests of the main protagonists involved in this network who contributed to provide forged documents in order for migrants to fraudulently obtain employment contract. The investigation done in Marseille had allowed to seize smartphones ,Go-Pro, Cameras, 24 foreign passports ,100 French passports , 82 French health care cards, registration cards, 120 French Driving licenses , 182 French ID cards. The operation has triggered further investigations.

Operation Aintox:

This Operation was dealing with a network of smuggling migrants from Moldova who settled in France by using fake Romanian identity cards manufactured in Moldova. Upon their arrival in France, the migrants were hired in building companies. A Joint action day was performed in Moldova, France and Romania. During the operation, two print shops were dismantled in Moldova, 7 counterfeiters were identified, 10 500 Euros in cash, 2 fire arms, six luxury vehicles, one standard vehicle, forged documents, material for forgery were seized. In France 5 luxury vehicles, 2 fire arms 8000 Euros in cash, 2 houses estimated at 833 000 Euros, 9 personal bank account for an amount of 69 000 Euros, 1 bank of account for 74 000 Euros were seized and 12 people were arrested. In Romania, luxury vehicles, 2 quads, 2

jet skis, 1 house estimated at 91 700 Euros, accountable documents, property field and 1 fire arm were seized. The OCG facilitated the illegal settlement of at least 150 Moldovan migrants.

Other non-Operational achievements

The continuation of the development of the innovative system ProFID (forensic profiling fraudulent identity and travel documents) which takes advantage of document fraud expertise as well as artificial intelligence to support the dismantling of OCGs related to document fraud.

Grant Funding

- 1 Value Grant: €99,933.64



Data for general fact sheets on results of the EMPACT OAPs 2021
For validation by the MS (NECs and Drivers)

JOINT ACTION DAYS (JAD) 2021

2021 RESULTS

JAD Arktos 3	JAD South East Europe	JAD Child Trafficking	JAD Stopover
JAD Danube 6	JAD Mobile 4	JAD Finestra	

741 Suspects arrested:

- 40 Drug trafficking/production
- 385 Facilitated illegal immigration
- 12 Firearms trafficking
- 38 Document fraud
- 266 Other crime areas/unknown.
- 78 new suspects identified

259 Cases/investigations initiated

187 Victims of THB identified

Drugs, (pre)precursors and NPS seizures:

- 51 kg of cocaine

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- 719 kg of cannabis + 920 plants

Weapons and explosives:

- 155 firearms
- 2125 rounds of ammunition

Other seizures / confiscations:

- 4960 kg of tobacco and 42.700.000 cigarettes
- 171.000 L of alcohol
- 14.000 L of diesel oil/ illegal fuel
- 4 boats, 545 cars and 400 car parts

Fraudulent documents seized: 698

Irregular migration

- Illegal migrants intercepted: 8.446
- Clandestine entries detected: 456
- Refusals of entry: 1.165
- Illegal stays and Overstays detected: 747

Data for general fact sheets on operational highlights of the EMPACT OAPs 2018-2021

OAPs 2018-2021:

Quantitative data - from general factsheets per priority/OAP (number of):

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021 ¹	Total
All OAPs					
Arrests	4983	7976	7487	11140	31586
International investigations/ Operations supported	4692	1413	2737	8881	17723

¹ Awaiting the validation of the 2021 fact sheets

Operational Highlights (per year)²

2018

Facilitated Illegal Immigration

Highlighted action: JOINT OPERATIONAL OFFICE IN VIENNA (JOO)

- Average of 20 operations ongoing;
- 3 JADs supported;
- 1 JIT – OP STYRIA established;
- 9 Joint Actions in Slovenia;
- 3 Joint Actions in Serbia;
- 5 Joint Actions in Germany;
- 3 HUBs identified (Belgrade, Subotica, Timisoara);
- 6 OCGs and 4 HVTs identified;
- 20 operational meetings organised;
- 67 arrests (26 JOO + 41 OP RANSCHO);
- 201 seizures; €55 050 assets seized.

² Source EMPACT General factsheets 2018 Europol Basic Protection Level, 2019 Europol Public Version, Council of the EU: General factsheet - OAPs 2020 results.

Trafficking in Human Beings

Highlighted action: OPERATION NANGA PARBAT NIGERIAN THB

- 89 arrests;
- 41 house searches in Spain and UK;
- €300,000 blocked in bank account;
- 39 victims safeguarded.

Environmental crime

Highlighted action: OPERATION LAKE

- 90 arrests;
- 4 394 kg of live glass eels seized (market value of: €8 million);
- 185 administrative cases initiated.

Excise fraud

Highlighted action: OPERATION CHAIN BRIDGE

- 73 investigations initiated;
- 67 arrests;
- Seizures: 4 200 tons of mineral oil;
- Revenue loss prevented - €9,400,000.

MTIC fraud

Highlighted action: MTIC FRAUDS IN THE BALTIC REGION

- 9 investigations;
- 20 individuals arrested;
- 150 searches;
- 30 seizures for a total amount of €2,200,000.

Firearms

Highlighted action: OPERATION BOSPHOROS III

- 112 arrests;
- 153 house searches;
- Seizures: 227 gas/alarm weapons; 9 901 pieces of ammunition;
- 20 other firearms; 65 flare adapters; 395 flares;
- 648 firecrackers; 7 scopes; 4 teasers; 13 knives/swords;
- 2 metal batons; 2 silencers; 2 flash hiders.

Cannabis / Cocaine/ Heroin

Highlighted action: OPERATION BEAUTIFUL

- 30 arrests;
- 2.7 tons of cocaine seized;
- €250,000 in cash;
- 6 luxury vehicles;
- 1 towing vessel;
- 1 fishing vessel properties in Spain.

NPS / Synthetic drugs

Highlighted action: OPERATION BRAMMA (26LIVONIA)

- 15 arrests.
- 230 kg of MDMA, 4 kg of amphetamine;
- 57 litres of liquid amphetamine;
- 1000 litres of drug precursors;
- 67 tons of chemical substances used for drug production;
- 4 firearms;
- 2 lorries and 8 motorcycles;
- 5 illicit laboratories dismantled.

Cybercrime Non-cash payment

Highlighted action: OPERATION EMMA (EUROPEAN MONEY MULE ACTION) 2018

- More than 800 investigations opened related to money mules.

Cybercrime CSA/CSE

Highlighted action: OPERATION VICTIM IDENTIFICATION TASK FORCE

- 386 new series created;
- 205 new images added to existing series;
- 130 notifications sent out;
- 5 victims safeguarded;
- 3 offenders prosecuted;
- 134 investigations initiated;
- In 165 series, country of production of child sexual abuse or exploitation material determined.

Cybercrime Attacks information systems

Highlighted action: OPERATION POWER OFF

- Takedown of illegal services and infrastructure;
- 5 arrests of top users of the platform in the EU, in the Balkans and in the Far East;
- 16 house searches.

Criminal finances, Money laundering and asset recovery

Highlighted action: OPERATION BABEL

- 45 arrests;
- €2,250,000 in cash;
- 1.2 tons of cannabis;
- 2 firearms.

Organised Property Crime

Highlighted action: OPERATION SPECTRE

- 315 arrests;
- 31 MOCs dismantled;
- €3,758,000 assets seized;
- 58 investigations supported.

Document fraud

Highlighted action: GLOBAL AIRPORT ACTION DAY (GAAD)

- Bookings of airline tickets using compromised payment card credentials and providing forged documents/visas/permits of stay
- Over 200 individuals using some hub airport to transfer (document swooping) on the way from Middle East to Western Europe identified.

2019

Facilitated Illegal Immigration

Highlighted action: 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.

Trafficking in Human Beings

Highlighted action: LABOUR EXPLOITATION

- 273 arrests;
- 323 potential victims identified;
- 100 new investigations.

Environmental crime

Highlighted action: OPERATION 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.

Excise fraud

Highlighted action: OPERATION 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.

MTIC fraud

Highlighted action: BALTIC REGION

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

Firearms

Highlighted action: OPERATION ARMES 72 AND WARDOGS

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

Cannabis / Cocaine/ Heroin

Highlighted action: 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.

NPS / Synthetic drugs

Highlighted action: 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.

Cybercrime Non-cash payment

Highlighted action: E-COMMERCE ACTION (ECOMM 2019)

- 60 arrests
- Fraudulent transactions reported for a value of €5,164,392.60

Cybercrime CSA/CSE

Highlighted action: VICTIM IDENTIFICATION TASK FORCE

- 19 victims identified and safeguarded;
- 1 914 series created and shared;
- 355 intelligence packages created.

Cybercrime Attacks information systems

Highlighted action: 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.

Criminal finances, Money laundering and asset recovery

Highlighted action: OPERATION CARTON ROUGE

- 2 HVTs identified

Organised Property Crime

Highlighted action: OPERATION PANDORA IV

- 64 arrests;
- 28 000 cultural goods seized;
- 158 criminal investigations initiated.

Document fraud

Highlighted action: OPERATION MARCO

- (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.

2020

Facilitated Illegal Immigration

Highlighted action: OPERATION FORTUNATE

- 1 OCG dismantled; 6 members arrested;
- 23 irregular migrants intercepted;
- 1 yacht, cell phones, storage devices and relevant documents stipulating money transactions were seized.

Trafficking in Human Beings (THB)

Highlighted action: OPERATION CUMBIA

- 8 suspects arrested; 15 potential victims saved;
- 3 apartments seized; €120,000 seized.

Environmental crime

- N/A

Excise fraud

Highlighted action: OPERATION CHAIN BRIDGE V (DESIGNER FUEL FRAUD)

- 11 suspects arrested;
- Seizure of 191 firearms, 3 714 rounds of ammunition;
- Small quantities of drugs including cannabis and cocaine;
- Unstamped cigarette packs; 1 vehicle, false ID documents and 164 pyrotechnic devices;
- Prior to the action days, all participating countries.

MTIC fraud

Highlighted action: CENTRAL EUROPE ACTION

- 39 arrests;
- 110 suspects investigated;
- 6 OCGs investigated;
- 1 JIT;
- 92 searches;
- €7 million worth of assets seized;
- €24 million of tax evasion prevented.

Firearms

Highlighted action: OPERATION BOSPHOROS

- 39 arrests;
- Seizure of 2.3 million kg of designer fuel, 9 750 kg of fine cut tobacco, 14 400 kg tobacco leaves, and 2 075 litres of alcoholic beverages;
- Revenue loss prevented : €11 million.

Cannabis / Cocaine/ Heroin

Highlighted action: OPERATION EMMA/26 LEMONT

- 21 HVTs arrested;
- 1 500 new investigations;
- Significant seizures of cocaine, heroin, amphetamine, weapons and explosives, etc.;
- Detection of containers used as torture chambers;
- Homicides resolved and prevented;
- Corruption cases detected and prevented;
- €139 million seized.

NPS / Synthetic drugs

Highlighted action: OPERATIONAL TASK FORCE TROIKA

- 11 640 kg of drugs worth more than €358 million seized;
- 3 Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) set up;
- Major drug transport operations discovered;
- Criminal groups disrupted;
- Numerous High-Value Targets (HVTs) placed under investigation;
- Drug concealment trends identified;
- Cybercrime Non-cash payment.

Cybercrime Non-cash payment

Highlighted action: OPERATION EMMA

- 1 529 criminal investigations initiated;
- Participation of more than 500 banks and financial institutions;
- 5 013 fraudulent money mule transactions identified;
- Total loss prevented estimated at €33.5 million;
- 6 809 money mules identified, alongside 227 money mule recruiters;
- 455 individuals were arrested worldwide.

Cybercrime CSA/CSE

Highlighted action: VICTIM IDENTIFICATION TASK FORCE 2020

- 218 Victim Identification Task Force series created;
- 184 victims identified;
- 3513 intelligence packages distributed;

Highlighted action: OPERATION targeting LIVESTREAM ABUSE OF MINORS, coordinated by the Romanian police, in cooperation with Western Union, MoneyGram and PayPal;

- Intelligence on 387 suspects collected;
- 10 suspects arrested;
- 33 children safeguarded;

Cybercrime Attacks information systems

- N/A

Criminal finances, Money laundering and asset recovery

Highlighted action: OPERATION PULSE

- 8 cards used in the Netherlands to take out illicitly obtained money from regular ATMs;
- A group of just 3 young men used more than 1 000 false IDs to get accounts on many online gambling sites for bonuses for new players;
- 1 arrest;
- Real estate valued at several million euros confiscated by the public prosecutor's office pending future judicial proceedings.

Organised Property Crime

- N/A

Document fraud

Highlighted action: OPERATION MASSILIA (FACILITATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION – FII)

- A print shop producing counterfeited documents was dismantled;
- 3 individuals suspected of forgery of documents arrested;
- Technical equipment, 1 150 blank plastic supports for ID cards and driving licenses, holographic bands, 16 counterfeit ID cards (Belgian, Spanish and Italian), ID photos of customers and forged breeder documents were seized

2021

Facilitated Illegal Immigration

Highlighted action: OPERATION VOGUEL

The investigation dismantled two organisations that were comprised of Moroccan, Algerian, and Spanish nationals.

- 54 migrant smuggling events;
- 250 migrants have been associated with the ring;
- 4 vehicles were seized;
- 9 houses were searched;
- 4 commercial venues inspected;
- 40.000 euros in cash seized;
- 3,5 kg of pink cocaine, 56 grams of angel dust seized;
- 730 tobacco boxes seized;
- Large number of electronic devises (mobile phones, tablets, smart watches) seized;

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Trafficking in Human Beings (THB)

Highlighted action: OPERATION RAXA

An investigation against poly-criminal OCG with links to drug trafficking, tobacco smuggling and money laundering, active in Spain, Germany, United Kingdom, Ukraine and Russia, involved in THB for sexual exploitation of Russian and Polish victims.

- 8 house searches;
- 2 victims liberated;
- 17 arrests;
- False credit cards seized;
- False document from different countries;
- 16.000 euro seized;
- 30 Devices, mobile phones seized;
- 5 laptops;
- 2 vehicles;
- Bitcoins seized;
- 40 kg of marihuana ready for distribution;
- Indoor marihuana plantation with 300 plants;

Environmental crime

Highlighted action: OPERATION AT SEA

- More than 29 000 inspections were conducted;
- More than 1400 offences detected (13 of them involving medical waste);
- 5 cases of maritime pollution;
- 10 cases of illegal shipments of waste;

Excise fraud

Highlighted action: OPERATION CHAIN BRIDGE VII/VIII

Targeting various aspects of excise fraud related to illicit, so called “designer” fuels, e.g., supply chains, new Modus Operandi applied, illegal storage facilities used, illegal production of designer fuels in the EU MS, etc.

- 73 arrests;
- Almost 35 million kg of designer fuel seized;
- 17.6 million Kg additionally determined designer fuels;
- Revenue loss prevented – 72.3 million EUR;

MTIC fraud

Highlighted action: OPERATION ACTION 2.1

- 164 arrests;
- Number of joint operations, 5 (action day);
- 269 searches;
- Value of assets recovered; 21.620.000 EUR real estate/cars+bank accounts;
- 729.000 EUR cash Seized;
- Tax Evasion prevented 45.000.000 EUR;

Firearms

Highlighted action: OPERATION CONVERSUS

Targeting trafficking of blank firearms, which are illegally transformed into lethal firearms.

- 1534 firearms seized;
- 17464 pcs. Ammunition seized;
- 6550 kg pyrotechnics seized;
- Over 260 house searches;

Cannabis / Cocaine/ Heroin

Highlighted action: OPERATION MUSALA and CUBO

- 23 members of the cartel arrested;
- 2.6 tons of cocaine seized;
- 324 kilos of cannabis (marijuana) seized;
- 800 000 € in cash seized;
- 12 luxury cars and 4 motorcycles seized;

NPS / Synthetic drugs

Highlighted action: OPERATION GREN

Targeting the Vietnamese organised crime groups.

- 5 members of Vietnamese crime groups were arrested;
- 64 kg of MDMA pills seized, which can be estimated as 320 000 pills;

Cybercrime Non-cash payment

Highlighted action: E-COMMERCE

- Action taking place in 16 countries;
- 46 suspects arrested linked to fraudulent transactions;

Cybercrime CSA/CSE

Highlighted action: LIVE STREAM SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS

Targeting sexual abuse of minors with the focus on victim and offender identification.

- 61 Intelligence packages distributes based on Skype information;
- 35 minor aged victim identified;
- 40 suspects identified;
- 16 Countries involved.

Cybercrime Attacks information systems

Highlighted action: OPERATION GOLDDUST

This operation was carried out by Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Romania, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Kuwait, UK, US and Europol. The *REvil* ransomware family was one of the most prolific one of the last years. <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/five-affiliates-to-sodinokibi/revil-unplugged>

- 5 suspects who belonged to the ransomware group REvil were arrested.
- 7 arrests in total.

Criminal finances, Money laundering and asset recovery

Highlighted action: OPERATION SKY ECC

The large bitcoin operation on the telephone messages (Sky ECC).

- 9 arrests;
- € 20,390,381.38 seized;
- 15 websites taken offline;

Organised Property Crime

Highlighted action: OPERATION GÜN BATIMI

Call centres based in Turkey targeting elderly people in several countries.

- 37 arrests;
- 48 house searches;
- Seizure of 1.5 Million;
- 5 kg gold, 25 luxury watches seized;
- 5 illegal weapons;
- 41 high value cars and 87 real estates seized.

Document fraud

Highlighted action: OPERATION AINTOX

This Operation was dealing with a network of smuggling migrants from Moldova who settled in France by using fake Romanian identity cards manufactured in Moldova.

- 12 people were arrested;
- 2 print shops were dismantled;
- 7 counterfeiters were identified;
- 18 500 Euros in cash;
- 5 firearms seized;
- 13 luxury vehicles;
- 3 houses estimated at € 924,700.00;
- 10 personal bank account with an amount 143,000 Euros were seized;
- 2 quads and 2 jet skis seized;

Data for the summary general fact sheet on results of the EMPACT OAPs 2018-2021 – based on the annual general factsheets

1 Quantitative data - from annual factsheets per priority/OAP (number of):

OAP /year Facilitated Illegal Im- migration	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investiga- tions/Operati- ons supported	Victims identi- fied	OCGs (criminal networks) identified/ disman- tled	HVT identified/ arrested
2018	1.572		€78.480			27/14	35/2
2019	2.601	2 875 documents, 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	€1.200.000			86	
2020	2.280	1 thermal printer, two laminators, 1 150 blank supports for ID cards and driving licences, holographic bands, 16 counterfeit ID cards; 381 vehicles/ 1 253 vehicle parts; 2 yachts, 1 boat, 2 outboard motors; 52 firearms; 1.8 tonnes of marijuana; 10.33 kg of heroine; 2 128 psychoactive tablets; 20 350 undeclared surgical masks	€693.900			27/14	1

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2021	3.409	93 cars, 1 yacht, 2 jet skis', 159 firearms, 2 bank accounts of 69.000€ and €74.000 respectively, 2 houses, 52,5 kilos of cocaine, 719kg of cannabis, 69340 hashish joints, 36 million illegal cigarettes, 2.36 tonnes of raw tobacco, 160 tonnes of alcohol, 6000 litres of mineral oil, 8730 kg hookahs, 128 ecstasy pills, 918 forged 2 euro coins, Hundreds of forged travel documents	€926.760	3.285			
OAP Total calculated:	9.862	n/a	€ 2.899.140	3.285	n/a		

OAP /year Trafficking in human beings	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investiga- tions/Operat- ions supported	Victims identi- fied	OCGs/cr- iminal networks identified and dis- mantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	421			1.240	6.057		
2019	825	6 vehicles, computers, mobile phones; €1.500.000 as- sets frozen	€173.000; \$2.500		1.307	94	1
2020	744	3 apartments	€120.000	1.025	5.030	744	
2021	3.108	90 different devices (comput- ers, hard drives, mobile phones, false credit cards, bitcoins, and means of transportation), €100.000 in cash and jewellery (gold), 40 kg of marihuana.	€33.200.000 £1.300.000	1.250	5.294		
OAP Total calculated:	5.098		€ 33.493.000 \$ 2.500 £1.300.000	3.515	17.688		

OAP /year Excise fraud	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investiga- tions/Operation s supported	Victims identi- fied	OCGs/crimal networks identified and dis- mantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	711	4 300 tons of mineral oil; 103 000 litres of oil products; 1 500 tons of tobacco; 771 million pieces of cigarettes; 3 000 litres of spirits; 19 properties; 75 lorries; 71 trailers; 60 other vehicles; 15 cutting machines and 7 generators; 98 production lines; 8 packaging lines;					
2019	444	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, 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,	€979.234				

		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					
2020	487	477 274 656 cigarettes; 1.47 million kg of tobacco (raw tobacco, fine cut tobacco, water-pipe tobacco); 2.31 million kg of designer fuel; 30 pallets and 31 690 litres of alcoholic beverages; 1 108 kg of snus; Assets seized: 465 vehicles (trucks, trailers, cars, vans); 57 forklifts; 1 ISO tanker and different types of containers (tank, IBC, maritime); smartphones, computers, tablets, camera system with data storage devices; machinery and equipment for illicit production of tobacco products (138 production lines; 30 packaging lines; 138 cutting machines; 32 generators and precursors.	€662.834	111			

2021	694	<p>512.7 million pieces of cigarettes; 1.62 million kg of tobacco (raw tobacco, fine cut tobacco, water pipe tobacco); 5 containers with counterfeit wine and 286,000 litres of alcohol; 35 million kg of designer fuel; 480 kg of SNUS</p> <p>309 means of transport (trucks, trailers, cars, vans, ISO tankers, etc.); 42 fork-lifts; 26 flexi-tanks; 6,500 kg of bleaching earth, 3,000 litres of HHO (Kerosene), 14,000 litres of MGO (Marine Gasoil Red); 10 IBC's (Intermediate bulk container); 2 road tankers; Various assets worth €6.4 million; €1.82 million seized from bank accounts related to designer fuel fraud;</p> <p>Machinery, equipment and precursors for illicit production of tobacco products: 165; Production lines 45 Packaging lines; 78 Cutting machines; 29 Generators; 42 Fork-lifts;</p> <p>Huge quantities of precursors (filters, glue, cigarette paper, aluminium foil, flavours, packaging materials, etc.).</p> <p>356 Illegal production sites, to-</p>	<p>€462,497,087</p> <p>€2.3 million EUR and 11,300 CZK in cash</p>	231				
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		bacco cutting and storage facilities dismantled; Cigarettes production sites 73; Water pipe production sites 28; Tobacco cutting facilities 71; Storage facilities 184.					
OAP Total calculated:	2336	n/a	€466.439.15 5 11,300 CZK	342			

OAP /year MTIC fraud	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investiga- tions/Operation s supported	Victims identi- fied	OCGs/crimal networks identified and dis- mantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	24	9 terabytes of data and documents	€3.220.000	12		18	
2019	31	15 tonnes of goods, 1 truck Assets seized: €6.800.000 seized/frozen	€2.200.000			12	
2020	50		€8.000.000			20	
2021	169	Tax evasion prevented €45,000,000	€23.259.804				
OAP Total calculated:	274	n/a	€36.679.804				

OAP /year NPS/Synthetic drugs	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investiga- tions/Opera- tions supported	Victims identi- fied	OCGs/crim- inal networks identified and dis- mantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	302	67 tons of chemical substances used for drug production; 1000 litres of drug precursors (BMK); 780 kg of MDMA; 112 kg of NPS; 788 606 blotters of LSD; 27 kg of crystal meth; 10 illicit laboratories for synthetic drugs production dismantled					
2019	555	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, 57 firearms, 16 cars and luxury goods, 7 illicit laboratories dismantled	€7.500.000 in cash and cryptocurrencies				
2020	107	12 tonnes of drugs (MDMA, methamphetamine, amphetamine, cocaine, cannabis); €60 000 of assets seized					
2021	31	76 kg of 4-CMC; 4,1 kg of methamphetamine; 66 kg of MDMA + 800 pills; 15 kg of cutting agent for methamphetamine; 2 weapons	€1.060.000 PLN 4,000,000				
OAP Total calculated:	995	n/a	€8.560.000 PLN 4.000.000				

OAP /year Cocaine Cannabis Heroin	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investiga- tions/Operation s supported	Victims identi- fied	OCGs/crimal networks identified and dis- mantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	181	30.4 tons of cannabis resin; 10.6 tons of cocaine; 7.3 tons of hashish; 5 tons of acetic an- hydride for heroin production; 3.1 million captagon pills; 949 kg of heroin; 158 kg of MDMA pills					
2019	283	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, 4 yachts, 1 ves- sel, 103 vehicles Assets seized: 800 bank ac- counts frozen, €27m in proper- ties and luxury goods	€7.000.000	11			
2020	2048	11 tonnes of cocaine; 8.4 tonnes of cannabis; 12 300 tab- lets of MDMA; heroin seizures; equipment for production of drugs, firearms; 3 labs for ille- gal cultivation of marijuana dismantled	€200.000.000	1500			

2021	122	2600 kg. Cocaine; 1317 kg. Marijuana; 14239 plants (Marijuana); 926 kg. Heroin; 4589 kg. cannabis; 28 vehicles trucks; helicopters; 2 Yachts; 4 weapons	€1.721.500				
OAP Total calculated:	2634	n/a	€208.721.500				

OAP /year Non cash payment fraud	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investiga- tions/Operation s supported	Victims identi- fied	OCGs/criminal networks identified and dis- mantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	523			2833/123		18	
2019	475	120 fake university diplomas and other counterfeit docu- ments, computers, luxury watches and other jewellery	€40.000	1306/3	4.757	1	60
2020	477			1567	7.088		
2021	1851			2550	146		
OAP Total calculated:	3326	n/a		8.256/126	11.991		

OAP /year CSE/CSA	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investiga- tions/Operation s supported	Victims identi- fied	OCGs/crimal networks identified and dis- mantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	86	223 child sex dolls and child abuse material seized			5	7	
2019	58	21 childlike sex dolls			39		
2020	37				184		
2021	58			302	169		
OAP Total calculated:	239	n/a			397		

OAP /year Cybercrime attacks to information systems	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investigations/Operations supported	Victims identified	OCGs/criminal networks identified and dismantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	32			12		13	
2019	22		€550.000 in cash and cryptocurrencies	7	40.000	1	9
2020	45	50 servers; 3 domains from bulletproof VPN provider; Bitcoin mining equipment	€100.000 in cryptocurrencies	8	40.000		
2021	27	21 platforms; 7 luxury cars, more than 100 IT devices; 400 grs of gold, 22 kg of silver	€400,000 in fiat currencies €1,1 million euros in cryptocurrencies				
OAP Total calculated:	126	n/a	n/a	27	80.000		

OAP /year Firearms	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investiga- tions/Operation s supported	Victims identi- fied	OCGs/crimal networks identified and dis- mantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	148	246 firearms; 224 gas/alarm pistols; 5 rifles; 2 Uzi sub-machine guns; 1 Glock pistol; 5 converted firearms; 20 other arms; 2 flamethrowers; weapon components (enough to assemble 16 functioning pistols and 7 assault rifles); 11 901 pieces of ammunition					
2019	1069	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, €4m in cryptocurrency, €35 000 in gold, 299.5 kg of drugs, 25 866 kg of cocaine, 188 000 pills, 80 kg of heroin	€2.774.305				
2020	154	2 732 weapons; 2 435 Firearms; 45 converted and re-branded gas/alarm weapons; 10 528 rounds of ammunition; 164 pyrotechnic devices; 117 Kg of drugs; 1 vehicle					

2021	404	4020 firearms; 243 weapons; 17468 am-munitions; 126597 Kgs Pyrotechnics; 57 hand gre- nades		501			
OAP Total calculated:	1775	n/a					

OAP /year Organised Property Crime	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investiga- tions/Operation s supported	Victims identi- fied	OCGs/crimal networks identified and dis- mantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	614	25 000 archaeological goods with a value of €40 million, 500 vehicles, 324 vehicle parts, 357 tons of metal with a value of €889 674, €5 428 000 asset seized (23 cases)		107		61	
2019	1251	€4.444.424 Value assets				23	
2020	540	3 hotels and 90 properties; +35 000 cultural goods; 517 vehicles + 1 361 stolen vehicle parts; 30 kg of gold; 110 kg of silver; 1,5 million cigarettes; 1 tonne of tobacco; 6 tonnes of copper; 12 boat engines; +120 ancient books; +50 luxury bicycles; 1 800 kg marijuana; 10 kg heroin; 141 forged documents; 26 weapons; Perfumes, cosmetics, tools, jewels, beer barrels, car key encoding case, GPS tracking devices, GPS jammers, etc. Assets seized: €58 510 691 (including €2 297 291 and \$200 000 in cash)	€2.297.291 \$200.000	8 Joint arrests operations		53 dis- mantled	

2021	1.153	€+105 million of real estates; 46 kg of gold, 1077 vehicles seized (or re-turned to owners), +1000 bottles of alcohol, +600 cosmetic/perfumes, significant number of luxury watches (+100), 10 weapons, 9426 cul- tural goods, 3,52 million ciga- rettes, several tens of kilograms of jewels, 2.6 kg cocaine, +100 mobile phones / tablets / com- puters, 4 stolen boats, 159 forged documents, 4 agricultur- al machines	€ 23.755.617	464			
OAP Total calculated:	3.558	n/a	€ 26.052.908 \$200.000				

OAP /year Environmental crime	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investigations/Operations supported	Victims identified	OCGs/criminal networks identified and dismantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	165	4.394 kg of live glass eels		120			
2019	148	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 394m ³ of timber, 3 tanks, 12 vehicles, 3 engines Assets seized: €2 691 648 illicit profit				3	
2020	440	32 kg of glass eels, 45 nets and fishing gear; 807 seizures of illegal timber (8 613m ³); 132 warehouses/illicit waste dumping facilities and 167 452 tons of waste; 20 birds; 700 dried butterflies, 7kg of gold, 77.5kg of mercury worth €250 000, 355 reptiles worth €800 000, 639 ivory items; 92 tons of WEEE (waste from electric and	237 million Colombian pesos (worth €90,000)				

		electronic equipment); 106 waste trafficking seizures with a total value of €92 925 294.00					
2021	76	ivory items, waste containers, dogs, gas cylinders, treatment plants, etc.	€8,209,473	234			
OAP Total calculated:	829	n/a	€8,209,473 237 million Colombian pesos	354			

OAP /year CFMLAR	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investiga- tions/Operation s supported	Victims identi- fied	OCGs/crimal networks identified and dis- mantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	148	€1 750 000 in bank accounts; €8 160 000 in virtual curren- cies; €7 400 000 in assets; 3 Salvador Dali paintings; 66 kg gold; real estate, companies, jewels, luxury vehicles and watches	€22.775.869	15 operations			
2019	49	18 vehicles, 165 cannabis plants Assets seized: 200 bank ac- counts frozen	€6.800.104	262 investiga- tions			2
2020	40	118 bitcoins, 4 properties, gold and silver coins worth a total of €5.5 M; €2.1 million worth of seizures including: 14 frozen bank ac- counts, 5 properties, 2 com- mercial companies' assets, 15 vehicles, weapons, multiple bank accounts and electronic items	€19.829.888				

2021	9	15 websites offline. More than 50 foreign bitcoin exchange accounts for a total face value over €25 million euros seized in virtual currencies in NL	€20.390.381				
OAP Total calculated:	246	n/a	€ 69.796.242				

Document fraud	Arrests	Seizures	Cash seizures value	International Investigations/Operations supported	Victims identified	OCGs/criminal networks identified and dismantled	HVT identified and arrested
2018	56	848 fake documents, 20 000 fake labels, assets: €31 000		3 operations			
2019	165	3.655 documents; 4 print shops dismantled		9 JADs			
2020	38	3 019 fraudulent documents, 1 150 blank plastic supports for ID cards and driving licences	€21.400	18		7	
2021	27	508 documents seized 2 print shops dismantled					
OAP Total calculated:	286	n/a	€21.400				
	Arrests						
TOTAL TOTAL	31.584						

2018-2021 Summary of RESULTS

3364 Suspects arrested:

- 492 Drug trafficking/production
- 220 Non-cash payment fraud
- 797 Facilitated illegal immigration
- 3 Excise Fraud
- 268 Trafficking in Human Beings
- 129 Firearms trafficking
- 137 Document fraud
- 1318 Other crime areas/unknown.

2637 Cases/investigations initiated

859 Victims of THB identified

Drugs, (pre)precursors and NPS seizures:

- 1466 kg of cocaine
- 16046 kg of cannabis + 3270 plants
- 739 kg of heroin
- 5.45 kg amphetamines
- 0.69 kg methamphetamines
- 6.22kg of MDMA and 340,712 Ecstasy pills
- 2128 tablets and 0.92kg of NPS (New Psychoactive Substance)
- 0.96kg of ketamine
- 11 300kg of MAPA
- 675 litres BMK

Weapons and explosives:

- 513 firearms
- 6022 rounds of ammunition
- 0.15kg of TNT and 95 grs explosives
- 57 (hand grenades)
- 20 explosive devices/parts

Financial seizures / confiscations

- 2,048,914 euros in cash
- Prevented loss of revenue 2,060,000 euros
- 1004 kg of high value goods

Other seizures / confiscations:

- 18455 kg of tobacco and 102,848,060 cigarettes
- 174940 liters of alcohol
- 20054 liters of diesel oil/ illegal fuel
- 13 boats/vessels, 1 trailer truck, 1910 vehicles and 2207 car parts/engines
- 4 Agricultural machinery + 256 (illegal goods)
- 166 endangered species
- 2471kg of illegal fisheries
- Drones (used for smuggling tobacco)
- 20350 undeclared surgical masks

Fraudulent documents seized: 2,289

Illegal migration

- Illegal migrants intercepted: 33,041
- Clandestine entries detected: 1,734
- Refusals of entry: 6,115
- Illegal stays and Overstays detected: 2,742

Overview of implemented JADs:

2018	2019	2020	2021
Olympus			
Cyber-patrolling	Cyber-patrolling		
GAAD (Global Airport Action Day)	GAAD (Global Airport Action Day)		
Large-Scale JAD (LS-JAD)	Large-Scale JAD (LS-JAD)		
	Adria		
	Morpheus		
		Agricultural Sector	
		Labour Exploitation	
Child Trafficking			Child Trafficking
	Arktos I	Arktos II	Arktos III
Danube III	Danube IV	Danube V	Danube VI
Mobile I	Mobile II	Mobile III	Mobile IV
Western Balkan/SEE (South East Europe)	Western Balkan/SEE (South East Europe)	SEE (South East Europe)	SEE (South East Europe)
			Stopover
			Finestra