Police and Customs Cooperation

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Europol Convention

Council Decision on establishing Europol

1992 - 1994 - 1999 - 2002 - 2010 - ...
1999
“Europol shall support and strengthen action by the competent authorities of MS and their mutual cooperation in preventing and combating serious crime affecting two or more MS, terrorism and forms of crime which affect a common interest covered by a Union Policy.”

Explicit mutual obligation to cooperate!

YES: coordination, support, analysis
NO: execution of arrest warrants, own
Organised criminal groups

- **5,000** international groups currently under investigation
- **>180** nationalities involved

**Composition**
- **24%** up to five members
- **76%** six or more members

**International Dimension and Mobility**
- **60%** of the suspects involved in serious and organised crime in the EU are EU nationals.
- **7 out of 10** OCGs are typically active in more than three countries
Europol can presently exchange:

- **personal data with:** 28 EU Member States, Albania, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Colombia, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United States, INTERPOL and all EU bodies (e.g. Frontex, Eurojust.)

- **information except personal data with:** any country, international organisation and the private sector.
Areas of competence II

- Murder & kidnapping
- Economic crimes & fraud
- Trafficking in nuclear materials
- Motor Vehicle Crime
- Arms trafficking
- Environmental crimes

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ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE

- Around 100 crime analysts
- Supporting over 40,000 international investigations each year
Analysis Workfiles (AWF) and Focal Points (FP)

Economic crime

- Drugs
  - Cola
  - Heroin
  - Cannabis
  - Synergy
- OC groups
  - Copper
  - EEOC
  - Furtum
  - Monitor
  - ITOC

Maritime Piracy
- Hydra
- Dolphin
- Travellers
- TFTP
- CTW

Terrorism
- Twins
- Checkpoint
- Phoenix

Crimes against persons
- INDE
- X

Copy
- Terminal
- Smoke
- MTIC; Soya
- Asset recovery
- Sports corruption

Horizontal topics

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IPC³ main objectives

Operational and technical support
provide operational and technical support to the competent authorities

Facilitate and coordinate
cross-border investigations

Monitor and report
monitor online crime trends and emerging modi operandi

Harmonisation and standardisation
enhance the harmonization and standardization of legal instruments and operating procedures to counter intellectual property crime globally

Raise awareness and train
Reach out to the public and law enforcement by raising awareness and providing training on this specific field of expertise

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Products, services

Expertise, information
- Europol Platform for Experts
- Cooperation with EU/international organizations and the private sector
- Trainings/workshops/seminars

Analytical
- Europol Analysis System
- Operational analysis

Coordination
- Information Exchange
- Operational meetings
- Joint Investigation Teams (JIT)

Financial
- Financing operational and strategic meetings

On the spot
- Mobile Office – remote access to Europol’s database
- Universal Forensic Extraction Device (UFED)
- TruScan RM Analyser
Europol Platform for Experts

• Online platform, accessible from all over the world through Internet

• Secure environment for experts to share all types information **except personal data**

• Interactive tool, enabling the users to add content and to build the platform to their needs

• Multi disciplinary (LEA, private sector, EU agencies,...)

• Restricted access
Operation In-Our-Sites (IOS)

This restricted area is meant to be the only point of reference for the exchange of strategic and technical information mainly between Europol and its Private Sector partners in IOS.

IOS follow-up survey is now closed. Please download the report here.

Thank you for your kind participation.

Operation IOS VII final reporting

Dear Law Enforcement Representative, dear Madame/Sir,

Please be informed that Operation IOS VII is coming to an end.

As agreed during the kick-off meeting of Operation IOS VII on 01-03 March 2016 at Europol HQ in The Hague, the final exercise is to return by 14 November 2016 at latest, the ‘final reporting form’ via SIERNA.

Please also remember that only the banners of those law enforcement authorities will be shown, which also contributed by means of the ‘final reporting form’.

Those who do report, are kindly requested to send with the reporting form also the logo of the reporting authority in a proper high quality resolution (more than 300dpi), until 7 November 2016.

You can email us at andreas.vidal@europol.europa.eu or bogdan.zinaru@europol.europa.eu for sending the logo or to contact us for any issues related to the development of IOS in your country.

For administrative reasons we kindly ask you to use this SIERNA number 116513, for any future communication regarding IOS VII, also for sending the ‘final reporting form’.

For forwarding your ‘final reporting form’ please use the official referral sheet template uploaded to the EPE
(Click here to download it)

Good luck and success to all of you!

Yours sincerely,
Europol, FP Copy team
Products, services

- Expertise, information
- Analytical
  - Europol Analysis System
  - Operational analysis
- Coordination
- Financial
- On the spot

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Operational analysis

- Traditional methods:
  • Link Analysis, Flow Charting, Event Charting, Activity Charting, etc.

- Advanced analysis:
  • SNA
  • GIS

Right Holder’s information
financial intelligence
witness statements
telephone data
GPS data
CTF shipments itinerary
real world
other relevant data
Products, services

Expertise, information

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Exchange of operational information

- Europol Information System (EIS)
- Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA)
- Liaison Bureaux network
**Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA):** Communication tool

- **1,400+** Secure lines to authorities
- **1,100,000** SIENA Messages
  - Top 5 crime areas:
    - 16% Robbery
    - 14% Drugs
    - 12% Terrorism
    - 12% Immigration
    - 12% Fraud

**EIS (Europol Information System):**
- More than 2.5 million searches and 1 million objects in databases

**Data protection and data security**
Coordination

- Evaluation of intelligence received
  - Tailored action
- Call for operational meetings
- Presentation of findings
- Proposals for joint actions
  - Task Force
  - Target Group
  - Joint Investigations Team (JIT)
Products, services

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- Coordination
- Financial
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Financing operational and strategic meetings

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Financing meetings

- Video-conference facilities
- OM at Europol HQ or outside in a country
- Up to max. 2 participant per country
  - Accommodation
  - Travel costs
  - Daily allowance
Meetings 2014-2018

Total participants

- 2014: 63,522
- 2015: 68,399
- 2016: 77,160
- 2017: 83,573
- 2018: 143,746
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On the spot

• Mobile Office
• Phone data extraction (UFED)
• Forensic examination

TruScan RM Analyser
* Material identity verification
* Used to identify counterfeit medicines
Cases supported

- 70,000 cases supported in 2018
- 5,000 cases supported in 2008

Funded by the European Union

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Main priorities (commodities/facilitators)

- E-commerce
- Food and beverages
- Pesticides
- Pharmaceuticals
Questions?
Thank you for your attention!

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