

EMPACT

2023 Results

Factsheets





FACTSHEETS ON 15 OAPs



MIGRANT SMUGGLING (MIGR)

2023 Results



Arrests

- > **6 801** facilitators;
- > **243** key facilitators identified and/or arrested.



Seizures

- > **1 549 246 €** in cash + assets value.



Assets seized

- > **7 296** forged documents.



Other

- > **4 690** International Investigations supported;
- > **47** HVTs identified and investigated.

No data reported in the category 'tax evasion prevented'.



OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PUBLIC VERSION (from Driver's report)

Other operational highlights

- > **54** criminal networks dismantled;
- > **8** OTFs established or continued;
- > **21** Common and EMPACT Action Days carried out;
- > **8** JITs ongoing;
- > **5** JADs carried out;
- > **59** training sessions carried out;
- > More than **1900** strategic analytical reports and intelligence products issued.

Operational Task Force (OTF) ITER

Operational response to several deadly incidents involving numerous deaths of police officers and migrants in relation to increased activities of organised criminal networks smuggling migrants from Türkiye mainly via Bulgaria and Greece to western Europe.

- > **102** house and store police-searches;
- > **41** smugglers apprehended;
- > **80** illegal migrants were detected;
- > Seizures of electronic equipment, various documents, evidence of money transfer and cash ;
- > **72 000 €** in cash;
- > Seizures of weapons, sim-cards, and vehicles.

Operation Gran Salto

Operation against and criminal network smuggling Cuban nationals into Spain through other countries, which provided fraudulent ID documents to reach Spain or transit cities.

- > **26** arrests
- > **14** house searches
- > **144** bank accounts frozen
- > **18** real states frozen.

It is estimated that **5 000** Cuban nationals might have been smuggled by this organisation.

Joint Investigation Team (JIT) Yolcu/Aladdin

Police forces of Germany, Romania, and Bulgaria, Eurojust and Europol executed several joint activities that resulted in:

- > six arrest warrants and **15** search warrants
- > **3** vehicles, mobile phones, documents and **6 000 €** in cash seized.

Excellent example of a police and judicial cooperation amongst EU MS and third countries, as well as of an efficient cooperation

tool in combatting the phenomenon of migrant smuggling in concealments.

JAD Danube 8

Coordination with WB and AT with the participation of EU and non-EU MS, Europol, Eurojust, Frontex as well as Interpol.

Exchange of intelligence, migrant smuggling, trafficking in human beings, and associated document fraud:

- › arrest of **108** facilitators;
- › **1 742** refusals of entry;
- › detection of **4 939** irregular migrants;
- › **642** illegal stays;
- › **115** document fraud cases;
- › seizure of more than **400 kg** of cocaine;
- › seizure of **1** automatic assault rifle, **1** pistol with **27** cartridges, **1** pistol with five cartridges, **1** air rifle with **344** pieces of ammunition;
- › seizure of **25** stolen vehicles.



LARGEST OPERATIONS WITH THE HIGHEST IMPACT ON ORGANISED CRIME

Operations Bolasie, OP Orontes, OP Belem, OTF Vistula, OTF Flow, OTF Wave, OTF Zebra, OTF Ladder, Operation Tatythai, Operation Werta, JIT Thalassa, JIT Yolcu/Aladdin.



COOPERATION WITH NON-EU PARTNERS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Western Balkans and Eastern countries. Moldova, Serbia, Bosnia Herzegovina. Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, and Türkiye. Thailand, Egypt, Morocco, Gambia, Cyprus.

Eu funded projects and international organisations. EUROMED; AFRIPOL; ISF Project SCOPE II; ISF COP SMUGG; ISF project COP Gambia, II ; CSCWB project, TOPCOP, WB PaCT project.



TRAINING

- › **59** training courses targeting law enforcement officers combatting migrant smuggling.
- › CEPOL onsite courses regarding Migrant Smuggling and webinars.
- › WB PaCT, a regional onsite course “Criminal investigations of poly-criminal groups dealing with migrant smuggling”.
- › EUROMED – “Facilitation of Irregular migration”.
- › Involvement FRONTEX



TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS (THB)

2023 Results



457 Arrests



Seizures

> **4 108 670 €** in cash.



Investigation initiated

> **1 175**



Victims identified

> **7 536** victims (reported/identified).

No data reported in the category 'tax evasion prevented'.



OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR PUBLIC VERSION (from Driver's report)

Other operational highlights:

- > **5006** suspects identified;
- > **6 041** contributions provide to Europol from participants;
- > **39** JITs;
- > **9** active HVTs investigated.

JAD-Operation Global Chain

Main objectives: identify, protect and refer victims and potential victims of human trafficking for assistance. Specific actions targeted the disruption of criminal networks potentially exploiting victims originating from South America, Asia, Africa, the Western Balkans and Ukraine.

Operational achievements during the action:

- > **1 426** potential victims identified,
- > **212** arrests,
- > **138** suspected traffickers identified,
- > **244** new investigations,
- > **130 000** law enforcement officers,
- > **1,6 million** people checked;
- > **25 400** locations;
- > **153 300** vehicles;
- > **72 850** documents;
- > **8 644** flights monitored;
- > **3 984** border checkpoints monitored.

OTF LOTUS

An international investigation under OTF umbrella since December 2021 targeting trafficking ring composed mainly of Chinese nationalities, members of the criminal networks exploiting Chinese victims for prostitution. This action is the biggest hit to date against Chinese human trafficking in Europe.

- > **300** mobile phones seized;
- > **34** houses searches;
- > **28** individuals arrested.

EMPACT THB Hackathons

In 2023, the HACKATHON continued developing the knowledge and insights around digital landscape of THB in sexual and labour forms of exploitation. The information exchange via Siena facilitated by NL ENU and AP Phoenix mobile offices on the spot. The Hackathon is strategic by nature but suitable to collect information with a potential operational exploitation into THB investigations.

Results (Ukraine focus)

- > **125** platforms monitored;
- > **42** platforms suspected of links to THB;

- 6 platforms linked to THB;
- 9 potential suspected identified;
- 9 possible victims identified;
- 15 new investigations initiated.

Results (Recruitment phase, sexual/labour & Chinese)

- 371 platforms monitored;
- 162 platforms suspected of links to THB;
- 5 platforms linked to THB;
- 8 potential new investigations initiated.



COOPERATION WITH NON-EU PARTNERS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Western Balkans

Strengthen cooperation with the WB states and integration into the EMPACT THB network. All WB states have been introduced to EM-PACT THB and will participate in various activities, especially in JAD's and EMPACT Action Days. Best practice workshop regarding cooperation with WB countries in the fight against human trafficking. October 2023 (11-12) Austria. WB authorities were invited to actively participate in all Strategic goals.

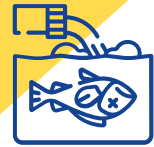
Ukraine and Eastern Partnership

The cooperation and links with the Eastern European Partnership countries have been strengthened. Contact with Moldova and Georgia has been established to facilitate investigations, exchange of information and the detection of new methods used by OCGs from this re-gion.



ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

2023 Results



 **507 Arrests**

 **Seizures**

- > **14 445** seizures (pets, animals, glasseels, trophies, ivory, birds, and timber).

 **Assets seized**

- > **53 600 000 €** estimated value of the seizures.

 **Other**

- > Over **42 000** inspections,
- > **1 272** criminal investigations, **765** people reported to the judiciary.

No data reported in the category 'tax evasion prevented'.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR PUBLIC VERSION (from Driver's report)

International waste trafficking

2 Operations with participation of several EU Member States, and third countries – EMPACT Action Day (EAD) tackling international waste trafficking – continuation of operation "Black Steel" resulting in:

- > **176** arrests;
- > **32 671 000 €** value seized;
- > **116 124** tons;
- > **6 888** inspections;
- > **973** cases opened;
- > **26** searches.

Illegal use and trade of phytosanitary products

- > **4 774** inspections;
- > **33** illegal deposits of phytosanitary products;
- > **24** subcontractors used for secondary treatment and sales;
- > **72 972,55** Kg/L of PPP seized and taken out of the market.

Wildlife crime and fauna

Operation dedicated to poaching and illegal trafficking of fauna (wildlife species and pets). The main actions were aimed at prevention of illegal trade and poaching of wild species, illegal fishery and glass eels-trafficking, illegal trade of ivory and reptiles, and poaching of great carnivores.

- > Over **30.000** inspections;
- > **200** intelligence contributions;
- > **1** HVT identified and reported;
- > **632** people reported;
- > **298** people arrested;
- > **8** tons of eels seized;
- > **5 994** birds;
- > **2 394** reptiles;
- > **36** trophies (estimated value of **€ 15,5 million**).

Cooperation

An action involved several countries, including some non-European partners belonging to the Jaguar Network. Collaboration of non-LE organizations and ONGs, such as WWF, IFAW, Global Initiative and the University of Granada. An OSINT online training was delivered to participants to prepare for the operational phase. Outstanding results of the Cyberpatrolling week, resulting in:

- > **21** arrests;
- > **12 767** seizures.

Fight against deforestation and Cooperation

Sub-action *Madeira de Lei*. Integration and information exchange between source countries of illegal timber (LA countries) and consumers (EU countries). Several operational meetings. This allowed fundamental knowledge and good practices sharing, as well as enhancement of investigative capabilities and intelligence. Well based analysis on threats and identification of weaknesses in tools like the EU timber regulation.

Wildlife trafficking

The Jaguar Network continues to enforce an efficient network across both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, strengthening and widening cooperation with Latin America. This cooperation is a clear example on combating wildlife and timber trafficking.

- › Operation YUCAO-AVEIRO (trafficking and money laundering),
- › Operation GODZILLA IV about the illegal trade of reptiles and mammals,
- › Operation ELDAR III illegal endangered species (eggs) trafficking.



EXCISE FRAUD

2023 Results



 **574 Arrests**

 **Seizures**

› **935 900 €** and **\$ 1.4 thousand** in cash

 **Assets seized**

- › **788,62 million** pieces of cigarettes;
- › **985 700 Kg** of raw and/or fine cut tobacco;
- › **1,06 million** pieces of chewing tobacco;
- › **176 800 Kg** tons of water pipe tobacco;
- › **1,29 million** pieces of e-cigarettes (e-cigarettes, vaping devices, etc.);
- › **465 litres** of e-liquids;
- › **8.19 million kg** of designer fuel;
- › **74 356 litres** of alcoholic beverages;
- › **148 kg** of golden and silver jewellery;
- › **5** illegal petrol stations (fuel pumping equipment, etc.), **1** external fuel pump;
- › **122** vehicles (trucks/lorries, trailers/semi-trailers/tank containers, cars, vans, etc.);
- › **73** forklifts;
- › Machinery (precursors);
- › **96** production lines;
- › **55** packaging lines;
- › **101** tobacco cutting machines;
- › **39** generators.

 **Investigation initiated**

› **139**

 **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR PUBLIC VERSION** (From Driver's report)

Illicit production of tobacco

Law enforcement officials (customs, police, border guards) dealing with the illicit production of tobacco products achieved tremendous operational results in **2023**.

- › **68** cigarettes production sites;
- › **18** water pipe tobacco production sites;
- › **49** tobacco cutting facilities and **56** storage facilities were dismantled in the EU;
- › Non-tobacco materials (precursors) and equipment:
 - ▶ **96** production lines,
 - ▶ **55** packaging lines,
 - ▶ **101** tobacco cutting machines,
 - ▶ **39** generators and large quantities of non-tobacco materials (precursors) (filters, cigarette paper, filter paper, glue, foil, flavours, packaging materials, etc).
- › **Operation "Chain Bridge 2023 underlined as a** successful intelligence driven operation example as targeted various types of transportations (maritime, using road tankers, railway, intermodal).



MULTIDISCIPLINARY COOPERATION

Increased level of multidisciplinary cooperation. Police forces and customs units from different EU MS (and non-EU countries) together EU agencies/bodies and international organisations (EPPO, Eurojust, Europol, Frontex, OLAF, Interpol, SELEC and WCO). Active usage of tools available at Europol (SIENA, AP support), OLAF (VOCU deployment) and Frontex (EUROSUR Fusion Services).



TRAINING AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

Training activities (CEPOL) on excise fraud related issues and specifically dedicated to the excise fraud related issues as well as awareness raising sessions on Eurosur Fusion Services (EFS) and other surveillance, analytical and technical tools of Frontex are significant factor contributing to development of EMPACT Excise Fraud priority in terms of relevant officials' ability to address actual operational challenges related to tobacco, mineral oil, and alcohol fraud.

- › **4** training activities (**1** residential course, **2** webinars and the Exchange Programme),
- › **307** participants from different law enforcement authorities in the EU MS and non-EU countries) at these courses,
- › Awareness and training sessions provided by Frontex: **49** representatives from the EU MS.

MISSING TRADER INTRA COMMUNITY (MTIC) FRAUD

2023 Results



117 Arrests



Seizures

> **33 019 148 €**



Investigation initiated

> **15**



Other

- > **97** suspects under investigation;
- > **366** searches.



OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

(from Driver's report)

VAT Fraud (trading in intangible goods and services)

- > **10** investigations;
- > **5** joint operations (action days);
- > **3 178 497 €** in value of assets recovered;
- > **24** arrests;
- > **1** operational meeting;
- > **2** Money Laundering/Financial investigations carried out.

Central European States action to tackle and combat organised VAT Frauds

Multidisciplinary cooperation including participation of police units and customs

- > **2** joint operations and joint investigations;
- > **263** searches;
- > **29 840 651 €** in value of assets recovered;
- > **93** arrests;
- > **8** operational meetings;
- > **73** suspects and criminal networks investigated.



COOPERATION WITH NON-EU PARTNERS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Cooperation with Ukraine, US Homeland Security, Switzerland, Norway, and UK.



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

CEPOL implemented successful and useful multidisciplinary training activities related to MTIC fraud.

FIREARMS

2023 Results



594 Arrests



Seizures

- > **1 156** firearms,
- > **51 224** rounds of ammunition.



Investigation initiated

- > **240**

No data reported in the categories 'assets seized' and 'tax evasion prevented'.



OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR PUBLIC VERSION (From Driver's report)

Operation Conversus

Operation that tackles one of the main modalities of firearms trafficking regarding the illegal transformation of blank acoustic or signal weapons in the European Union, which has expanded worldwide. These weapons are acquired with less administrative control because they are not considered firearms, but nevertheless, they are transformed in a quite simple way and manipulated to be lethal.

Participating countries are cooperating with Europol to prepare information packages that are used for domestic investigations and detections. The operation has been pushed to the next level thanks to Turkey's cooperation in explaining this threat.

Operation Armstrong

Operation in cooperation with the private sector to control firearms, parts and ammunition trafficked through postal parcels. This is a key activity since it is necessary to understand and know the different modus operandi of firearms trafficking in order to identify cases of illicit trafficking of firearms, parts and ammunition and act accordingly.

Operation Armstrong has been coordinated with Latin America, with the support of the ARCO network, as well as with the Balkans, with the support of UNODC.

JAD SEE: Joint Action Day South East Europe

Law enforcement authorities jointly targeted firearms trafficking with an intelligence-led approach. This operational action has allowed the deployment of experts to other countries and the development of an online patrolling activity coordinated with physical activity in the field.

Multidisciplinary cooperation Main targeted: Western Balkans and Southeast Europe, including an active participation from Moldova and Ukraine.



OTHER NON-OPERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

K9

Joint activity developed between firearms investigators and canine guides specialized in the detection of firearms and explosives. Two workshops held in which, carrying out joint practices both in

open and closed spaces especially lead to increase capabilities on the border between Slovakia and Ukraine in cooperation with the Ukrainian authorities.



COOPERATION WITH NON-EU PARTNERS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

- Balkans, Ukraine, Slovakia and Moldova (support of EUAM, EUBAM, UNODC, SELEC, SEESAC, EEAS and CEPOL);
- MENA countries (support of EEAS and INTERPOL);
- Latin America (through the PACCTO). Implementation of the network of experts on firearms trafficking called ARCO;
- Mounted Police of Canada and the United States;
- Cooperation with the private sector including technology companies such as Microsoft.



TRAINING

Numerous JAD SEE Joint Action Day South East Europe training activities

3D printing firearms conference

Supported by the University of London (UL). Cooperation with the private sector and academia. A manual on the experience of Canada at forensic and judicial level has been developed. Different studies from the UL have been conducted on the profiling of this type of criminals with a tendency towards extreme right-wing ideologies.



ACTIVITIES RELATED TO UKRAINE

Mobilization to tackle the possible risk of illicit trafficking of firearms within the war context.

Actions/activities:

- Coordination with liaison officer at Europol to identify actions and priorities for preventing, identifying and combating firearms trafficking.
- Commission and EEAS are working with a confidential list of actions with EMPACT being the director implementer of more than half of the actions.
- Coordination between the authorities, organizations and institutions that are providing support to Ukraine, specially those doing it at operational level.
- Mentoring and expertise of EU National focal points.



CANNABIS, COCAINE AND HEROIN (CCH)

2023 Results



 **750 Arrests**

 **Seizures (drugs)**

- > **44 686 kg** of cocaine;
- > **14 kg** of heroin;
- > **146 kg** of MDMA;
- > **143 957 kg** of hashish.

 **Assets seized**

- > **11 863 812 €** (Cash),
- > **16 000 000 €** value sized,
- > **10 000 000 €** blocked,
- > **61 000 000 €** in Real State value.

 **Seizures**

- > **70** vehicles + **1** boat + **300** HP out-board engines,
- > **38** firearms + **2** sub-fusils + **1** revolver + **1** semi-automatic gun.

 **Investigation initiated**

- > **125**,
- > **20** HVTs.

 **Other**

- > **89** violent crimes,
- > **154** properties searched,
- > **317** vessels checked,
- > **1160** crew members checked,
- > **6** vessels searched.

No data reported in the category 'tax evasion prevented'.

 **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**
(From Driver's report)

Balkan Cartel

- > Operation OPATIJA dismantling a sophisticated criminal network responsible for trafficking large quantities of cocaine from South America to Europe:
 - ▶ **6** arrests,
 - ▶ **2,7** tons of cocaine seized,
 - ▶ **550 000 €** cash sized,
 - ▶ **15** house searches.

Operation Kalotina BCP – (Heroin and Acetic Anhydride) - Balkan route

- > Bulgarian authorities at Kalotina BCP (BG-RS border) on a selected outbound control of **2** lorries travelling from Turkey via Bulgaria and Serbia to Bosnia & Hercegovina loaded with unpolished marble. Results: **4,834 kg** heroin and **1,194 kg** cocaine.

Operation AZUL

Analysis of vessel movements continues 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.

Over **18** days of operational activity: Total of **317** vessels checked; **1160** crew members. Analysis (for **7** years now) validates the peak season between May and June with approximately **700** vessels each year.



COOPERATION

European Operational Team (EOT)

The Project has facilitated expand operational cooperation to jointly combat organized crime. EU MS and third countries are part of the team. (30 countries in total). Supported by Europol and Eurojust. From 2022:

- 36 operations,
- 70 action days,
- 262 arrests,
- 8 028 kg of cocaine,
- 7 500 kilograms of hashish,
- 1 924 kilograms of marijuana,
- 1.73 kilograms of heroin,
- 109 083 kg of MDMA,
- 31 firearms,
- 5 110 719 € cash,
- 61 000 000 € value real estate,
- 66 vehicles seized,
- 138 house searches,
- 10 000 000 € blocked in bank accounts.

EMPACT Action Days (Airports)

Operational action designed to control (checks and profiling) drug smuggling at airports with a special focus on flights from South America to the EU territory. Activation of police forces and customs units in several airports of EU MS and non-EU countries. Participating countries: 36. Supported by Frontex, Europol, Interpol/AIRCOP.

Results over one (1) week reporting period:

- 46 people arrested,
- 354,21 kg of cocaine,
- 346,46 kg of cannabis,
- 37 kg of synthetic drugs,
- 101,259 kg of other drug substances sized.

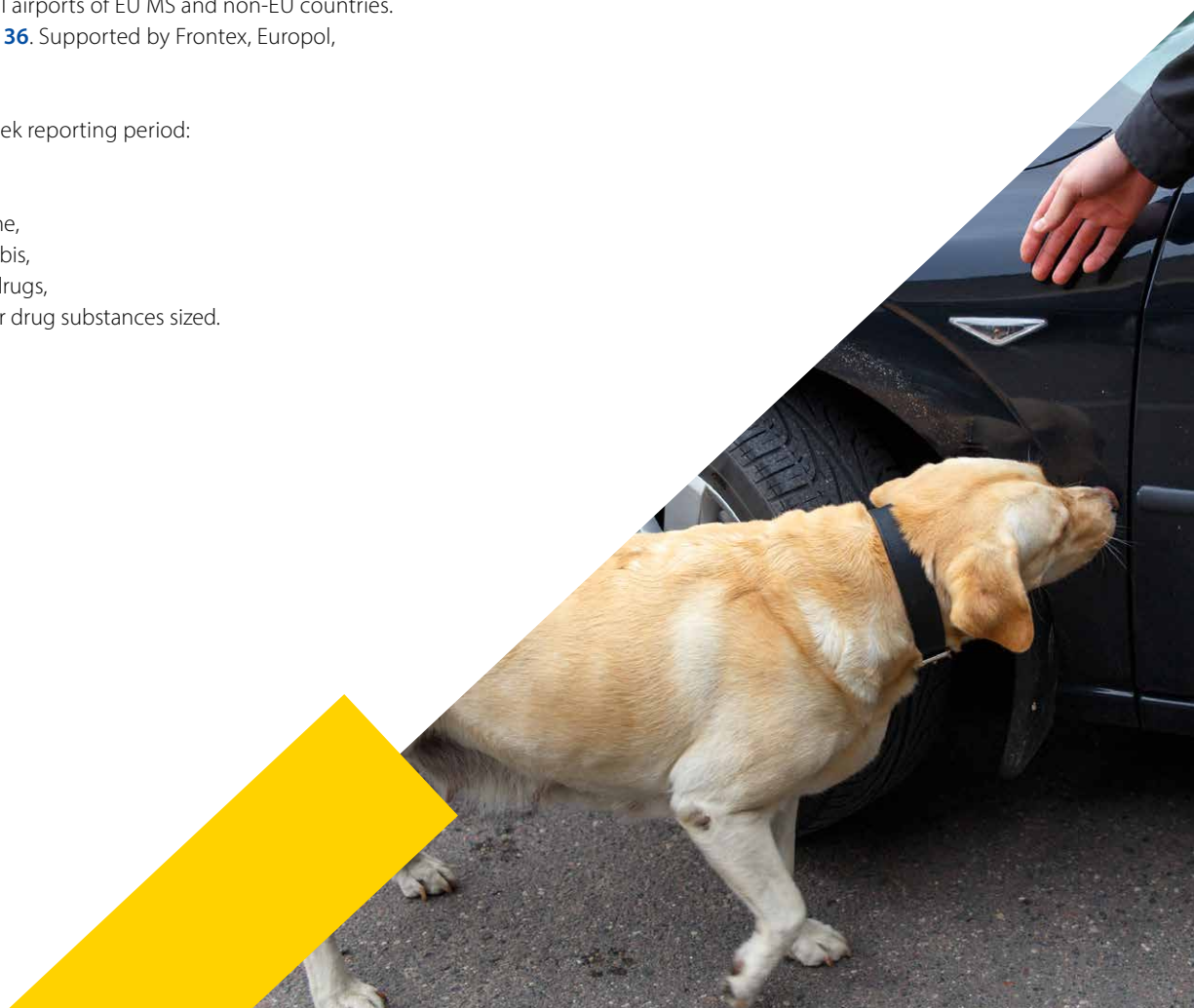
Operation Petrel-Esquembri

Remarkable cooperation with Latin American partners. Enhanced intelligence exchange. New partners joined the operation in 2023.

Information exchange between actors has proven be a key factor. Synergies identified with SEACOP and the Container Control Programme (UNODC). Capacity building activities carried out. Results:

- containers inspected 7 940,
- 1 601 rip off,
- 263 physical,
- 4 222 scanner, 1.854 non-defined.

Total amount of cocaine seized: 31 805,6 Kg.



SYNTHETIC DRUGS NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES (SYD/NPS)

2023 Results



 **148 arrests**

 **Seizures**

- > **3 300 000** pills pseudoephedrine;
- > **3 000 kg** ephedrine;
- > **0,15 kg** mephedrone;
- > **832 kg** pseudoephedrine powder;
- > **2 650** litres essential chemicals;
- > **52 kg** red phosphorus;
- > **14,5 kg** MAPA Pre-Precursor;
- > **78,32 kg** amphetamine;
- > **73,856 kg** methamphetamine;
- > **22 litres** liquid amphetamine;
- > **660 kg** pills captagon;
- > **35 kg** NPS;
- > **1 676,01 kg** cannabis;
- > **7 762,35 kg** hashish;
- > **2 886,74 kg** cocaine;
- > **19,52 kg** heroin;
- > **0,2 kg** Alfa-PVP;
- > **10 920** pills ecstasy;
- > **100 000** doses Synthetic opioids (fentanyl, isotonita-zene).

 **Other seizures**

- > **3** weapons ,
- > **3** synthetic drugs labs dismantled.

 **Assets seized**

- > **1 900 000 €**,
- > **336 200 PLN**,
- > **3 000 000 UAH**,
- > **22 400 PLN, 711 000 CZK** in assets on bank accounts.

 **Investigation initiated**

- > **27**,
- > **1** Joint Investigation Team,
- > **1** OTF.

No data reported in the category 'tax evasion prevented'.

 **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR PUBLIC VERSION** (From Driver's report)

Operations under WhiteSnow Project

Coordinated organisation of actions and meetings through the ISF WhiteSnow project:

- > **83** persons arrested (including **1** person with Interpol Red Notice);
- > **18** Investigations supported;
- > **2** synthetic drugs laboratories and **1** cannabis cultivation site dismantled;
- > Seizures:
 - ▶ **2 886,74 kg** of cocaine;
 - ▶ **19,52 kg** of heroin;
 - ▶ **1 446,1 kg** of cannabis;
 - ▶ **7 762,35 kg** of hashish;
 - ▶ **12,32 kg** of amphetamine;
 - ▶ **2,3 kg** of methamphetamine;
 - ▶ **10 920** pills of ecstasy.

Collaboration and alignment of activities of both CCH and NPS/ SYD OAPs.

Operation Paradoks

Polish-Ukrainian operation focused on trafficking of precursors used for the production of synthetic drugs.

Significant outcomes:

- dismantlement of **3** methamphetamine labs;
- **18** individuals arrested;
- **230 kg** of cannabis;
- **6 kg** of methamphetamine;
- **83 kg** of pseudoephedrine;
- **0,2 kg** of amphetamine;
- **0,2 kg** Alfa-PVP;
- **0,15 kg** of mephedrone;
- **52 kg** of red phosphorus;
- assets worth **3 000 000 UAH**.

JIT ARENA

Joint Investigation Team set up for the dismantling an intricate network involved in the diversion of ephedrine/pseudoephedrine for methamphetamine production. Giving account of **6.7 tons** of ephedrine chloride, potentially yielding up to **5.2 tons** of methamphetamine.

- **16** arrests;
- Seizures:
 - ▶ **1** synthetic drug lab;
 - ▶ **3 000 kg** of ephedrine;
 - ▶ **3 300 000** pills of pseudoephedrine;
 - ▶ **47 kg** of methamphetamine;
 - ▶ **1 900 000 €** and **366 200 PLN** in cash/**22 400 PLN** and **711 000 CZK** on bank accounts.

Project DrAIN2

Led by Germany, with a focused approach on enhancing international cooperation to combat narcotics and NPS-related crimes. Expert meeting held in Frankfurt, highlighting collaborative efforts against drug trafficking and money laundering. Discussions and exchanges during this meeting aimed at addressing the complexities of NPS legislation.



COOPERATION WITH NON-EU PARTNERS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Cooperation with the national authorities of Colombia in the context of the WhiteSnow project. Coordination meetings held with different directorates of the National Police of Colombia. Cooperation with Colombia remains one of the priority directions of cooperation for the joint fight against organized drug crime. Opportunity to learn about the training process in combating illegal drug laboratories.



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Participation and involvement in the CEPOL Mentoring Programme to enable the acquisition of new skills, professional competency enhancement, and increased operational efficiency of the Jordan's Anti-Narcotics Department in combating drug smuggling. It witnessed a new dimension in developing anti-narcotics capacities in the Middle East, covering various operational and investigative areas, enhancing intercultural communication, and solidifying partnership bonds.



ONLINE FRAUD SCHEME (OFS)

2023 Results



 **1 018 arrests**

 **Seizures**

- > Loss value prevented **32 million €** (not seized);
- > **125 000 €** seized.

 **Investigation initiated**

> **6 269**

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR PUBLIC VERSION (From Driver's report)

European Money Mules Action

Coordinated action lead within the EMPACT framework in which Law Enforcement Agencies from **27** countries covering Europe, Asia, North America, Colombia, and Australia participated. Private public partnerships implemented, providing support to **2 822** banks and financial institutions. Results:

- > **10 736** fraudulent transactions detected;
- > **2 822** banks and financial institutions helped;
- > **4 659** investigations triggered;
- > **474** recruiters;
- > **10 759** money mules identified;
- > **1 013** people arrested.

A specific focus on prevention has also been developed in order to raise awareness on the money mule phenomenon and deter people from engaging in this criminal activity.

Sporting Events

Specific investigative tools and measures were implemented to detect and disrupt criminal activities related to sporting events.

Results:

- > conducted **45** days of cyber-patrolling;
- > **220** illegal websites detected and investigated;
- > **10** investigations initiated;
- > **5** people arrested;
- > **125 000 €** seized.

Digital Skimming

Close cooperation between Law Enforcement Agencies from several countries and Computer Security Incident Response Teams that lead to a better intelligence picture and recommendations on legislative and police measures.

Fraud Investment

Public-private partnership is a key component to tackling online fraud schemes. Law enforcement officers from **20** countries and a major crypto-asset company held a cooperative sprint, enhancing the mutual understanding of the needs and means available to identify fraud investment. With Europol support, the outcomes were disseminated to the affected countries for investigative measures.

Prevention

23 Experts from EU and Non-EU Member States discussed how to engage with the private sector and raise awareness regarding the fraudulent use of solutions or online platforms. Participants benefitted from a dedicated training provided by the EUCPN (European Union Crime Prevention Network).

COOPERATION WITH NON-EU PARTNERS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Albania, Australia, Canada, Colombia, China, Iceland, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Ukraine.

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Designed to address operational challenges related to online fraud schemes. Onsite and online training solutions. Focused on case studies and best practices, while one was a formal training (evaluation of prevention activities). CEPOL trained police officers and border guards and judicial. The Finnish Police shared a guide on investigating online scams related to investment fraud.

- > **3** webinars, a Global Congress and numerous online and on-site trainings implemented in **2023**.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

2023 Results



188 arrests
(Offenders identified)



Seizures

- > 6 phones;
- > 2 computers;
- > 2 hard disks;
- > 3 USB;
- > 1 SD.



Investigation initiated

- > 429



Victims identified

- > 49 (safeguarded).



Other

- > 978 CSE material series identified;
- > 529 intelligence packages created.



OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

CII Group - VIDTF operation

This operation takes maximum advantage of the EMPACT network and funding getting more experts together. The VIDTF always give results as the numbers prove in 2023. No details because of the sensitive character of this work.



COOPERATION WITH NON-EU PARTNERS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Cooperation with Western Balkan countries. Thorough work with Slovenia and Croatia to work on prevention and capacity building. The first step to operational activities was set with a relatively small scale operation based on NCMEC reports. The step by step approach proves to be the right one.



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Training and capacity building are of the most importance in this criminal area. CEPOL together with the EMPACT network offers the correct training to the specialized investigators.

CYBER ATTACKS AGAINST INFORMATION SYSTEMS (CAIS)

2023 Results



 **21 arrests**

 **Seizures**

- > **155 500 RON;**
- > **124 955 €;**
- > **\$ 15 000;**
- > **97,86 ETH;**
- > **496 063 USDT.**

 **Assets seized**

- > Approximately **16 million €** worth of cryptocurrency.

 **Investigation initiated**

- > **25**

No data reported in the category 'tax evasion prevented'.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (From Driver's report)

Other relevant operational highlights

- > **21** distributed and **79** cross-match reports;
- > **270** phishing websites identified;
- > **85** phishing websites taken down;
- > **8** criminal contributed platforms;
- > **3** criminal actors administering phishing websites identified and related investigations;
- > **4** co-developed tools for processing and analysis;
- > **9** operational meetings and technical sprints;
- > **5** HVTs disrupted ;
- > **16 000 000 €** value of assets seized/frozen/confiscated;
- > **17** onsite and **4** online training events organised.

Operation Luna

Joint investigation against an organised criminal group that conducted ransomware attacks and other cyber-attacks offenses. Updated features of the solution.

- > **11** SIENA messages;
- > **2** physical meetings;
- > **5** online meetings;
- > **1** forensic examination;
- > **1** cross match report;
- > **9** house searches;
- > **2** money laundering suspects
 - ▶ Multiple computers and storage devices;
 - ▶ **496 063 USDT** Tokens;
 - ▶ **9 568 XTZ** Tokens;
 - ▶ **97,86 ETH.**

Operation Saffron

Sprint in Paris and Driebergen. Data analysis was conducted through two sprints in Paris (FR) and Driebergen (NL), funded by the **2023** HVG, with partners from The Netherlands, Canada, Spain, United-States of America, Romania and Europol. The initial goal was to target a bulletproof VPN service, "First VPN," for access and exploit data to identify High-Value Targets (HVTs). The strategy involved wiretap-ping nodes traffic, deanonymizing connections, and pinpointing HVTs.

Results: **10** nodes were wiretapped over 7 to 8 months, comprising **60%** of the VPN's total traffic, resulting in the collection of **300** TB of data, notifying **5** victims during attacks, **8** cybercriminals, and **1** identified as an HVT, an affiliate of the PHOBOS ransomware group.

Cryptostorm operation against the Bitzlato platform

LEA agencies from France, Spain, Portugal, Cyprus and the US worked together to act against this platform. Around **16 million** euros worth of cryptocurrencies were seized during the action week. This operation was granted the Europol award for most innovative operation.



COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

Albania, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iceland, Moldova, North Macedonia, Norway, Switzerland, USCBP, USFBI, Ukraine, INTERPOL

Several law enforcement agencies were involved with international Google ADS campaign.



TRAINING AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

CEPOL TOPCOP

CEPOL TOPCOP project implemented the regional training course on "Dark Web investigations, electronic evidence, and cryptocurrencies".

Aside the topics of deep and Dark Web the training programme touched upon aspects of ransomware, phishing attacks, cryptocurrencies and collection and preservation of electronic evidence. The satisfaction rate was quite high.

CEPOL EUROMED

CEPOL EUROMED project implemented the regional online course on cyberattacks for MENA countries. The presentation was aimed to recognise and analyse malware to obtain information on criminals.



CRIMINAL FINANCES, MONEY LAUNDERING AND ASSET RECOVERY (CFMLAR)

2023 Results



 **596 arrests**

 **Seizures**

> **356 000 000 €** cash.

 **Assets seized**

- > **96** real estate properties;
- > **10** cars;
- > **1** jet ski;
- > luxury watches & jewellery.

 **Investigation initiated**

> **1 275**

No data reported in the category 'Tax Evasion'.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR PUBLIC VERSION (From Driver's report)

Operational achievements (operations, EMPACT action days and EMPACT Joint Action Days)

ACTION MONTH

Albania, Belgium, France, Greece, Netherlands, Ireland and Portugal conducted several investigations against corruption cases.

The operational actions focused on corruption cases affecting politically exposed persons and foreign public officials, as well as corruption cases related to public procurement and investigations involving law enforcement and judicial authorities.

- > **233** persons of interest interviewed some of them arrested;
- > Value of **5,5 million €** seized;
- > **49** cases/investigations initiated;
- > **267** searches.

<https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/eur-55-million-frozen-in-anticorruption-investigations-across-europe>

ACTION DAY

Spain, Morocco, UAE. Results of the action day:

- > **23** arrests;
- > Seizures:
 - ▶ **5,8 million €** in cash;
 - ▶ **8 million €** seized on bank accounts;
 - ▶ **1,2 million €** in cryptocurrency;
 - ▶ **0,5 million €** in gold bars;
 - ▶ **96** real estate properties;
 - ▶ **10** cars;
 - ▶ **1** jet ski;
 - ▶ luxury watches & jewellery;
- > **8** cases/investigations initiated.

AP Sustran

- > More than **300** arrests;
- > Seizures:
 - ▶ **15 million €** cash;
 - ▶ **320 million €** in assets;
- > Over **1000** cases/investigations.



COOPERATION WITH NON-EU PARTNERS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Albania, Morocco, UAE.



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

CEPOL implemented training activities in EU Neighbourhood countries via EU (DG NEAR) funded projects. Expertise and knowledge from the financial sector were integrated into training activities.



ORGANISED PROPERTY CRIME (OPC)

2023 Results



 **704 arrests**

 **Seizures**

- > **515** vehicles;
- > **1 978** parts from stolen vehicles;
- > **16** boats;
- > **32** outboard engines;
- > **25** cultural goods.

 **Assets seized**

- > **8 906 630 €** value of criminal assets.

 **Investigation initiated**

- > **181** cases.

No data reported in the category 'Tax Evasion'.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR PUBLIC VERSION (From Driver's report)

- > **8** HVTs;
- > **4** OTFs : **1** MVC (HVT arrested **2**) **2** ATM Attacks (HVT arrested **6**) and **1** Grandchild Trick;
- > **248** forged documents (incl. **111** IDs, **43** car reg. documents and **94** driving licences).

OP PANDORA VIII (15 European countries)

Supported by Europol. Verifications and checks for stolen and trafficked items namely art, culture and cultural heritage, including underwater ones.

Operation TRIDENT detecting, preventing and intervening against cross-border crime in ten countries in Northern Europe (Baltic Sea)

- > **25 000** people controlled and **11 500** vehicles checked;
- > **31** people arrested (handling of stolen goods, money laundering, drug crimes, environmental crimes, drunk driving, and various traffic crimes);
- > **10** vehicles and valued in **1 000 000 €** sized;
- > **26** persons were expelled from Sweden;
- > **55** people arrested;
- > Surveillance operations and seizure of goods (new bicycles).

OTF KEYLESS

Luxury car thefts - International criminal network of luxury car thieves.

- > **2** HVTs arrested (Joint Action Day);
- > Damage costs evaluated to at least **€ 1,8 million**;
- > **1 million €** property worth seized.

COOPERATION WITH NON-EU PARTNERS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

- > Workshop held in Tirana, Albania together with other EU and Western Balkan countries (with GIZ support) with the attendance of police officers from all Western Balkan countries.
- > An EU-wide Focus Day about prevention on domestic burglary was organised with the participation of several non-EU countries (Albania and Iceland). Funding from the EUCPN network (ISF Police programme from the EC).

HIGH RISK CRIMINAL NETWORKS (HRCN)

2023 Results



 **300 arrests**

 **Seizures**

- > Several luxury cars, watches, electronics;
- > **3,3 tons** of cocaine;
- > **1,2 tons** of marihuana;
- > **700 kg** of hashish;
- > **20 000** marihuana plants;
- > **80** illegal gambling devices,
15 204 pcs illegal lottery tickets;
- > **1** car (value: 240 000 €);
- > **20** companies.

 **Assets seized**

- > **860 000 €** cash;
- > **1 200 000 €** funds in bank accounts;
- > Real estate property worth **5 200 000 €**;
- > **83 000 €** (seized cash + Seized funds in bank accounts with a balance 12 000 €).

 **Investigation initiated**

- > **70** investigations ENFAST;
- > **65** investigations opened;
- > **2** investigations opened in by AP HROCG;
- > **11** investigations on Mafia style networks.

No data reported in the category tax evasion

 **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR PUBLIC VERSION** (From Driver's report)

- > **66 High Value Targets (HVT) identified;**
- > **8 ongoing OTFs in 2023 including OTF Limit, 3 new established in 2023;**
- > **Proceeds reinvests : 59 companies and 160 individuals analysed.**

Op. EUREKA

EMPACT Action Days (EADs) on illegal gambling. Operation against the Calabrian Ndrangheta resulting in:

- > **132** arrests;
- > **18** companies seized.

In the period 1/12/2023 – 20/12/2023:

- > **328** gambling checks carried out;
- > **9** gaming places/shops closed;
- > **80** illegal devices detected;
- > **91** people engaged in illegal gambling activities;
- > **63** people arrested;
- > **16** Charges under immigration law (illegal stay in the country);
- > **26** Charges under financial criminal law (tax evasion);
- > **173** social fraud detected;
- > **26** illegal on-line sites identified;
- > **1 120** "blacklisted" unauthorized internet games;
- > **8 300 €** seized cash in the amount;
- > **12 000 €** seized funds in bank accounts with a balance.

 **COOPERATION WITH NON-EU PARTNERS AND PRIVATE PARTIES**

Intelligence sharing by and with Ukraine has increased significantly in the context of the action related to criminal networks from Ukraine and other Russian speaking areas.

Cooperation with Norway (Schengen Associated country). National Criminal Investigation Service in Oslo hosting the Joint Gaming Week carried in November 2023.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CRIME AND COUNTERFEITING OF GOODS (IPCCGC)

2023 Results



 **1 096 arrests**

 **Seizures**

- > **25,4 million** counterfeit cosmetics and body care items;
- > **8,5 million €** counterfeit clothes, shoes, and garments counterfeit;
- > **2 040 tons** of fake or illegal pesticides;
- > **19 million €** of toys packages;
- > **5 million €** (face value) in counterfeit currency.

 **Seizures**

- > **€ 200 000** cash

 **Assets seized**

- > **3 million €** cash ;
- > Counterfeit products value of **205 million €**.

 **Investigation initiated**

- > **1 406**

 **Other**

- > **1 718** people reported to judicial authorities;
- > **1 213** judicial cases opened.

No data reported in the category 'Tax Evasion'.

 **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR PUBLIC VERSION** (From Driver's report)

Operational achievements (operations, EMPACT action days and EMPACT Joint Action Days)

Op. Aphrodite V

Targeting counterfeit cosmetics and perfumes that are traded illegally on online platforms and on physical markets.

- > **25 million** counterfeit cosmetics, perfumes and body care items seized;
- > **24** suspects arrested;
- > More than **400** persons reported to judicial authorities;
- > **1 406** investigations initiated.

Op. Fake Star

Targeting counterfeited goods, violating well-known branches' intellectual property rights by focusing on checks of warehouses, stores, street markets, etc.

- > **581** arrests;
- > **8 million** counterfeit clothes, shoes and garments seized;
- > **108 170 700 €** total value of counterfeit goods seized;
- > **1 213** judicial cases opened;
- > **1 367** administrative cases opened.

JAD Pirates

Targeting infringements of Intellectual Property IP rights at the external borders (including maritime ones) of the EU.

- > **810 995** counterfeit goods seized;
- > **61 246** counterfeit electronic devices seized;
- > **7,8 million** cigarettes seized;
- > **59** firearms seized;
- > **33 million €** value of goods seized.

Op. Shield IV

Tackling the illegal trafficking, distribution and sale of counterfeit or substandard medicines and medical devices

- > **1 284** individuals charged (**296** arrests and **988** under prosecution);
- > **52** criminal networks investigated;
- > **64 million €** worth of seizures;
- > **4** underground labs dismantled;
- > **92** websites shut down;
- > **10** investigations initiated;
- > **35** persons arrested;
- > over **200 000** counterfeit items (clothes, shoes, phone cases and other accessories) seized.

Op. Renaissance

Tackling a criminal network engaged in illicit production and dissemination of counterfeit € banknotes and forged ID documents

- 6 suspects arrested;
- Counterfeit 50 € banknotes (with face value 125 000 €) seized;
- Hologram stickers for 50 € and 100 € banknotes;
- Printing machines, laminators, hot stamping machine (press machine), and clichés for imitating the embossed areas of 100 € banknotes. Forged IDs and passports seized, together with 6 kg ephedrine;
- 1 illegal print shop dismantled.

Multidisciplinary cooperation at national and international level among agencies (customs, border guards and police units) involved in the detection, investigation, and prosecution of IPR infringement cases and currency counterfeiting.



COOPERATION PRIVATE SECTOR

Building partnerships between law enforcement agencies and private sector against IP-related crime across multiple operational actions (right holders, online platforms, social media, payment service providers, etc)

Joint Cyber-patrolling activity

Monitoring of Darkweb marketplaces, open internet websites, including social media platforms, for offers related to distribution of counterfeit money and raw materials used for the production of counterfeit currency. Action carried out by patrollers from 15 countries, that resulted in identifying 47 vendors, suspected in disseminating counterfeit currencies in Darknet, social media and various internet sites.



COOPERATION WITH NON-EU PARTNERS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Detecting and intercepting illegal streaming websites and illegal IPTV. Experts group created to exchanging information, align strategies and tactics. The action was strongly supported by specialized personnel from the private sector (Audiovisual Anti-Piracy Alliance). The expert group will turn its focus in 2024 on fighting online broadcasting of pirated content linked, among others, to Olympic games and UEFA EURO Cup.







GENERAL FACTSHEET

OPERATIONAL ACTION PLANS (OAPs)

2023 Results



13 871
Arrests



> 7 500 Victims
identified (49 safeguarded)



797 million €
seized



197 tonnes
of drugs seized







15 644
Investigation initiated











155 High Value Targets
identified





QUANTITATIVE DATA – FROM FACTSHEETS

PER PRIORITY/OAP (NUMBER OF)

 Arrests	 Seizures	 Cases/ Investigations initiated	 Other
1. Migrant smuggling (MIGR)			
6 801	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 549 246 € in cash and assets value seized; ➤ 7 296 forged documents identified and seized. 	4 690	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 243 key facilitators identified and/or arrested; ➤ 54 criminal networks dismantled; ➤ 47 HVTs identified and investigated; ➤ 8 OTFs established or continued; ➤ 4 690 criminal investigations carried out; ➤ 21 common and EMPACT Action Days carried out; ➤ 8 JITs ongoing; ➤ 5 JADs carried out; ➤ 59 training sessions carried out; ➤ More than 1900 strategic analytical reports & intelligence products issued.
2. Trafficking in human beings (THB)			
457	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 17 cases AD conducted; ➤ 3 290 000 € in cash; ➤ 818 670 € from other operations seizures. <p>Total: 4 108 670 €</p>	1 175	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 4 768 suspects registered by Europol + 238 identified in the JADs and EAD. Total: 5 006 suspects identified. ➤ More than 7500 (potential) victims identified; ➤ More than 6000 contributions provided to Europol from participants; ➤ 39 JITs; ➤ 9 active HVTs investigated.

 Arrests	 Seizures	 Cases/ Investigations initiated	 Other
3. Environmental crime (ENVI)			
507	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 14 445 seizures (pets, animals, glass-eels, trophies, ivory, birds, timber, etc.) with an estimated economic value of over 53 600 000 €; ➤ 80 000 kg of eels. 	1 272	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 765 people reported to the judiciary; ➤ Over 42 000 inspections.
4. Excise fraud (EXCISE)			
574	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 788.62 million units of cigarettes; ➤ 985 700 kg of raw and/or fine cut to-bacco; ➤ 1,06 million pieces of chewing tobacco; ➤ 176 800 kg of water pipe tobacco; ➤ 1,29 million pieces of e-cigarettes (e-cigarettes and vaping devices); ➤ 465 litres of e-liquids; ➤ 8,19 million kg of designer fuel; ➤ 74 356 litres of alcoholic beverages; ➤ 9 359 € and 1 400 \$ in cash; ➤ 148 kg of golden and silver jewellery; ➤ 5 illegal petrol stations (fuel pumping equipment) + 1 external fuel pump; ➤ 122 vehicles (trucks/lorries, trail-ers/semi-trailers/ tank containers, cars, vans, etc.); ➤ 73 forklifts; ➤ Equipment (precursors) for illicit production of tobacco: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 96 production lines; ➤ 55 packaging lines; ➤ 101 tobacco cutting machines; ➤ 39 generators. 	139	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 68 cigarettes illicit production of tobacco sites dismantled; ➤ 18 water pipe tobacco illicit production sites dismantled; ➤ 49 tobacco cutting facilities dismantled; ➤ 56 illicit tobacco production storage facilities dismantled; ➤ Numerous illegal storage facilities, unloading places, supply chains, irregularities during the production of designer fuels revealed; ➤ 348 568 520 € of revenue loss prevented.
5. Missing trader intra-Community (MTIC) fraud			
117	33 019 148 €	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 97 suspects investigated; ➤ 366 searches; ➤ 8 operational meetings; ➤ 73 suspects and criminal networks investigated.
6. Firearms (FIA)			
594	1 156 firearms + 51 224 rounds of am-munition.	240	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 7 OTF; ➤ 145 contributions to AP W&E; ➤ 154 intelligence packages for online investigations; ➤ 27 225 parcels checked;
7. Cannabis/cocaine/heroin (CCH)			
750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 44 686 kg of cocaine; ➤ 14 kg of heroine; ➤ 143 957 kg of hashish; ➤ 146 kg MDMA; ➤ 11 863 812 € in cash; ➤ 61 000 000 € Real State; ➤ 70 vehicles (1 go-fast boat + 300 HP outboard engine); ➤ 16 000 000 € of other assets seized; ➤ 38 firearms (2 sub-fusils, 1 revolver, 1 semi-automatic). 	125	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 20 HVTs; ➤ 89 violent crimes resolved; ➤ 154 properties searched; ➤ 10 000 000 € money blocked; ➤ 317 vessels checked; ➤ 1 160 Crew members checked; ➤ 6 vessels searched.

 Arrests	 Seizures	 Cases/ Investigations initiated	 Other
8. Synthetic drugs/new psychoactive substances (SYD/NPS)			
148	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3 300 000 pills of pseudoephedrine; ➤ 3 000 kg of ephedrine; ➤ 0,15 kg of mephedrone; ➤ 83 kg of pseudoephedrine powder; ➤ 2 650 litres of essential chemicals; ➤ 52 kg of red Phosphorus; ➤ 14,5 kg MAPA Pre-Precursor; ➤ 78,32 kg of amphetamine; ➤ 56,3 kg of methamphetamine; ➤ 22 litres of liquid amphetamine; ➤ 660 kg pills of captagon; ➤ 35 kg NPS; ➤ 1 676,01 kg of cannabis; ➤ 7 762,35 kg of hashish; ➤ 2 886,74 kg of cocaine; ➤ 19,52 kg of heroin; ➤ 0,2 kg alfa-PVP; ➤ 10 920 pills of ecstasy; ➤ 100 000 doses of synthetic opioids (fentanyl, isotonita-zene); ➤ 3 firearms; ➤ 1 900 000 €, 336 200 PLN and 3 000 000 UAH in cash; ➤ 22 400 PLN and 711 000 CZK in assets on bank accounts. 	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 JIT created; ➤ 1 OTF created; ➤ 3 synthetic drug labs dismantled.
9. Online Fraud Scheme (OFS)			
1018	125 000 €	6 269	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 32 million € of loss prevented; ➤ 3 webinars + a Global Congress + online and on-site training activities: 1 273 attendees.
10. Child sexual exploitation (CSE)			
188	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 6 phones; ➤ 2 computers; ➤ 2 hard disks; ➤ 3 USB; ➤ 1 SD. 	429	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 49 victims identified/safeguarded; ➤ 978 series created; ➤ 529 intelligence packages.
11. Cybercrime attacks against information systems (CAIS)			
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 124 955 €; ➤ 155 500 RON; ➤ 15 000 \$; ➤ 9 786 ETH; ➤ 496 063 USDT; ➤ 16 million € worth of cryptocurrency; ➤ 16 000 000 € in value of assets seized/ frozen/ confiscated. 	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 100 reports distributed; ➤ 270 phishing websites identified; ➤ 85 phishing websites taken down; ➤ 8 criminal contributed platforms; ➤ 3 criminal actors administering phishing websites identified/investigated; ➤ 4 co-developed tools for processing and analysis; ➤ 9 operational meetings and technical sprints; ➤ 5 HVTs disrupted; ➤ 17 onsite, 4 online training events organised.

 Arrests	 Seizures	 Cases/ Investigations initiated	 Other
12. Criminal finances, money laundering and asset recovery (CFMLAR)			
596	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ value of 346.3 million €; ➤ 8 million € seized on bank accounts; ➤ 1,2 million € in cryptocurrency; ➤ 0,5 million € in gold bars; ➤ 96 real estate properties; ➤ 10 cars; ➤ 1 jet ski; ➤ Luxury watches & jewellery. 	1 275	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 267 searches.
13. Organised property crime (OPC)			
704	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 8 906 630 € of criminal assets; ➤ 515 vehicles; ➤ 1 978 parts from stolen vehicles; ➤ 16 boats; ➤ 32 outboard engines; ➤ 25 cultural goods. 	181	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 8 HVTs; ➤ 4 OTFs: 1 MVC (HVT arrested 2), 2 ATM Attacks (HVT arrested 6), 1 Grandchild Trick; ➤ 248 forged documents (incl. 111 IDs, 43 car reg. documents and 94 driving licences).
14. Intellectual property crime and countrefeiting of goods (IPCCGC)			
1096	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 8,5 million counterfeit clothes, shoes and garments; ➤ 25,4 million counterfeit cosmetics, per-fumes and body care items; ➤ 2,04 tons of fake or illegal pesticides; ➤ 19 million of toys packages; ➤ 5 million € (face value) in counterfeit currency; ➤ 2,5 million € and 880 000 GBP in cash; ➤ Counterfeit value of € 205 million €. 	1 406	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 718 persons reported to judicial authorities; ➤ 1 213 judicial cases; ➤ 1 367 administrative cases ; ➤ 4 underground labs for production of counterfeit and substandard goods dismantled ; ➤ 1 illegal print shop for forgery of documents and counterfeit currency dismantled. including seizures of printing and stamping machines, laminators, cli-chés and holograms; ➤ > 200 postal packages with counterfeit currency; ➤ 3657 websites and 48 data servers (online IP crime) taken down; ➤ Hologram stickers for 50 € and 100 € banknotes.
15. High Risk Criminal Networks (HRCN)			
300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 860 000 € cash; ➤ several luxury cars, watches, electronics; ➤ 3 300 kg cocaine; ➤ 1 200 kg marihuana; ➤ 700 kg hashish; ➤ > 20 000 marihuana plants ; ➤ > 80 illegal gambling devices, 15 204 pcs illegal lottery tickets; ➤ 1 200 000 € funds in bank accounts; ➤ real state worth 5 200 000 € ➤ 1 car (value: 240 000 €); ➤ 20 Companies; ➤ 8 300 € (seized cash in the amount); ➤ 12 000 € Seized funds in bank accounts with a balance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 70 investigations ENFAST; ➤ 65 investigations opened; ➤ 2 investigations opened in which AP HROCG is provid-ing operational support; ➤ 11 investigations on Mafia style. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 66 HVTs identified; ➤ 8 ongoing OTFs in 2023 including OTF Limit, 3 new established in 2023; ➤ Proceeds Reinvests: 59 companies and 160 individuals analysed; ➤ 16 persons illegal migrants found to be illegally staying in the country during Empact joint action days on illegal gambling.
Total calculated figures for public version:			
13 871	796 821 792 € (Total value reported)	15 644	

JOINT ACTION DAYS (JAD)

2023 Results

- > JAD South-East Europe
- > JAD Mobile 6
- > JAD Pirates
- > JAD Arktos 5
- > JAD Finestra 3
- > JAD Horseshoe
- > JAD Stopover 3
- > JAD Cyber-Patrolling
- > JAD Danube 8
- > JAD Workers

998 suspects arrested

- > 650 Facilitated illegal immigration (Smugglers)
- > 186 people arrested for drug trafficking
- > 69 people arrested for firearms trafficking
- > 41 people arrested for trafficking in human beings
- > 90 Other crime areas/unknown

355 suspects identified

183 cases/investigations initiated

353 Victims of THB identified

DRUG, (PRE-)PRECURSOR AND NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE (NPS) SEIZURES

- > 1090.87 kg of cocaine
- > 84.5 kg of heroin
- > 607.5 kg of cannabis
- > 12 plants

WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

- > 376 firearms
- > 20550 ammunitions seized.

OTHER SEIZURES/CONFISCATIONS:

- > 18 323.2 kg of tobacco and 53543299 cigarettes
- > 25 356 lts of alcohol
- > 4 800 lts of diesel oil/ illegal fuel
- > 16 boats, 542 vehicles and 1978 car parts
- > 8.57 kg gold jewellery
- > 34.6 kg silver jewellery
- > 116 640 pcs of alcohol
- > 18 000 lt e-cigar liquid
- > 13 4615 counterfeit banknotes
- > 1 255 286 pcs e-products
- > 32 engines

657 Fraudulent documents seized

IRREGULAR MIGRATION

- > 5 284 illegal migrants intercepted;
- > 1466 illegal stays;
- > 4162 refusal entry;
- > 205 overstay.

JAD South East Europe

Key operational outcome:

- › **566** arrested people:
 - ▶ **218** related to Migrant Smuggling,
 - ▶ **186** related to drug trafficking,
 - ▶ **69** related to firearms trafficking,
 - ▶ **3** related to Trafficking and Human Beings,
 - ▶ **1** related High Risk Criminal Networks,
 - ▶ **89** related to other crimes;
- › **22 488 (3 748 each day)** officers working on the JAD;
- › **288 774** total entities checked;
- › **215 273** persons checked;
- › **62 277** vehicles checked;
- › **5 225** postal packages/parcels;
- › **999** premises;
- › **163** new investigations reported by participants;
- › **1 251** refusal of entry;
- › **2 229** clandestine entry;
- › **205** overstay;
- › **4** visa fraud;
- › **114** falsification;
- › **310** firearms seized (**84** automatic weapons, **65** pistols, **59** rifles, **22** grenades launcher, **16** revolvers, **7** carbine, **6** shotgun, **4** converted weapons, **2** Air guns, others, **45** others);
- › **22 206** pieces of ammunition;
- › **626 kg** of cocaine, **77 kg** of cannabis, **208 kg** of row cannabis, **4,5 kg** of heroine, **4,7 kg** of marihuana, **12** plants of marijuana, **1 kg** of amphetamine;
- › Deployment of **1** mobile office of Europol, **2** team with mobile scanners offered by Dutch Police.

Cyberpatrolling exercise linked to JAD SEE.

- › **120** targets identified;
- › **11** sales and purchase webs;
- › **4** darkweb Forum;
- › **1** Marketplace on the Darkweb;
- › **3** Clearnet Forum;
- › **3** Social networks;
- › **94** Telegram;
- › **4** web on Clearnet.

JAD Mobile 6

Key operational outcome:

The JAD engaged app **400** law enforcement officers from **26** countries

- › **505** vehicles;
- › **1 978** parts from stolen vehicles;
- › **16** boats;
- › **32** outboard engines;
- › **248** forged m (incl. **111** IDs, **43** car reg. documents, **94** driving licences);
- › **209** migrant smugglers;

JAD Stopover 3

Key operational outcome:

- › **5** arrests of suspected people smugglers;
- › **434** detections of an illegal stay;
- › **28** revelations of impostors;
- › **208** refusals of entry;
- › **64** detections of fraudulent documents;
- › **25** VISA fraud cases;
- › **14** drug cases and more than **102 kg** of drugs were seized;
- › **13 kg** of hashish;
- › **64,872 kg** of cocaine;
- › **24,2 kg** of cannabis;
- › **9** tobacco cases detected:
 - ▶ Cigarettes: **43 060** (Cigarettes seizures: **7**)
 - ▶ Raw Tobacco: **9 kg** (Raw tobacco seizures: **2**)

JAD ARKTOS 5

Key operational outcome:

- › **46** people smugglers arrested;
- › More than **30 million** of cigarettes;
- › More than **480** kilograms of raw tobacco;
- › More than **4 800 litres** of fuel;
- › More than **1 000 litres** of alcohol;
- › **43** fraudulent documents;
- › More than **700** refusals of entry;
- › **5** stolen vehicles;

JAD Finestra 3

Key operational outcome (Seizures):

- › **15 701 489** pieces of cigarettes;
- › **1 255 286** pcs of e-products (e-liquid flacons, vaping devices with container and heated tobacco);
- › **1 057 200** of chewing tobacco;
- › **17 819 kg** of raw tobacco;
- › **17 kg** of waterpipe tobacco;
- › **15 100 kg** of cigarettes precursors (corcofan paper, filters, packs);
- › **24 356 litres** of alcohol;
- › **80 kg** of heroin;
- › **9,3 kg** of ketamine;
- › **16,6 kg** of marihuana;
- › **2 kg** of hashish;
- › **3** sniper rifles with optic scope;
- › **7** stolen vehicles;
- › **7,5 kg** of golden jewellery;
- › **7,3 kg** of silver jewellery;
- › **390** cases of irregular stay of migrants;
- › **202** detections of illegal border crossings;
- › **261** cases of refusal of entry;
- › **20** counterfeit/forged documents seized.

JAD Danube 8

Key operational outcome

- › Arrest of **108** suspected people smugglers;
- › Detection of **115** fraudulent documents;

- › **4 939** irregular migrants detected;
- › **1 742** refusals of entry;
- › **642** illegal stays;
- › More than **400 kg** of cocaine;
- › **1** automatic assault rifle + **1** pistol (with **27** cartridges), **1** pistol (with **5** cartridges), **1** air rifle (with **344** pieces of ammunition);
- › **25** stolen vehicles.

JAD Cyber-Patrolling

Key operational outcome

- › **23** participants from different MS and TP;
- › Over **200** targets submitted as potentially relevant and screened;
- › A total of **78** target packages produced and disseminated in the scope of the JAD CPA, based on online available information and cryptocurrency traces.

JAD Workers

Key operational outcome:

Results : Labour Exploitation in Agricultural sector

- › **6 670** participating officers;
- › **50 073** entities checked;
- › **26 951** persons checked;
- › **3 046** locations checked;
- › **2 891** vehicles checked;
- › **16 844** documents checked (valid/forged):
 - ▶ **16 752** valid;
 - ▶ **29** forged;
- › **359** other entities;
- › **43** persons suspected (THB);
- › **38** persons arrested (THB);
- › **353** victims / possible victims (THB);
- › **20** new investigations initiated (THB);
- › **664** employers committed labour infringements;
- › **1 544** workers concerned with labour law infringement;
- › **4** seizure / confiscations;
- › **156** new inspections / administrative investigation, THB case initiated in labour infringement.

JAD Pirates

- › **711 535** clothes (**15 876 796 €** Aprox. Market Value);
- › **3 65 166** accessories (**2 555 629 €** AMV);
- › **34 294** pairs of Footwear (**3 313 729 €** AMV);
- › **4 92** watches (**1 051 717 €** AMV);
- › **19 975** perfume (**689 451 €** AMV);
- › **28 749** toys (**26 614 €** AMV);
- › **61 246** electronic devices (**825 017 €** AMV);
- › **139** e-Bikes (**150 000 €** AMV);
- › **2 970 000** counterfeit cigarette (**600 000 €** AMV);
- › **73 200 kg** palettes (**30 834 €** AMV);
- › **18 336** lighters (**29 076 €** AMV);
- › **134 615** counterfeit EUR banknotes, **2 692 300** banknotes;
- › **826** UEFA Football balls (**41 300 €** AMV);
- › **4 828 750** cigarettes (**930 429 €** AMV);

- › **2 838** cigars (**40 000 €** AMV);
- › **15 200 gr** of raw tobacco (**912 €** AMV);
- › **18 000 litres** e-cigarettes liquid (**4 591 837 €** AMV);
- › **11 780** heating butts (**1351 €** AMV);
- › **1421** corcofan paper (**71 050 €** AMV) rows;
- › **116 640** alcohol (**116 640 €** AMV);
- › **6821** pharmaceutical products (**1670 €** AMV);
- › **262 kg** of marihuana (**468 998 €** AMV);
- › **2033** fruit seeds (**13 320 €** AMV);
- › **59** firearms;
- › **525 831 €** cash;
- › **1,07 kg** of golden jewellery (**15 367 €** AMV);
- › **27,1 kg** of silver jewellery (**17 499 €** AMV);
- › **143** irregular migrants detected;
- › **10** counterfeit/forged documents seized.

JAD Horseshoe

In Belgium:

- › **10** actions at work;
- › **321** workers controlled;
- › Money laundering schemes detected;
- › **17** territory access arrests;
- › **6** fake ID documents;
- › **6** actions on movements;
- › **399** passengers controlled;
- › **9** territory access arrests.

In Portugal:

- › **8** actions on movements;
- › **1776** passengers controlled;
- › **133** persons of interest.

In The Netherlands:

- › **3** actions at work.



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