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What is Europol?
Europol is ...

- support centre for **Law Enforcement operations** (e.g. operational analysis, coordination meetings, on-the-spot support, etc)

- criminal **information hub** (e.g. databases, secure info exchange, Liaison Officers from 28MS + AL, AU, CA, CH, CO, HR, IS, NO, US, etc)

- centre for **Law Enforcement expertise** (e.g. European Platform for Experts, training, etc)
Cooperation Instruments

- Annual European Police Chiefs Convention (EPCC)
- Cooperation agreements with partners
  - 28 EU Member States
  - 20 Operational agreements: Albania, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Colombia, Eurojust, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Frontex, Georgia, Iceland, Interpol, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland,
  - 17 Strategic agreements: Brazil, CEPOL, China, ECB, ECDC, EMCDDA, ENISA, EUIPO, EU-LISA, European Commission, OHIM, OLAF, Russia, SitCen, Turkey, UNODC, World Customs Organisation

Operational Centre

- 1.000.000 messages a year
- 40.000 cases a year
- 24/7 service centre

SIENA Messages per year

- 2012: 414,243
- 2013: 456,598
- 2014: 605,245
- 2015: 732,070
- 2016: 869,858

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Priority setting on EU Level
Europol’s Strategic Flagship

Basis for Priority Setting of DG Home
- Cybercrime (Attacks on Information systems, Child pornography, Payment card fraud)
- Drugs
- Illegal Immigration
- OPC
- THB
- MTIC and EXCISE Fraud
- Environmental Crime
- Firearms
- Money laundering and asset recovery
- Document fraud
Operational Action Plan 2019

2.1. Operational support (meetings, technique...)
2.4. Pandora IV
5.1 Document Fraud
6.1. Financial Investigations
7.1. EBAY
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Europol and Organised Property Crime
Property Crime: areas of interest

- Metal theft
- Crime Against the Elderly
- Motor Vehicle Crimes
- Cargo thefts
- ATM attacks
- Organised Burglaries in homes and commercial sites
- High value robberies (e.g. Diamond Project)
- Pickpocketing
- Cultural Good Crimes
5 analysts, 2 Specialists

OPC support team

Support of MS via operational analysis

primarily:

- Linking OCGs operating European wide
- Identification of crime series
- Bringing the investigators together
- On the spot support
Operational Support
Operational meetings
Europol’s Coordination Centre
Mobile Office

- Virtual extension of the Europol network
- Access to all Europol databases
- Real time checking of data
- Speed and accuracy
Complete extraction of mobile phone, tablet or computer data

Navigation systems

Extraction of phone books, pictures, video, audio, SMS, call log and deleted data etc.

up to date – Symbian, Microsoft Mobile, Blackberry, OS
1. **Quick and safe** information exchange

2. **Centralisation** of information

3. **In depth analysis**

4. **Awareness raising (on all levels)**

5. **Financial support**

6. **Network Building**
## Contributions on Cultural Goods

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- Small number but most of them are potential or already prioritised
- Use of CHIS money in some cases
- Some operational meetings conducted, 1 JIT established

Initiative of MS:
FR, DK, IT, ES, UK, CH, DE, EL, PT, BG, …
How can I get the best support

- Prioritisation Criteria
- SIENA
- Direct contact with Furtum
- Ongoing communication
- Clear strategy
- Furtum will guide you!
### Possible support

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JIT

The legal framework between EU Member States Article 13 of the 2000 MLA Convention as well as in the Framework Decision on Joint Investigation Teams from 2002
Requirements

- Serious offence
- Cross-border or international dimension
- Difficult and extensive investigations with links abroad
- Need for a coordinated approach
Agreement

- Which parties?
- Which goals?
- Sharing of tasks
- Duration? (1 year at least. !!!)
- In which countries will the team act?
- Financing
- Strategy according accusation
Challenges

- Convince your partners
- Huge paperwork in advance
- Reporting
- Europol can help
Advantages

- Direct use of evidence
- Avoidance of further legal assistance
- Easy communication
- Participation on investigative measures abroad
- Trust lasts longer than the JIT
- Support by Europol und Eurojust (financial & logistical)
OTF

- Europol instrument focussing on HVT
- Intel gathering stage
- Pre-step to a JIT
- Funding
- Midterm duration
• 4 years investigation
• Head of OCG acting from UK
• Looters in Italy
• Facilitators in Spain paying the looters and providing equipment
• Facilitator in Germany providing false expertise to bring the items to the market
Beginning of the investigation

Looting of archaeological sites in the center of Sicily
LOOTING

LAUNDERING

ILLEGAL EXPORTATION

PROFITS

PAYMENTS, TOOLS

EUROPOL
• Europol financed first operational meeting in Rome
• EMPACT financed the briefing meetings including deployment of Carabinieri on the spot
• Europol supported in Sicily with analyst and specialist
• 40 house searches in 4 MS
• 23 offenders detained
• Over 25000 archaeological items seized
• Worth appr. 40 Mio Euro

• On-going investigation
Italian Police Nab Suspects in an Antiquities Smuggling Ring After a Years-Long Investigation Code-Named 'Operation Demetra'

Suspects in at least four countries are implicated in the looting of Sicily's most famous site.

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Thank you!

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