Corruption:

integral part of organised crime

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A European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation

Article 1 Europol Regulation
Be the EU criminal information hub

Deliver agile operational support

Be a platform for European policing solutions

Be at the forefront of law enforcement innovation and research

Be the model EU law enforcement organisation
• **ER Article 3:**
  - Europol shall support and strengthen action by the competent authorities of the Member States and their mutual cooperation in preventing and combating serious crime affecting two or more Member States, terrorism and forms of crime which affect a common interest covered by a Union policy, as listed in Annex I.

• **Other forms of crime:**

  Criminal offences committed in order to procure the means of perpetrating acts in respect of which Europol is competent.

  Criminal offences committed in order to facilitate or carry out acts in respect of which Europol is competent.

  Criminal offences committed to ensure the impunity of acts in respect of which Europol is competent.
Operational Support

Supporting operational networks (CARIN, AMON, EPE)

Expertise within Money Laundering, Asset Recovery and Corruption

Financial Intelligence Reports

Financial Intelligence Training
Composants de ECAB

- ARO platform co-chair with EU Commission (2008)
- Focal point asset recovery (2014)
CRIMINAL INFORMATION HUB

- Secure message exchange
- Hosting information
- Providing information
SUPPORT FOR INVESTIGATIONS

• Intelligence packages
• Operational analysis
• Coordination support for investigations
Chateau de la Rochepot
An AP is a framework in which operational analysis can be conducted to support international criminal investigations and criminal intelligence operations against specific targets.

The scope of an AP can be
• a crime area covering one or more types of crime,
• a geographical dimension, or
• A certain criminal structure.
**Top OCGs**

- Italian organised crime
- East European Organised Crime
- Outlaw motorcycle gangs
- Albanian-speaking OCGs

Europol Unclassified - Basic Protection Level
SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME THREAT ASSESSMENT

Crime in the age of technology
**SOC AREAS**

7 Indicators

- Resource availability
- Demand & supply
- Number of OCGs
- Evolution
- Geographical Dimension
- Other crime areas linked – links to terrorism
- Modus Operandi

**OCGs**

18 Indicators

- Nationality
- Size
- Human resources
- Structure & type
- Modus operandi
- Geographical dimension
- Financial resources
- Other resources
- Level of expertise
- Poly-crime activities
- Level of cooperation
- Adaptability & flexibility
- Turnover
- Money laundering
- Use of countermeasures
- Use of Lbs
- External violence
- Corruption

**Crime Relevant Factors**

**Effect of SOC area**
SOCTA findings

OBJECTIVES OF CORRUPTION

- OBTAIN INFORMATION
  - Upcoming controls
  - Ongoing investigations
  - Confidential data

- STAY OFF THE RADAR
  - Obstruction of justice
  - Witness intimidation
  - Avoid controls

- SUPPORT ACTIVITIES
  - Ease transport
  - Obtain permits
  - Bid rigging
• Key tool used by OCGs to facilitate their criminal activities

• Targets:
  – higher-ranking officials in national authorities
  – executive level in large private sector organisations

• New and more sophisticated ways to exert influence over and obtain information from corrupt officials

• Intermediaries and professional enablers to create corporate structures to disguise links to criminal activities
**ORGANISED CRIME GROUPS**

**5,000** international groups currently under investigation

**>180** nationalities involved

▲ **Poly-criminality**

45% of the OCGs reported for the SOCTA 2017 are involved in more than one criminal activity

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**STRUCTURE**

- **Most OCGs are organised HIERARCHICALLY**
- **30-40% LOOSE**
- **20% SHORT TIME VENTURES**

**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**
Thank you