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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)



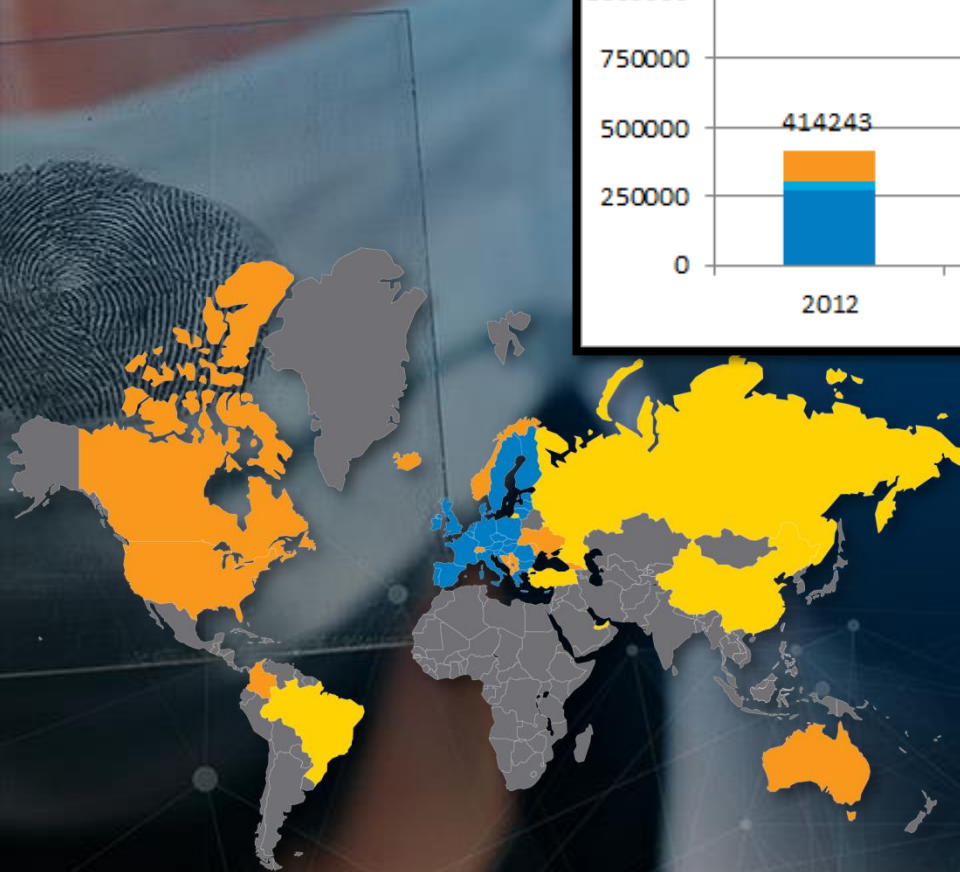
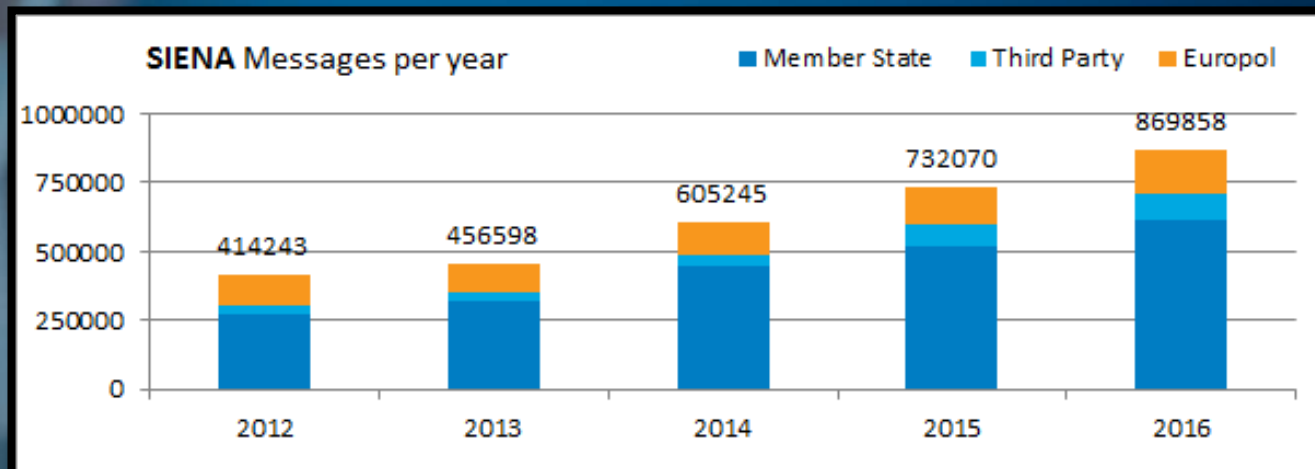




## Operational Centre



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



### 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, SitGen, Turkey, UNODC, World Customs Organisation

# Priority setting on EU Level

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- Europol's Strategic Flagship
- Basis for Priority Setting of DG Home

RESTREINT UE / EU RESTRICTED  
(Europol)  
Releasable to EU law enforcement only

SOC  
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EUROPEAN UNION  
**SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME  
THREAT ASSESSMENT**

Crime in the age of technology

2017



- **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

# **Analysis Project Furtum**

## **Europol and Organised Property Crime**

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- 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**

**Not limited to certain nationalities!**







- 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

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# Operational meetings





# Europol's Coordination Centre





- **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**

2017

23 Cases out of 2500

2018

Approx. 40 Cases

Initiative of MS:

FR, DK, IT, ES, UK, CH, DE, EL, PT, BG, ...

- 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

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



**Possible support**



**Operational  
support**

**Analysis**

**Information Exchange**



## Europol

- Operational/strategic meetings, conferences
- Analytical support
- On the spot support
- Action days
- JIT support
- Operational Task Forces
- PNR
- FIU

## EMPACT

- Meetings
- Informant reward
- Microphones
- Cameras
- GPS devices
- Officer Exchange
- CEPOL contact

# 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



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

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



- Convince your partners
- Huge paperwork in advance
- reporting
- **Europol can help**



- 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





2014

Beginning of the investigation



Looting of archaeological sites in the center of Sicily

13 Agosto 2014 ore 19.54  
intero Gruppo Scavi





- 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

# OP Demetra











***Thank you!***

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