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The European Union (EU)

Political & economic union of European Member States

- Previously: European Communities
- EU created in 1993
- Now over 500 M people
- Mostly without border controls (Schengen area)
- Many Member States (MS) share EURO as currency
- Some overseas territories some non-EU areas (Greenland)
- Commission, Council, Parliament; Court of Justice
Europol Council
Decision:
• Intelligence Agency
• Serious/organised crime

No investigations!
Coordination, Analysis, Operational & Strategic Support – not Interpol!
28 EU Member States (EU)

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland

- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
Europol

- Europol staff (850)
- Liaison Bureaux – 28 Member States plus 3rd states with agreement
- Other contacts (Commission, private sector, networks)
- Analytical Work Files & Focal Points
- Europol Information System
- Various other tools such as Europol Platform for Experts (EPE)
International Cooperation

**Europe:** Albania, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland; Bosnia-Herzegovina, Moldova, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine

**America:** Canada, Colombia, US agencies

**Oceania:** Australia

**Organisations:** Eurojust, Interpol; EU agencies, UNODC, WCO

**Liaison Offices:** Lyon & Singapore (IP); Washington, DC (US)
Information Exchange

SIENA (message system)

Databases:
Europol Information System
Index System

Analysis Work Files (AWFs) with Focal Points:
Serious & Organised Crime (& Cybercrime)
Terrorism & Criminal Finance
Environmental Crime

EnviCrimeNet and other informal networks:

CARIN, AQUAPOL ...

- Experts on various areas
- National contact points
- Quick guidance
- Annual meetings, Steering Group
- Use of Europol Platform for Experts (EPE)
EnviCrimeNet and Europol:

Intelligence Project on Environmental Crime (IPEC)

- May 2014 – APR 2015
- Research project & threat analysis
- IPEC Report: European Council bodies, Commission...
Environmental Crime

EU coordination for global wildlife crime Operation COBRA III

- May 2015 (& before)
- ASEAN-WEN, LATF, China, US Interpol, ICCWC, and others
- About 600 detected (EU) cases of trafficking of endangered species (flora & fauna)
Environmental Crime

Operational and strategic cooperation:

- European Commission
- EFFACE
- Universities and Think Tanks
- Interpol
- UNICRI
- CITES Secretariat
- Eurojust
- Various (EU) police forces & prosecution agencies

- Waste trafficking
- Wildlife & CITES crimes (rhino horns, ivory, reptiles, protected plants &c.)
- ‘odd’ crimes such as fireworks/explosives & fuel oil fraud
- Maybe soon: climate related crimes
- SOME CRIMES COVERED BY OTHER PROJECTS (COPY, ITOC, CYBORG, SUSTRANS...)
Thank you!

... Questions, please

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