

# Europol – The Police Intelligence Agency of the European Union

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# The European Union (EU)

Political & economic union of European Member States



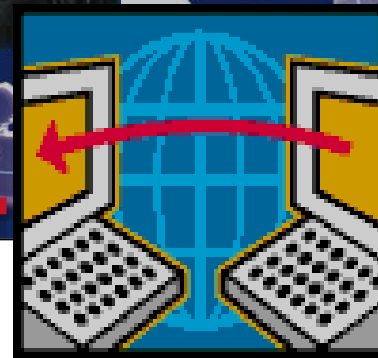
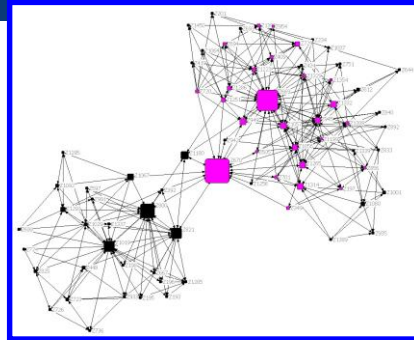
- Previously: European Communities
- EU created in 1993
- Now over 500 M people
- Mostly without border controls (Schengen area)
- Many Member States (MS) share EURO as currency
- Some overseas territories some non-EU areas (Greenland)
- Commission, Council, Parliament; Court of Justice

# Europol

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

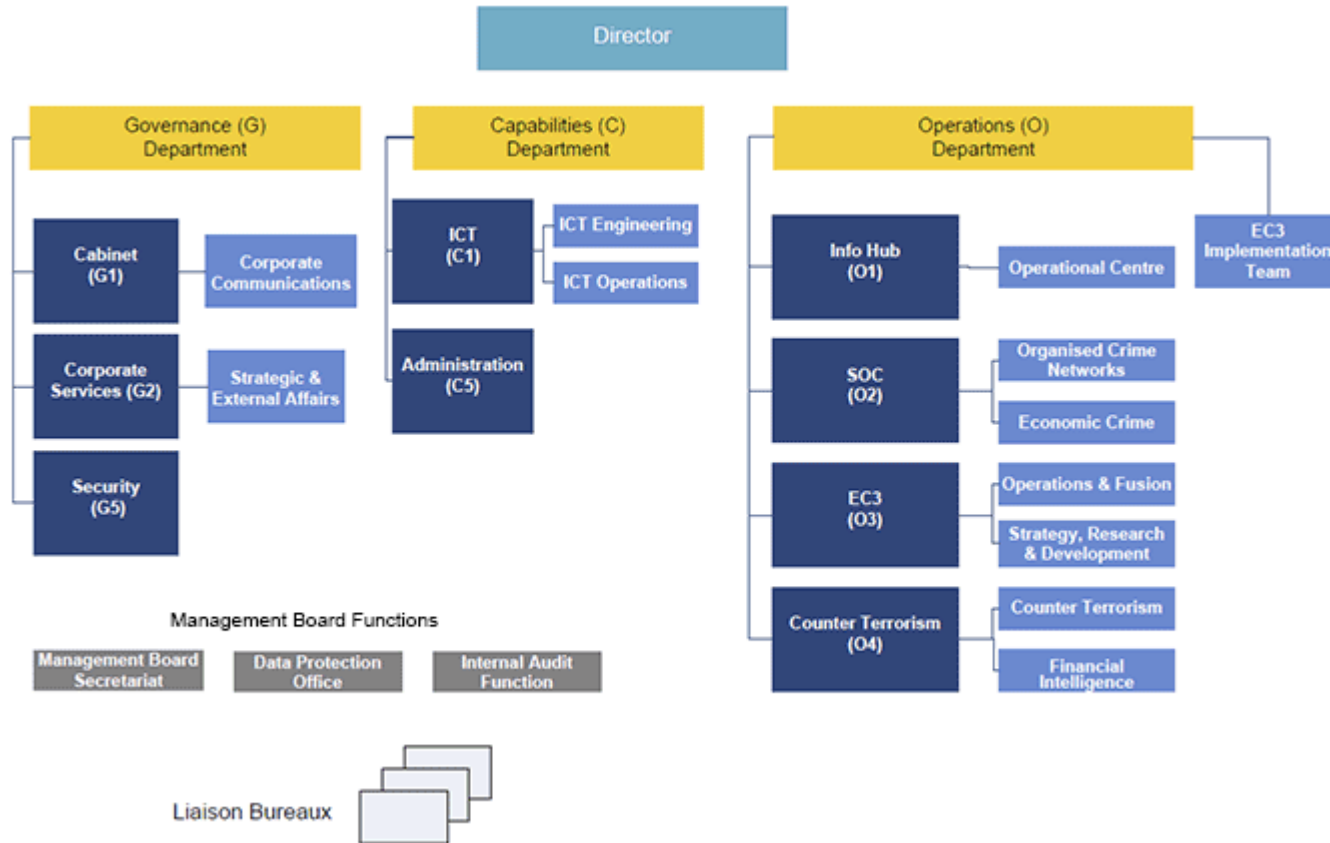
America: **Canada, Colombia, US agencies**

Oceania: **Australia**

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

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

# Structure



# 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)**

# Environmental Crime

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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