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2018**

Fighting crime across borders

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Europol can exchange **information except personal data** with any country, international organisation and the private sector

Europol can presently exchange **personal data** with

28 EU Member States

Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finalnd
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Netherlands
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom

Albania
Australia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Canada
Colombia
Georgia
Iceland
Liechtenstein
Moldova
Monaco
Montenegro
Norway
Serbia
Switzerland
Ukraine
North Macedonia
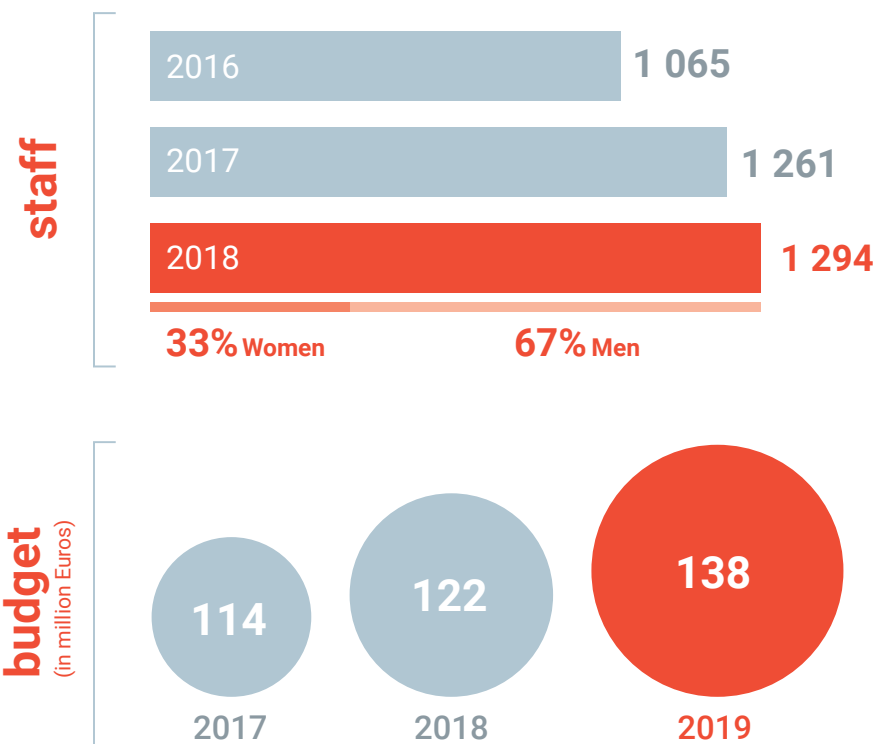United States
INTERPOL
All EU bodies

Europol: the EU's response to serious, organised crime and terrorism

The new Europol regulation, in force since 1 May 2017, established Europol as the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation.

Europol supports cross-border investigations involving at least two Member States and targeting serious and organised crime, terrorism and crime affecting a common interest of the European Union.

Crime prevention is part of Europol's activities as a way to combat organised crime and mitigate the threats, particularly those originating online, to the EU and its citizens and businesses.

staff

2016	**1 065**
2017	**1 261**
2018	**1 294**

33% Women   **67%** Men

budget (in million Euros)

| 114 | 122 | 138 |
| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |

Supporting law enforcement in the field

Europol deploys staff in the field to support ongoing investigations and operations. This enables access to Europol's secure network from the spot.
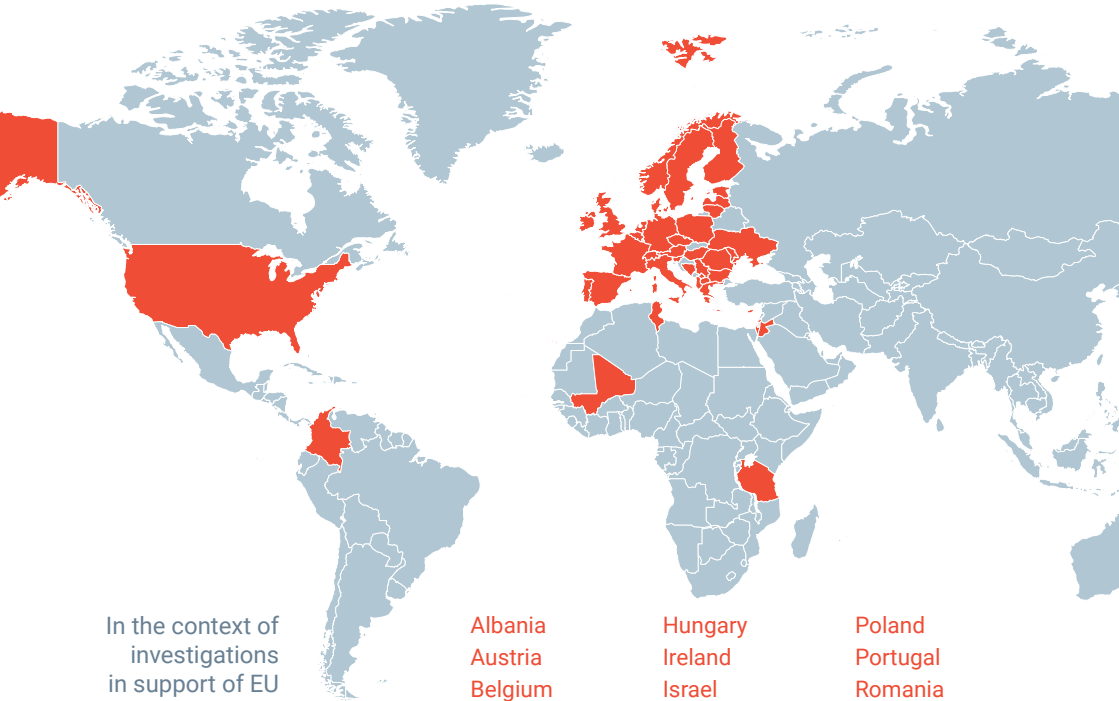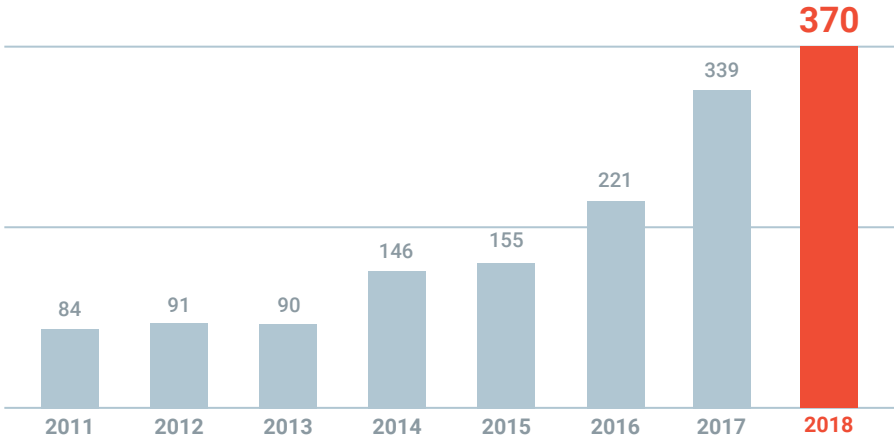

In the context of investigations in support of EU Member States, mobile offices were used by Europol officials deployed to

43
countries

Albania	Hungary	Poland
Austria	Ireland	Portugal
Belgium	Israel	Romania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy	Serbia
Bulgaria	Jordan	Singapore
Colombia	Kosovo*	Slovenia
Cyprus	Latvia	Spain
Czech Republic	Lithuania	Sweden
Denmark	Mali	Switzerland
Estonia	Malta	Tanzania
Finland	Moldova	Tunisia
France	Monaco	Ukraine
Germany	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Greece	North Macedonia	United States of America
	Norway	

* UN Council resolution 1244

Mobile office deployment

Year	Value
2011	84
2012	91
2013	90
2014	146
2015	155
2016	221
2017	339
2018	370

1 511
days on-the-spot support deployed to fight migrant smuggling (2 149 in 2017)

~15
days of deployment of the drug lab to assist the dismantling of illicit production sites and conduct technical investigations on drug production equipment

1 053
forensic examinations of forged documents and counterfeit currencies (196 different currencies, EUR 128, 729 documents, such as ID/driving licences/ passports)
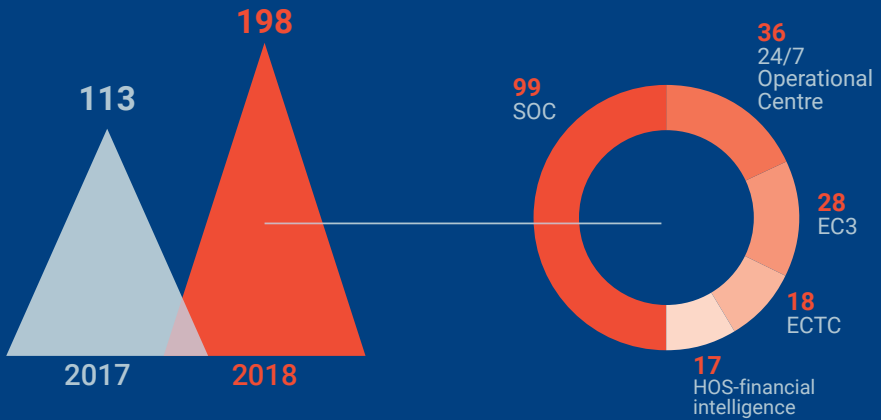
2 100
forensic jobs performed related to cybercrime investigations

155
times the mobile device extraction kit was used

2018 operational highlights

Action days

198

113

2017 **2018**

99
SOC

36
24/7
Operational
Centre

28
EC3

18
ECTC

17
HOS-financial
intelligence

Operational reports

8 266

8 280

5 330

4 085   4 046

2 141   2 250

1 324

2011   2012   2013   2014   2015   2016   2017   **2018**

8 266
operational reports produced

228
operational analysis reports

119 ESOCC	**68** EC3
	32 ECTC
	9 HOS

6 824
Cross Match Reports/ Hit Notifications

368
financial intelligence reports

846
intelligence packages

Excludes the 11 197 intelligence packages produced in the context of a cybercrime operation.

Cybercrime

2017 **1 056**

2018 **889**

Counter terrorism

2017 **917**

2018 **1 837**

Serious and organised crime

2017 **3 730**

2018 **4 636**

1 277 produced by EMSC

Financial intelligence

2017 **484**

2018 **1 033**

Hits on every 100 data checks requested

6.7	**10.2**	**9.1**
2016	**2017**	**2018**

1 748
operations supported

							1 748
695	629	684	632	812	1 056	1 496	
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
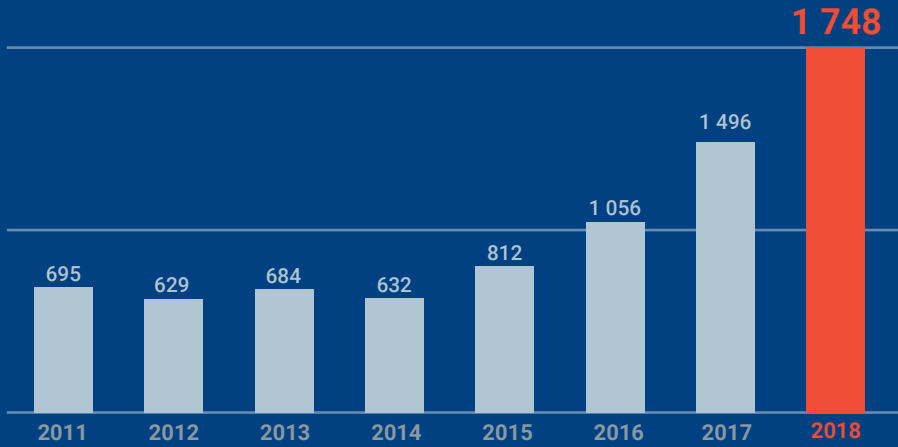
top crime areas
(number of operations)

620	257	172	163	154	115
terrorism	cybercrime	drug trafficking	migrant smuggling	financial intelligence	property crime

countries involved

operations supported

≤5 — 1 432

6-10 — 214

11-20 — 75

>20 — 27
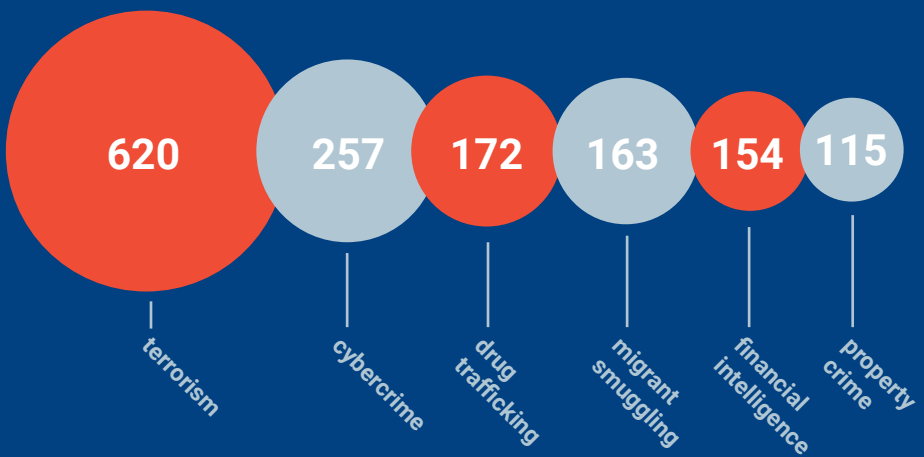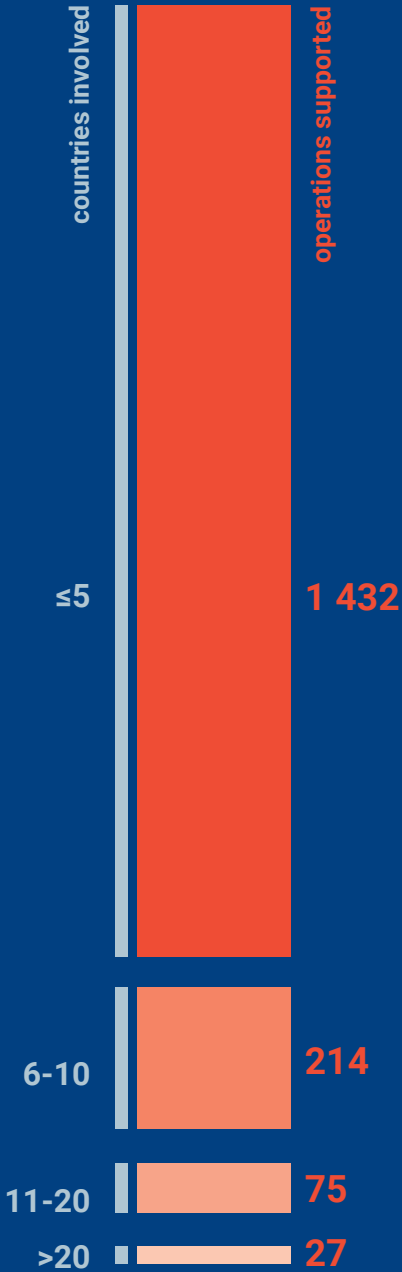
Operational meetings funded by Europol

2017 — 403
2018 — 427

Joint Investigation Teams supported by Europol
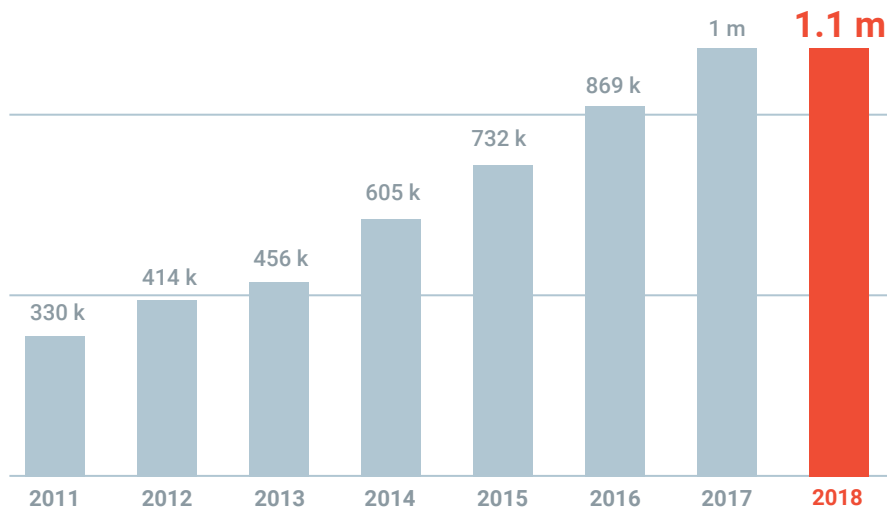
2017 — 64
2018 — 93

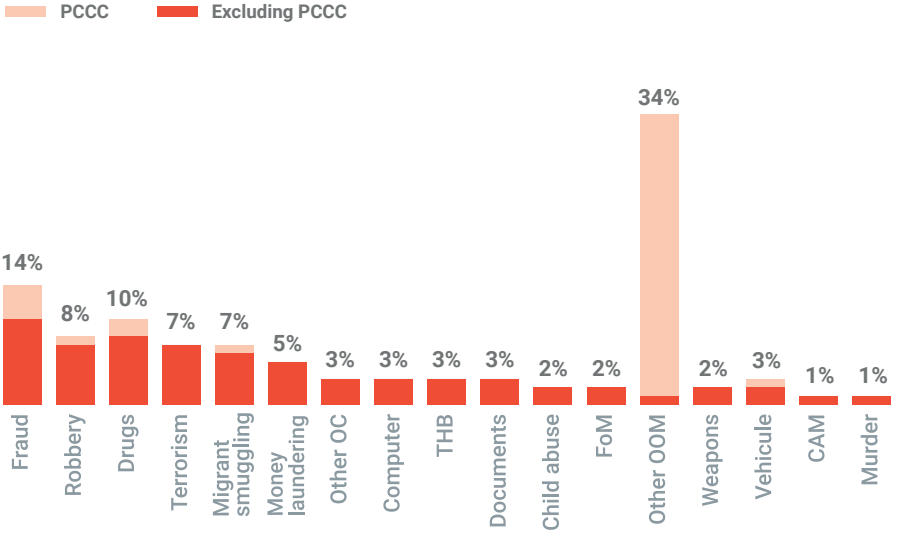# Europol's key analytical capabilities to support investigations

SIENA

Europol's **Secure Information Exchange Network Application** is used to quickly exchange of operational and strategic crime related data.
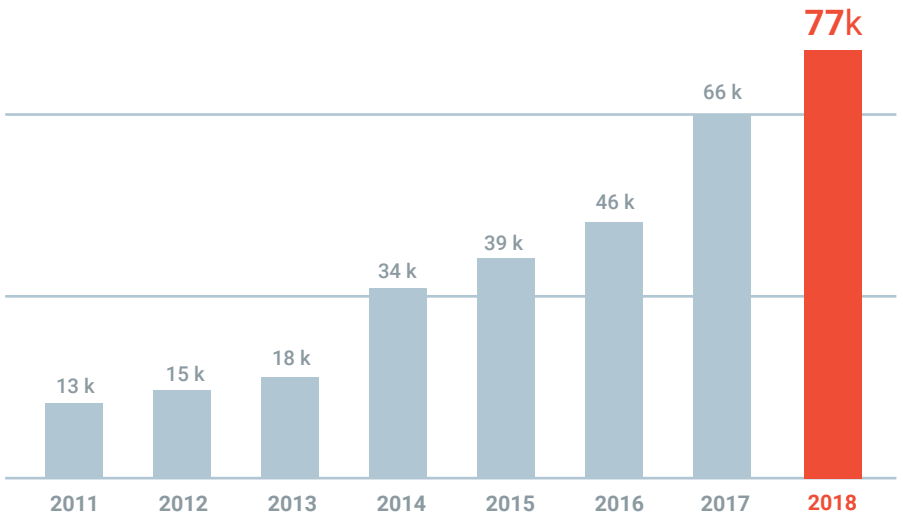
1 445
secure lines provided

SIENA messages exchanged

330 k — 2011
414 k — 2012
456 k — 2013
605 k — 2014
732 k — 2015
869 k — 2016
1 m — 2017
1.1 m — **2018**

SIENA new cases per crime area

PCCC Excluding PCCC

Crime area	Value
Fraud	14%
Robbery	8%
Drugs	10%
Terrorism	7%
Migrant smuggling	7%
Money laundering	5%
Other OC	3%
Computer	3%
THB	3%
Documents	3%
Child abuse	2%
FoM	2%
Other OOM	34%
Weapons	2%
Vehicle	3%
CAM	1%
Murder	1%

SIENA cases initiated

Year	Cases
2011	13 k
2012	15 k
2013	18 k
2014	34 k
2015	39 k
2016	46 k
2017	66 k
2018	77k

Top 5 crime areas

16%
Robbery

14%
Drugs

13%
Fraud

11%
Migrant smuggling

10%
Terrorism
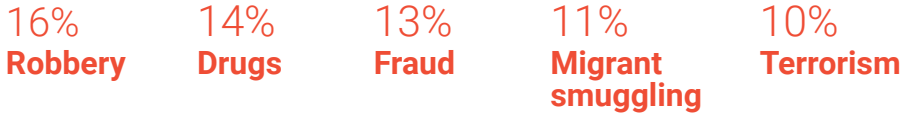
SIENA messages exchanged related to migrant smuggling

2017 **19.2**k

2018 **17.5**k
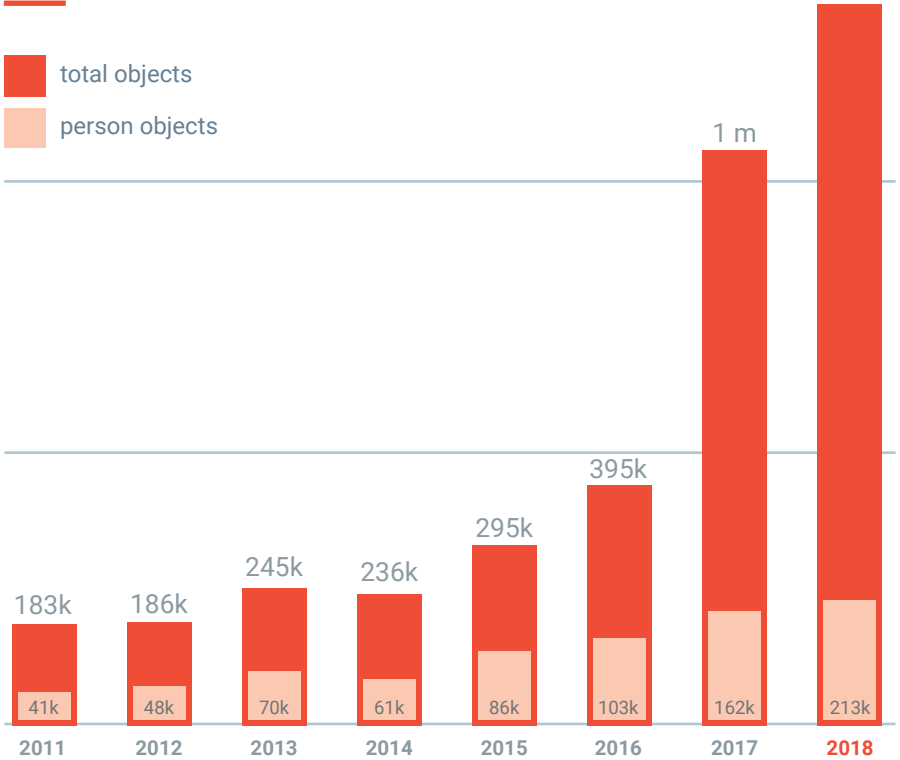
EIS

The **Europol Information System** is used to store and query information about offences, offenders, suspects and other key crime-related data.
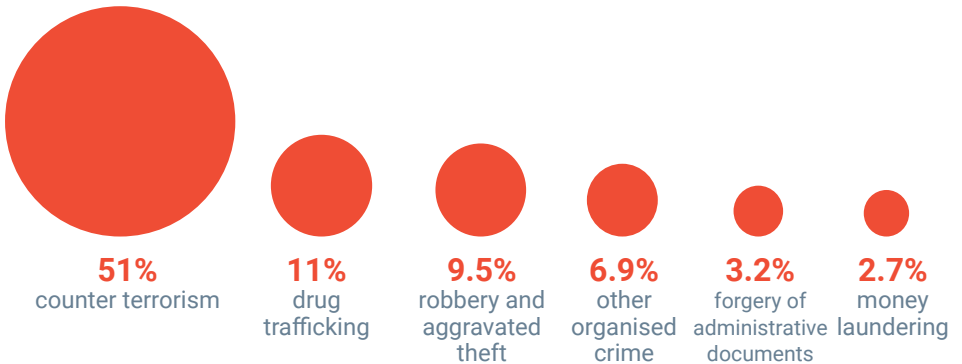
EIS searches

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
111 k	306 k	321 k	390 k	633 k	1.4 m	2.5 m	4 m

+64%

EIS objects

- total objects
- person objects

1.3 m

1 m

395k

295k

236k

245k

186k

183k

Year	total	person
2011	183k	41k
2012	186k	48k
2013	245k	70k
2014	236k	61k
2015	295k	86k
2016	395k	103k
2017	1 m	162k
2018	1.3 m	213k
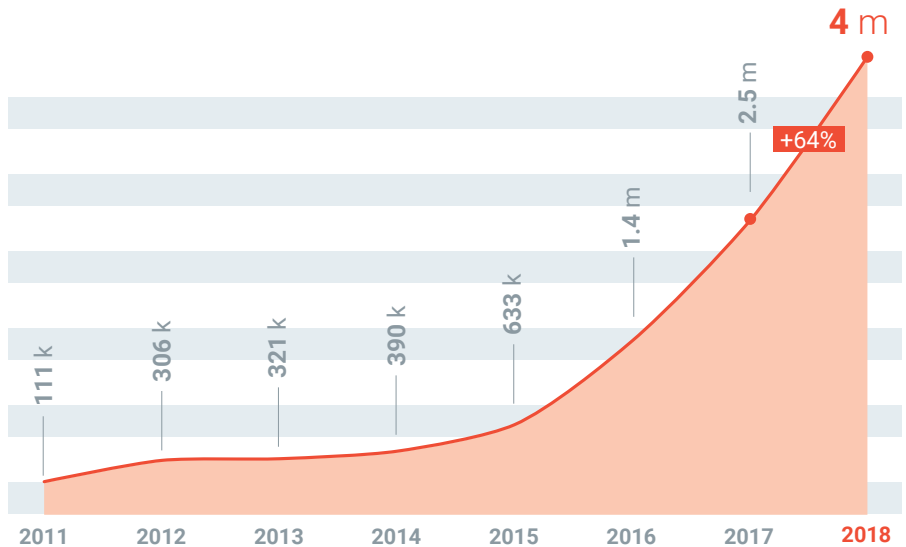
EIS objects (per crime area)

51%
counter terrorism

11%
drug trafficking

9.5%
robbery and aggravated theft

6.9%
other organised crime

3.2%
forgery of administrative documents

2.7%
money laundering

EIS objects related to counter terrorism

2017 564k

2018 666k

EIS persons linked to terrorism

2017 46k

2018 63.3k

EPE

The **Europol Platform for Experts** is used by a variety of law enforcements to share non-personal data on crime.

52
platforms

EPE active users

2017 13.3k

2018 13.8k

from
100+
countries

50+
crime areas discussed

Operational information related to personal data can be exchanged only with EU Member States and Europol operational partners and via the established secure line. Such operational information cannot be shared via the EPE.

From threat assessment to action

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Organised criminal groups

5 000 international groups currently under investigation

Most OCGs are organised **HIERARCHICALLY**
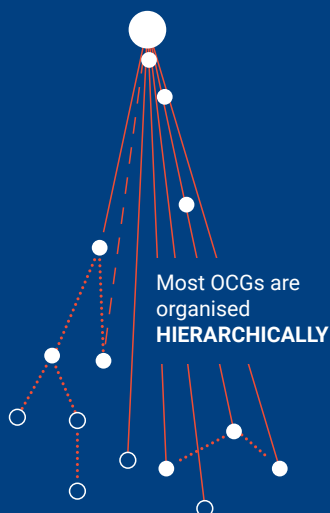
76% six or more members

24% up to five members

7 out of 10 OCGs are typically active in more than three countries

60% of the suspects involved in serious and organised crime in the EU are EU

>180 nationalities involved

Engines of organised crime

FRAUDULENT TRANSPORT ORDERS, CUSTOMS CERTIFICATES AND DECLARATIONS

FRAUDULENT TRAVEL AND IDENTITY DOCUMENTS (PASSPORTS, ID CARDS, DRIVING LICENSES, VISAS, ETC.)

BREEDER DOCUMENTS (BIRTH CERTIFICATES, MARRIAGE RECORDS, WORK CONTRACTS OR INVITATIONS TO STAY IN THE EU)

SALE AND RENTAL OF GENUINE DOCUMENTS

STOLEN BLANK DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT FRAUD

ONLINE TRADE IN ILLICIT GOODS AND SERVICES

ILLICIT DRUGS

FIREARMS

COUNTERFEIT GOODS

FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS

COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

MONEY LAUNDERING

CASH SMUGGLING

MONEY LAUNDERING SYNDICATES

TRADE-BASED MONEY LAUNDERING

NEW PAYMENT METHODS SUCH AS CRYPTOCURRENCIES, ONLINE PAYMENTS AND INTERNET VOUCHERS

Priority areas for the new policy cycle 2018–2021

Cybercrime • Drugs • Facilitating Illegal Immigration • Trafficking in Human Beings

Organised Property Crime • Firearms • Excise and MTIC Fraud • Document Fraud

Environmental Crime • Criminal Finances and Money Laundering

IOCTA 2018

Key threats

Cyber dependent crime

- Ransomware
- DDoS attacks
- Cryptojacking

Cyber enabled crime

- Darknet facilitated trade in illicit goods and online child sex offender communities
- Social engineering
- Telecommunications fraud
- Card Not Present fraud facilitating other crimes

Key trends

- Ransomware dominating malware scene
- Social engineering as an engine of cybercrime
- Cryptojacking - a new criminal revenue stream
- Legislative and technical challenges
- Card Not Present fraud and its facilitating role
- Abuse of Dark Web
- Self-generated explicit material fuelling child sexual exploitation

Help us fight crime!

Have you seen them?

EU MOST WANTED FUGITIVES

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#PoliceWantUBack #MostWanted

69
criminals arrested
since the launch of the
website

Do you recognise these objects?

STOP CHILD ABUSE
TRACE an OBJECT

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1 650 000
page visitors on
Europol's website

24 300
contributions (tips)
from the general
public

Need help to unlock
your digital life?

NO MORE RANSOM!

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#NeverPay

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launch of the portal

35 000+
victims helped

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