

Global action against online fraudsters in the airline sector



The coordinated Global Airport Action targeted criminals suspected of fraudulently purchasing plane tickets online using stolen or fake credit card data.

10 - 15 October 2016

Coordination centres:

- Europol** - The Hague, The Netherlands
- Ameripol** - Bogota, Colombia
- Canada**
- Interpol** - Singapore
- USA**

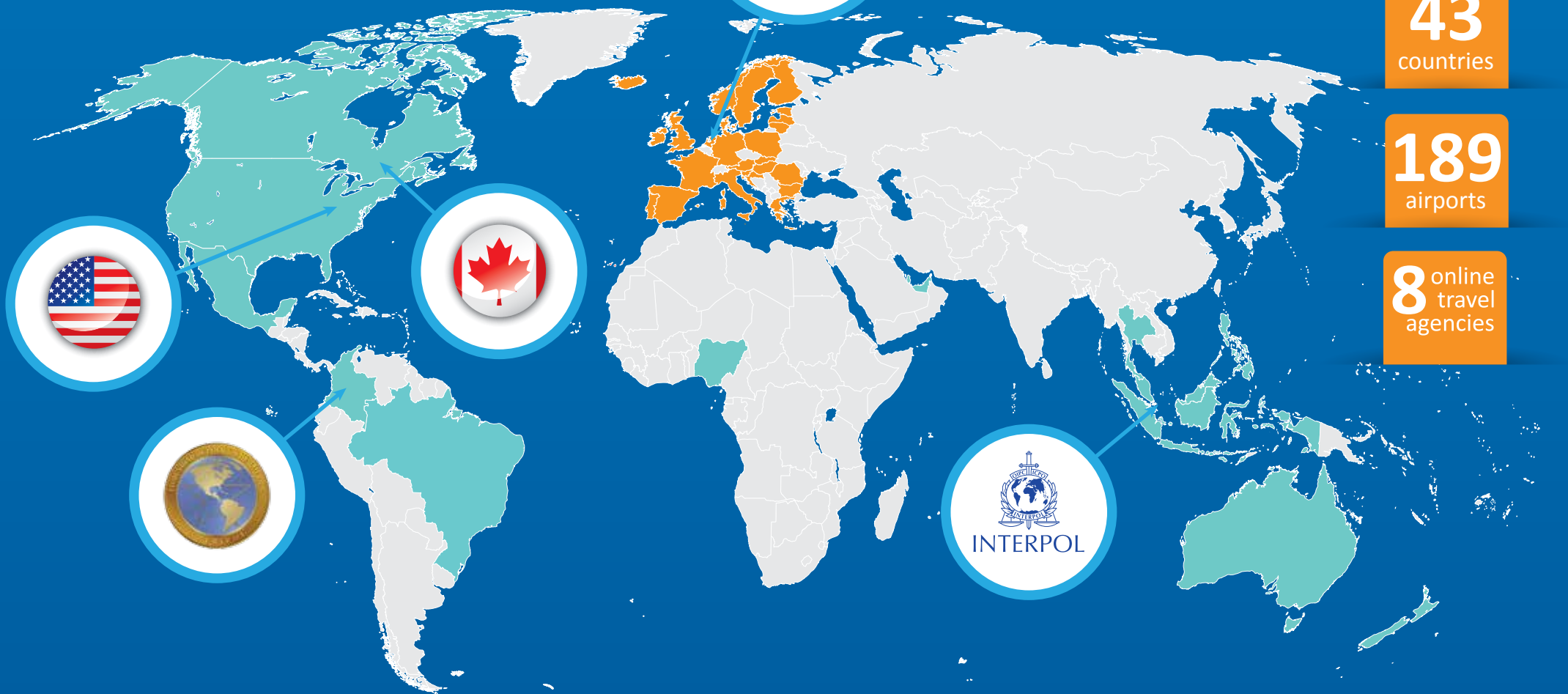


75
airlines

43
countries

189
airports

8
online travel agencies



Countries participating in the operation

- Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

- Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America.



Airline industry



Law Enforcement



losses of **USD 1 billion** for the airline industry



Europol deployed specialists and equipment to locations across Europe.

Credit card industry



Travel industry



The International Air Transport Association (IATA) took part in the action, providing important fraud intelligence from its database



A dedicated team of analysts working from the Europol operational centre provided live access to centralised criminal intelligence databases.



Credit card fraud linked to: drug trafficking, fraud with counterfeit payment cards, organising illegal immigration

Aim of action



Target the criminal online services offering credit card credentials and fake plane tickets



Protect consumers from being duped by these criminal enterprises



193 detained under suspicion of fraud