

EUROPOL 20 YEARS



1999 - 2019

20 years Europol

Making Europe Safer

On 1 July 2019, Europol turned 20! Exactly 20 years earlier on 1 July 1999, Jürgen Storbeck, the former Director of the Europol Drugs Unit (EDU), was appointed as Europol's first Director. It's not only Europol that has changed, law enforcement in the EU has also changed significantly in the past two decades. The following pages give you an insight into our extensive history, some of the most noteworthy operations we have supported and some long-awaited answers:

HISTORY

Take a scroll down memory lane on our new [interactive history page](#) full of interesting facts and pictures about Europol and our activities.

20 MOST NOTEWORTHY OPERATIONS

Over the past 20 years, Europol has supported many thousands of criminal investigations. We dug deep in the collective memory of our staff and asked them about their [20 most noteworthy operations](#).

20 THINGS YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK

We already have an [FAQ page](#) but for the occasion of our 20th anniversary, we thought of [adding a few more](#), a bit more casual and some things you might have thought of already but never had a chance to ask.

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