

# INTERNET ORGANISED CRIME THREAT ASSESSMENT (IOCTA) 2020

Report

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The IOCTA is Europol's flagship strategic product highlighting the dynamic and evolving threats from cybercrime. It provides a unique law enforcement focused assessment of emerging challenges and key developments in the area of cybercrime. We are grateful for the many contributions from our colleagues within European law enforcement community and to our partners in the private industry for their input to the report. Combining law enforcement and private sector insights allows us to present this comprehensive overview of the threat landscape.

The data collection for the IOCTA 2020 took place during the lockdown implemented as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Indeed, the pandemic prompted significant change and criminal innovation in the area of cybercrime. Criminals devised both new *modi operandi* and adapted existing ones to exploit the situation, new attack vectors and new groups of victims.



CRIME AREAS    [Cybercrime](#) • [High-Tech crime](#) • [Social engineering](#) • [Child Sexual Exploitation](#) •  
[Online sexual coercion and extortion of children](#) • [Forgery of money and means of payment](#) • [Payment Fraud](#) • [Money Muling](#)  
TARGET GROUPS    [General Public](#) • [Law Enforcement](#) • [Academia](#) • [Professor](#) • [Students](#) • [Researcher](#) •  
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