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# CRIME AREAS & TRENDS

## Keeping ahead of the criminals

Europol not only works closely with law enforcement in fighting a diverse range of crimes, particularly in its nine EMPACT priority crime areas – it also provides them with valuable intelligence and highlights new trends.

From its various threat assessments to its intelligence-gathering and operational activities, Europol has the tools and resources it needs to do its part in making Europe safer.

These pages contain a range of information on the [crime areas](#) that Europol is responsible for fighting.

They also explain Europol's [EMPACT](#) priority crime areas for 2018-2021 and how these have been defined.

You'll also find information on the proactive approach the agency takes in fighting crime, by flagging new criminal trends, compiling intelligence and issuing early warning alerts.

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