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# CAN EUROPOL STAFF MEMBERS ARREST CRIMINALS?

Sorry to shatter the illusion, but it's not like in the movies. Europol staff members do not have the power to arrest suspected criminals. Instead, our analysts provide valuable information to national authorities, so *they* can shut down criminal groups, identify perpetrators and arrest them.

While having no powers of arrest, we are active in on the ground, so you may see Europol staff members with police when they knock on your door at 5 o'clock in the morning!

Our experts are often deployed on-the-spot to perform checks and speed up operations with real-time data analysis. Our analysts facilitate the exchange of information between investigators in different countries. This is how information on suspects can cross borders even faster than the criminals themselves.

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