

OC-SCAN THREAT NOTICE

SUMMARY: EUROPOL LAUNCHES SCAN SYSTEM FOR STRATEGIC NOTICES ON NEWLY IDENTIFIED ORGANISED CRIME THREATS (01/01/10)

The Europol **SC**anning, **A**nalysis & **N**otification (**SCAN**) System provides national competent authorities with strategic early warning notices regarding new Organised Crime (OC) threats.

The SCAN System is in line with the concept of intelligence-led policing, the European Criminal Intelligence Model (ECIM) and the objective to build on Europol's role as the European Union (EU) criminal information hub.



The SCAN Team delivers three key Products & Services:

- **OC-SCAN Threat Notices:** Assessments on Selected OC Threats that are distributed to the national authorities via the Europol Liaison Bureaux Network and include information and recommendations to support law enforcement responses to these OC phenomena. OC-SCAN Threat Notices consist of:
 - a) *Assessments on OC Groups* active in criminal markets that are related to the reported threat;
 - b) *Assessments on Centres of Gravity* for OC activities that are influenced by, and influence, the development of the reported threat in the wider criminal landscape; and,
 - c) *Conclusions & Recommendations* that aim to facilitate proactive response strategies.
- **SCAN Threat Profiles:** Dossiers of available information and intelligence on Selected OC Threats.
- **SCAN Threat Support:** Follow-up support services provided to national competent authorities that centre on providing access to additional data and contacts in relation to the Selected OC Threats.

The SCAN Team works closely with key functions across Europol and its Liaison Bureaux Network, as well as a Contact Network that consists of specialists and experts in Europol's external business environment.

To join the SCAN Contact Network, **to report** new threats, **to assist** in the profiling of threats, **to participate** in the exchange of strategies to deal with threats, or **to receive** more information, **please contact:**

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SCAN SYSTEM: FIVE CORE BUSINESS PROCESSES

The SCAN System consists of five sequential processes that are subject to the principles of ongoing review to ensure this system evolves with the changing expectations of Europol’s business environment and clients:

1. **ThreatScan:** Comprehensive and efficient gathering of reports concerning new (potential/emergent) OC threats through environmental scanning and outreach with experts inside and outside Europol.
2. **ThreatProfiling:** Focused structuring of available information and intelligence about OC threats.
3. **ThreatAnalysis:** Strategic assessments on Selected OC Threats and formulation of conclusions and recommendations that aim to facilitate the implementation of proactive response strategies.
4. **ThreatNotification:** Rapid dissemination of strategic notices on profiled and analysed OC threats.
5. **ThreatResponse:** Coordinated follow-up support with the provision of access to additional data and expertise that links participants in the SCAN Contact Network.

SCAN TEAM: MISSION AND MANDATE

The SCAN Team’s mission is to gather reports; to profile, analyse and disseminate early warning notices; and, to provide follow-up support in relation to newly identified OC threats. To achieve its mission, the SCAN Team works closely with law enforcement officers and other actors engaged in the joint fight against OC to develop and share knowledge about new OC threats. In line with this mission, the SCAN Team’s mandate is:

- To serve as a **central hub** for gathering and processing reports of potential and emergent OC threats that are analysed to produce a strategic early warning notice (gateway: scan@europol.europa.eu).
- To develop a database that contains **threat profiles** of new OC threats and provide data from these threat profiles to Europol staff and national competent authorities on request for further analysis.
- To cooperate with a wide variety of **contacts** from Europol’s business environment to gather reports and knowledge about newly identified OC threats (incl. contacts from the public and private sector):

