

■ EUROPOL

in brief

year of 2019

Europol: the EU's response to serious and organised crime and terrorism

Europol is the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation. It is the place where European police work together.

Europol began as a small office working to stop drug trafficking and has grown to become the central point for criminal information in the EU. If a crime affects two or more EU countries, Europol can help police officers join the dots. There are 27 countries in the EU, with hundreds of police organisations. Europol brings them together to fight crime as one.

1 299
staff members



66% men

34% women



46
countries

* Data correct as of December 2019 and includes staff with employment contracts with Europol, liaison officers from EU and non-EU countries and organisations, seconded national experts, trainees and contractors.



Headquarters in

The Hague

the Netherlands

Budget for 2019

€ **138.3**
million



Liaison bureaux

There are more than 250 liaison officers at Europol's headquarters from almost 50 different countries and agencies. Liaison officers meet and network daily, building strong international working relationships, coordinating operational cooperation, creating links, and securely sharing crime information and best practices.



262

liaison officers
at its headquarters

Communicate

SIENA

The **Secure Information Exchange Network**

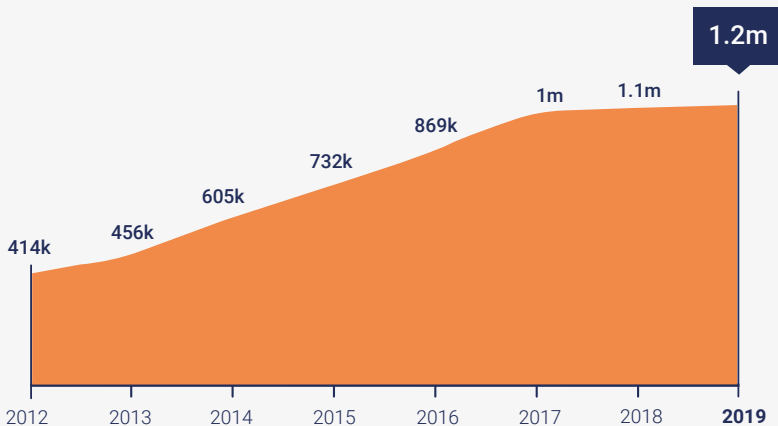
Application is a state-of-the-art platform that meets the communication needs of EU law enforcement. A secure messaging service, SIENA is used to quickly exchange operational and strategic crime-related data between EU countries and Europol's partners.



1 744
secure lines
provided

SIENA messages exchanged

The overall number of messages exchanged includes all requests, answers and messages for information sent and received in SIENA, including cancellation messages and no information available answers.



SIENA messages per crime area (top 5)



16%

Robbery and
organised
theft



14%

Drug
trafficking



14%

Fraud and
swindling



12%

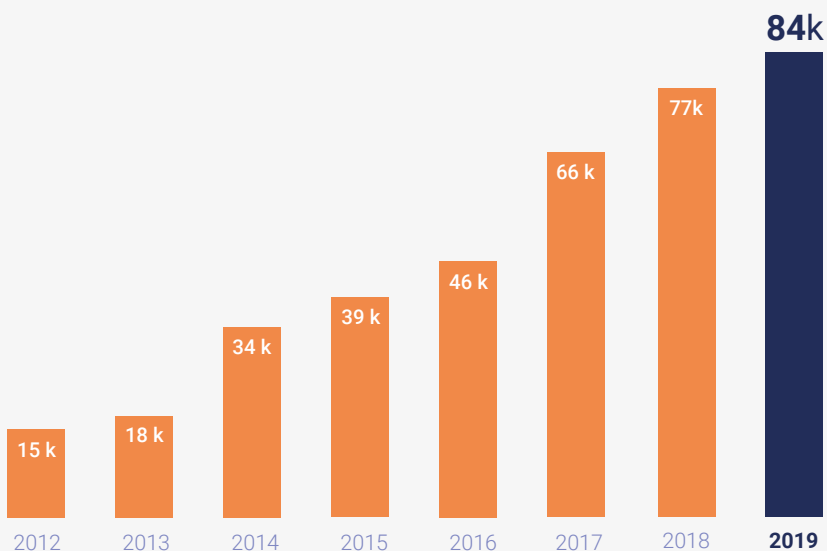
Migrant
smuggling



10%

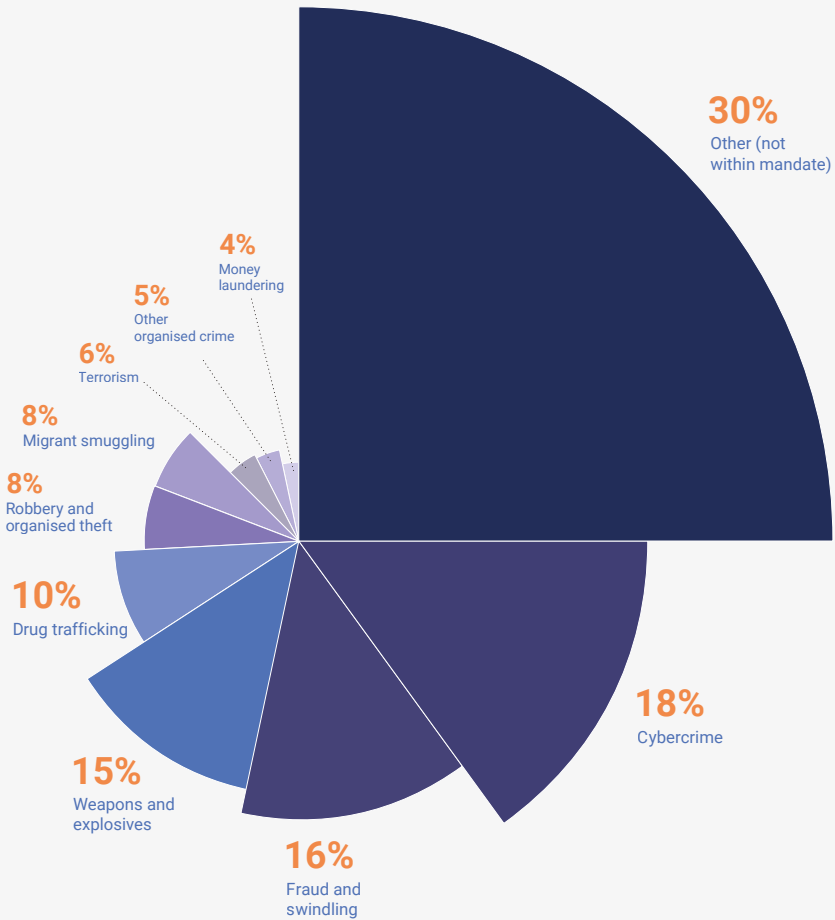
Terrorism

SIENA cases initiated



SIENA new cases per crime area

Crime areas used in less than 3% of new cases are not shown on this graph.
Some numbers might be part of various crime areas, overlapping percentages.

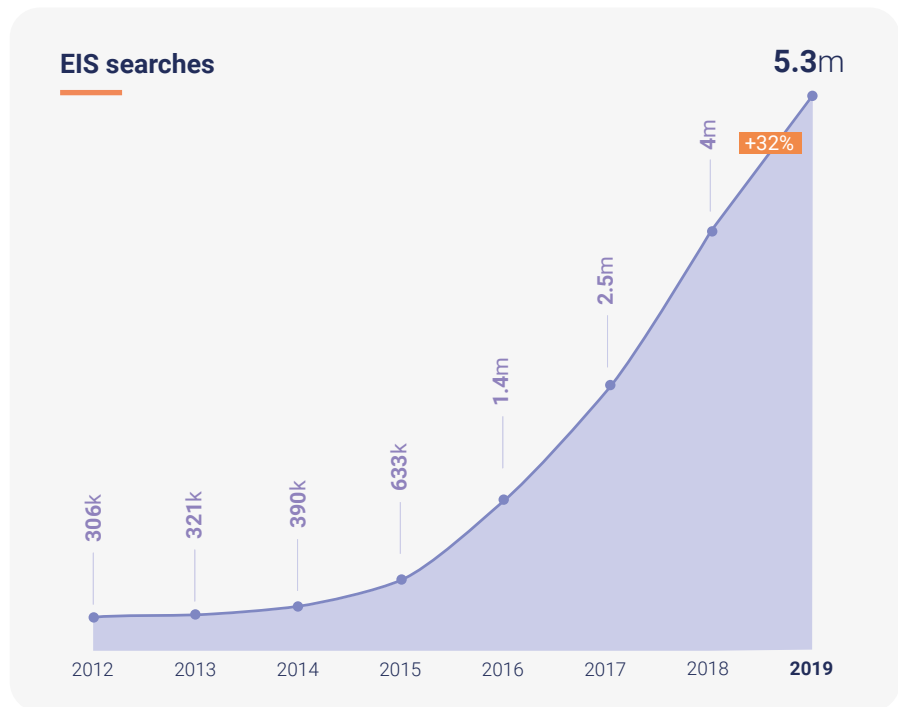


Connect

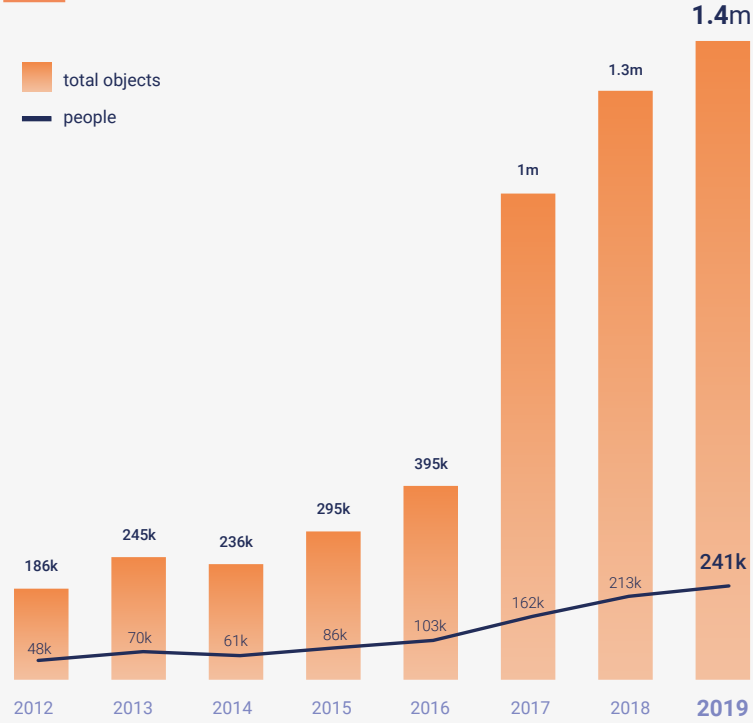
International criminal and terrorist groups make use of the latest technology. Europol must be equally flexible and innovative by making sure it always has state-of-the-art tools and methods at its disposal, like databases and communication channels that offer fast and secure facilities for storing, searching, visualising, analysing and linking key information.

Europol Information System (EIS)

The **Europol Information System** is Europol's database for storing and querying information on offences, offenders, suspects and other key crime-related data.



EIS objects in the database



objects

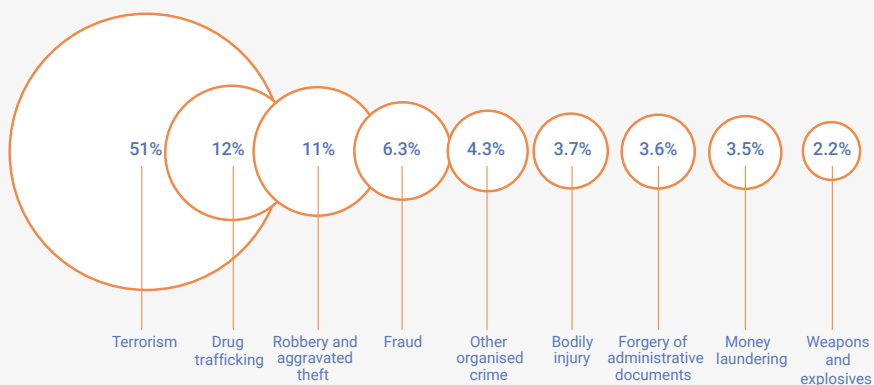
The EIS contained 1 453 186 objects in 2019, an 11% increase on 2018.



people

The EIS contained information on 241 795 people in 2019, an increase of 14% on 2018.

EIS objects (per crime area)



Europol Platform for Experts (EPE)

The **Europol Platform for Experts** is Europol's bespoke tool for law enforcement specialists to share best practices, expert knowledge, and non-personal data on crime with other specialists in the field. EPE works like a closed social media network and almost 18 000 members from more than 100 countries use it to interact and collaborate with one another.



58
platforms



17.2k
experts from law enforcement,
private sector and academia

from
100+
countries

50+
crime areas
discussed

Coordinate

Europol provides EU law enforcement authorities with 24/7 operational support. Europol coordinates this support for crimes in its mandate and for criminal cases that fall into several criminal areas.

Joint action days (JADS)

Joint action days bring together EU countries, European and international organisations to strengthen Europe's borders and internal security.

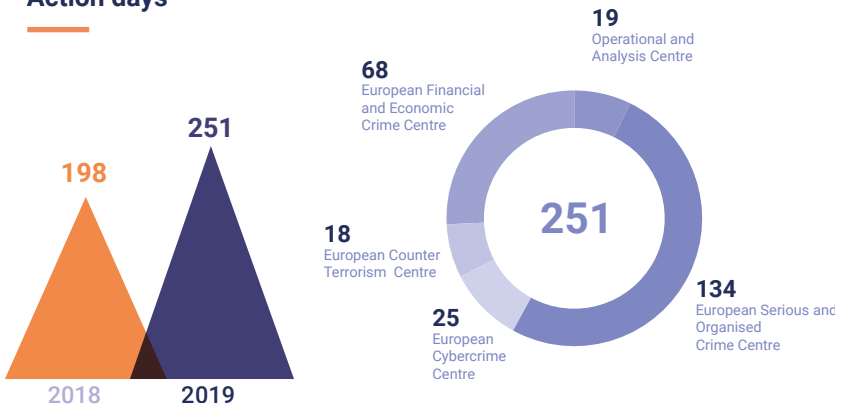


707
new cases
initiated



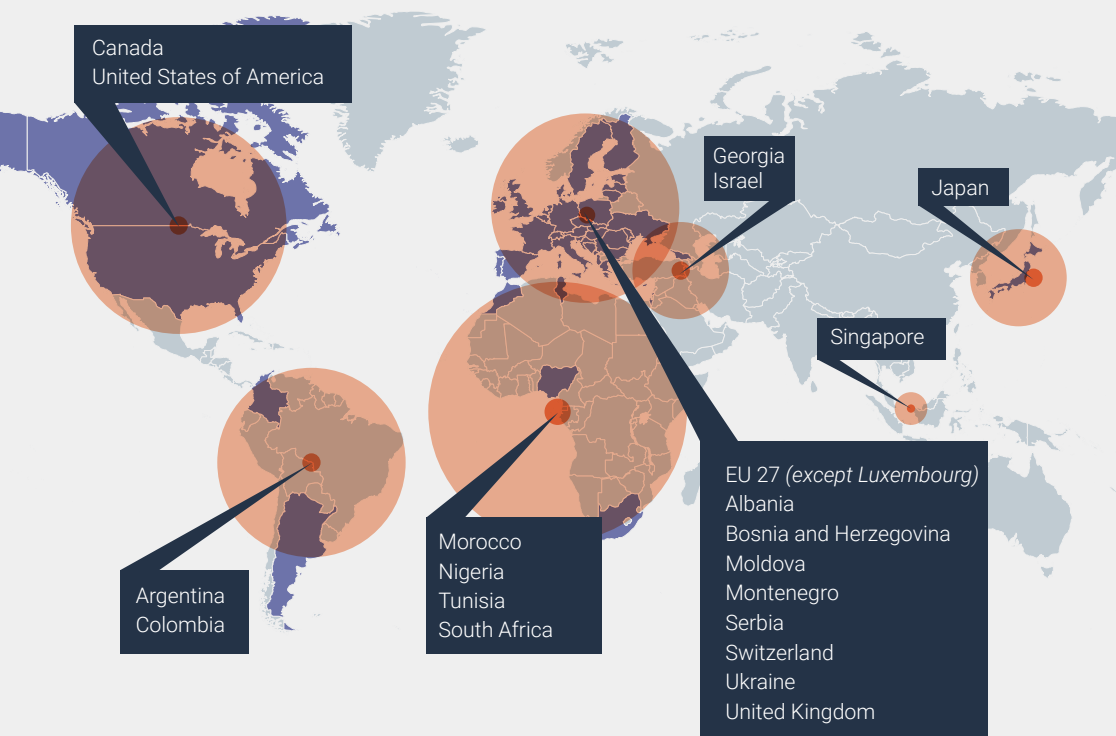
1 068
suspects **arrested**
during action days

Action days



Mobile offices

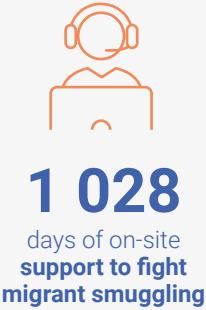
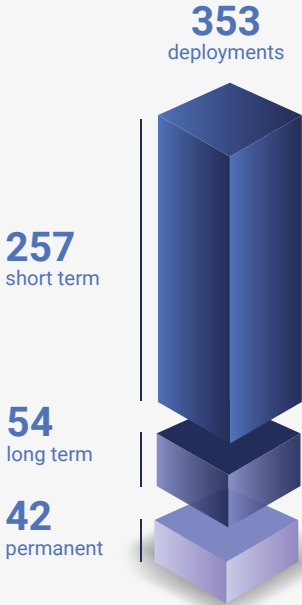
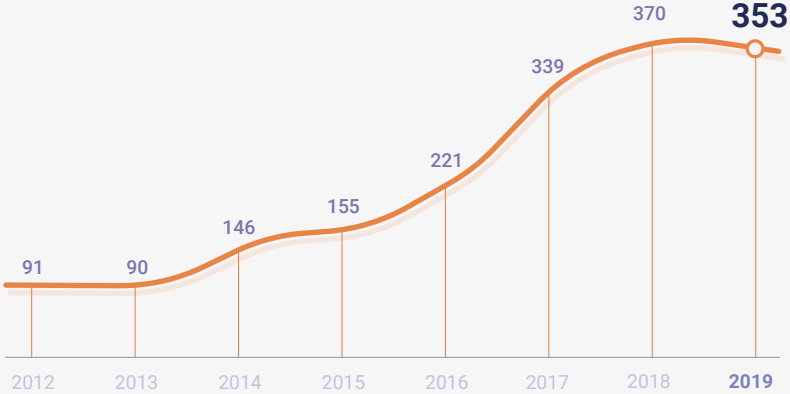
Europol mobile offices can provide support for a wide range of activities, like ongoing investigations, major sports events, international conferences and other occasions where police cooperation is needed. Europol deploys staff to support ongoing investigations and operations. This enables access to Europol's secure network on site.



Europol deployed its experts
with mobile offices to

46 countries
+ **EUNAVFORMED**

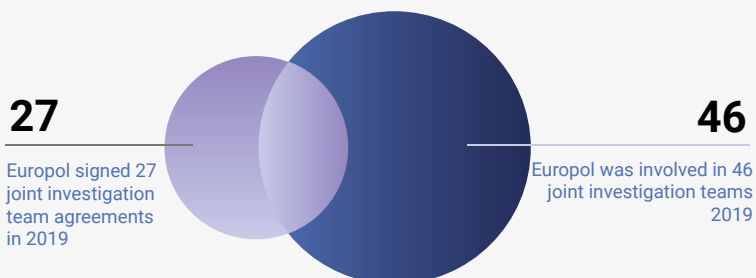
Mobile office deployment



Joint investigation teams (JITs)

Two or more EU countries can agree to set up a joint investigation team. They run for a limited time and for a specific purpose to carry out criminal investigations in one or more of the EU countries involved.

Joint Investigation Teams supported by Europol



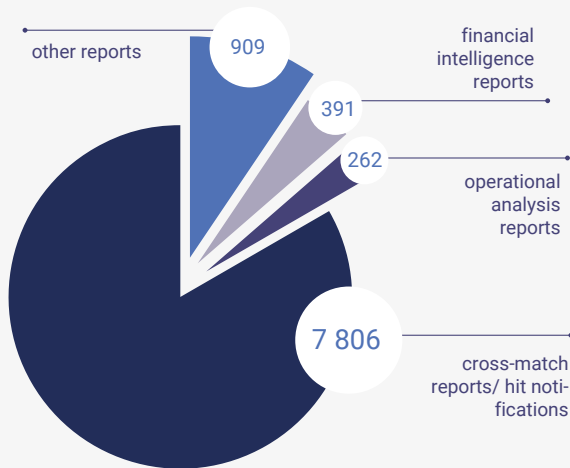
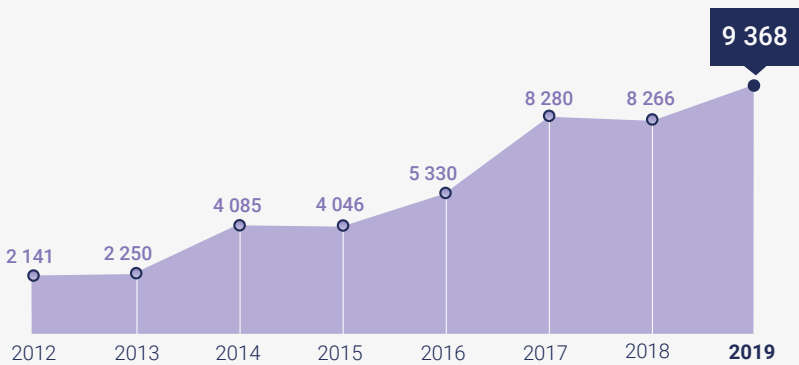
Operational meetings funded by Europol



Collaborate

9 368

operational reports produced



262
operational analysis reports



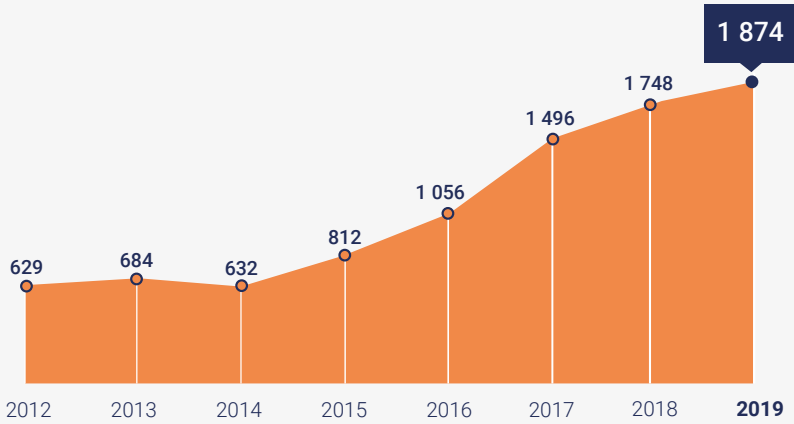
Hits on every 100 data checks requested



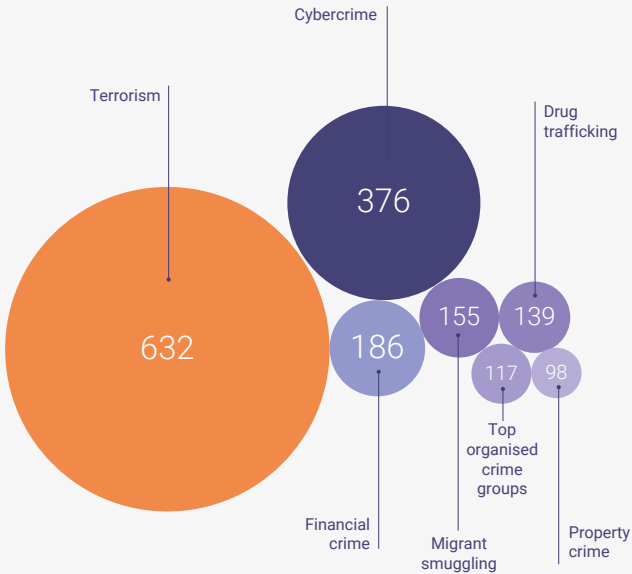
Hit rate measures the number of operational reports produced per 100 operational contributions.

1 874

operations supported

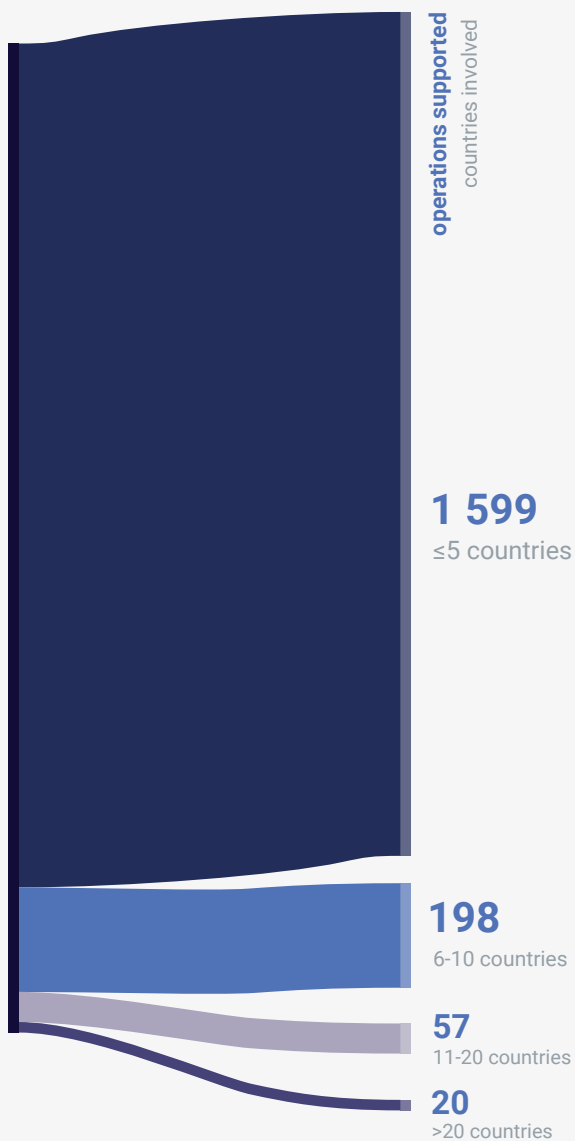


Operations in top crime areas



Operations supported and countries involved

1 874
operations



Europol centres

Operational and Analysis Centre

The Operational and Analysis Centre is Europol's information hub; a gateway sorting, handling and analysing all incoming information. The centre monitors operations and developments 24/7, sets up cooperation with non-EU countries and organisations and deploys experts on the ground. It also provides analysis to Europol's other centres and organisations.



+80k

operational
contributions
processed



4 154

operational reports
produced



19

action days
coordinated and
supported

European Serious and Organised Crime Centre

Europol's European Serious and Organised Crime Centre supports EU countries in their fight against international criminal networks involved drugs, weapons and explosives, property and environmental crime.

The centre also hosts the European Migrant Smuggling Centre (EMSC), which targets and dismantles the complex and sophisticated criminal networks involved in migrant smuggling.



726

operational cases
supported



5 322

operational reports
produced by ESOC



985

operational reports
produced by EMSC



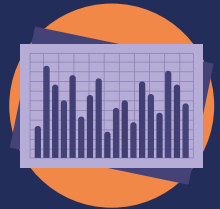
71

action days in the
field by EMSC



17k+

operational contributions
processed by EMSC



155

number of operations
supported by EMSC

European Cybercrime Centre

Europol set up the European Cybercrime Centre to strengthen the law enforcement response to cybercrime in the EU and help protect European citizens, businesses and governments from online crime.



397

operational cases
supported



1 084

operational reports
produced



6 731

operational
contributions
processed



1 646

forensic support



47

child abuse victims
identified

European Counter Terrorism Centre

The terrorism situation in Europe is constantly evolving, and the threat of terrorism and violent extremism is growing ever more complex. The European Counter Terrorism Centre was set up to monitor jihadist and right-wing terrorism, the state of terrorist online communications, the threat from returnees from conflict zones and released prisoners and the impact of technological developments.



632

operational cases
supported



1 883

operational reports
produced



6 075

operational
contributions
processed

European Union Internet Referral Unit (EU IRU)

The EU IRU at the European Counter Terrorism Centre combats terrorist propaganda on the internet. The unit identifies and refers violent extremist activities online to the relevant internet service providers.

361

online platforms
monitored

25k+

volumes of content
assessed

European Financial and Economic Crime Centre

Highly sophisticated cases of money laundering, scams and fraud that target individuals, companies and the public sector continue to threaten the growth of the economy and the integrity of our financial system. To respond to this threat, Europol created the European Financial and Economic Crime Centre.



205

operational cases
supported*



1 137

operational reports
produced*



5 267

operational
contributions
processed*

*numbers related to financial intelligence in 2019

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since the launch of the
website

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countries

\$632m

prevented ending up in
criminal pockets

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