Strengthening criminal investigation and criminal justice cooperation along the cocaine route in Latin America, the Caribbean and West Africa (2016-2020)

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Global Cocaine Trafficking

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2014 – 2015 Changes in global seizures

- Cannabis Herb: -3%
- Cannabis Resin: 5%
- Cocaine: 30%
- Heroin: -2%
- Opium: 11%
- Illicit Morphine: -54%
- Methamphetamine: 21%
- Amphetamine: 12%
- Ecstasy: -34%

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Global Coca Bush Cultivation 1994-2016

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Worldwide Cocaine Flows

Source: UNODC, responses to annual report questionnaire and individual drug seizure database.

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Cocaine Seizures Worldwide

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Cocaine Seizures in Latin America and the Caribbean

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* Data for the year 2016 is incomplete
Cocaine Seizures in Africa

![Graphs showing cocaine seizures in Ghana and Nigeria from 2000 to 2016 with data in kilograms.](image-url)
Introducing CRIMJUST

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CRIMJUST Objective

The overall objective is to contribute to fighting organized crime in general, and drug trafficking in particular, along the cocaine route(s) in Latin America, the Caribbean (LAC) and West Africa (WA).
Participating Countries

West Africa
- Cabo-Verde
- Ghana
- Guinea-Bissau
- Associated Country: Nigeria

Latin America and the Caribbean
- Dominican Republic
- Panama
- Associated Countries: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru

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**CRIMJUST Pillars**

- **Capacity Building**: strengthening the capacities of criminal justice actors (law enforcement agents, prosecutors and judges)
- **Regional and Interregional Cooperation**: fostering interregional cooperation between criminal justice institutions
- **Institutional Integrity**: enhancing institutional integrity and accountability of criminal justice institutions when dealing with OC/drug trafficking cases.
The Project’s Key Elements

- Inter-regional approach to tackle OC-related threats
- Holistic approach
- Building synergies
- Post seizures investigation
- Enhanced integrity and accountability of law enforcement and the judiciary

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CRIMJUST Implementation Status

**Total of Capacity Building Activities**
- **Europe:**
  - Austria
  - Italy
  - Spain
- **Latin America:**
  - Argentina
  - Brazil
  - Colombia
  - Dominican Republic
  - Ecuador
  - Mexico
  - Panama
- **Africa:**
  - Cabo Verde
  - Ghana
  - Guinea
  - Guinea Bissau
  - Niger
  - Nigeria
  - Tanzania
  - Togo

**Total Nr. of participants attending Capacity Building Activities**
- **Europe:** 9
- **Latin America:** 784
- **Africa:** 409

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Outcome 3 of the CRIMJUST project supports, in particular, counter-narcotic units and other relevant stakeholders in the criminal justice chain to identify corruption-related risks and develop measures to strengthen integrity and accountability.
Institutional Integrity and Risk of Corruption

• Increased effectiveness of counter narcotics units, resulting in more seizures and ultimately cases, would put drug-traffickers and organized crime groups under pressure to react.

• Likely scenario: Increased efforts of OC to infiltrate the units, threaten officers and resort to bribery.
Measures to enhance Institutional Integrity & to prevent the Risk of Corruption

⇒ Ensure **awareness** of counter-narcotic units and their staff of the risks

⇒ Try to **identify measure** for **resilience against** the threat of corruption.

⇒ **Enhance institutional integrity and accountability** within national criminal justice systems to reinforce their performance, and ensure effective investigations and prosecutions of drug-trafficking related offences.

⇒ **Reinforce mutual trust and confidence** within and between target countries in Latin America and West Africa.

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“Great things are done by a series of small things that are brought together.” – Vincent Van Gogh

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