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**Expert working group on improving drug
statistics and strengthening the Annual Report
Questionnaire (ARQ)**

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Links between drug trafficking, corruption and other forms of organized crime: Challenges

- **Clandestine phenomena**
 - Interactions require level of detail which is very hard to obtain
- **How to measure organized crime**
 - Does it make sense to count OC groups?
 - Number of people involved in OC
- **Corruption**
 - Involves 2 acquiescing parties
 - Population and business surveys are good sources, but resource-intensive and no info on drug trafficking



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Links between drug trafficking, corruption and other forms of organized crime: Responses via ARQ Feedback Questionnaire

Member State Respondents (15)	
Key indicators of relevance	Available indicators and data sources
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Number of prosecutions for money laundering2. Risks of interaction between legal economic activities and the cocaine supply chain (stores of Ironmongery and chemical supplies; companies of land, river and air transport; entertainment companies)3. Contribution of illicit crops in the GDP4. We suggest including the collation of the number of Money Laundering (ML) by underlying predicate of drug trafficking.5. Statistics of number of requests for Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Annual National Security Analysis2. Statistic data from criminal investigation3. We can provide the number of ML by underlying predicate of drug trafficking.4. Number of Organised Crime groups with Nexus to other criminal areas5. a) Provide statistics for number of Mutual Legal Assistance requests relating to drug related offences. (b) Provide statistics for number of Extradition requests relating to drug related offences
Other Respondents (6)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Be mindful about assuming that any type of drug trafficking is transnational organised crime	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Anti-corruption initiatives2. Case studies3. Social media networks



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Links between drug trafficking, corruption and other forms of organized crime: Potential sources of information

- Prosecutions/convictions for concomitant offences related to drug trafficking, corruption and other forms of organized crime (including membership of an OC group)
- Prosecutions/convictions for corruption, with a link to drug trafficking or drug traffickers
- Data on corruption related to drug trafficking, perceived or experienced, derived from specialized questions built into corruption surveys
- Data on seizures of drugs together with other commodities, such as firearms, smuggled wildlife, illegally mined minerals, and cash.
- Detected cases of individuals forced into acting as drug couriers, possibly in the context of kidnapping or trafficking in persons
- Detailed information on large-scale seizures of drugs
- Breakdowns of estimated share of the illicit drug market by OC group, and qualitative information on their characteristics and their involvement in other forms of OC
- Qualitative assessments by law enforcement on the role of drug trafficking in OCGs