Europol and JITs

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Legal aspects
Principles of operation
Third Parties
Support for investigations
Participation in JITs:
• May participate in activities of JITs
• Staff may assist in all activities and exchanges of information with all members of the JIT
• Staff in JIT may provide all members with information processed
• May propose this to the MS concerned and assist them in setting up the JIT
• No coercive measures; Subject to national law

Art. 5 Regulation 794/2016
With Appendix to JIT Model Agreement:
- If there is a value of Europol participation
- Acquire copy of signed JIT agreement (any language)
- Appendix completed & signed by Deputy Director Operations (EN plus required language) – confirms our commitment

Or without – work as usual – daily support to operations & investigations
1200 staff members,
249 ELOs,
44 countries
Objectives

What?
- To support & strengthen MS
- In preventing and combating serious crime affecting two or more MS
- Terrorism and forms of crime which affect a common interest covered by Union Policy: (& related)

Art. 3 Regulation 794/2016
Supporting intelligence gathering:
• Collect, store, process, analyse and exchange information, including criminal intelligence
• Notify MS any information and connections between criminal offences
• Coordinate, organise and implement investigative and operational actions to support MS
Supporting investigations:
- Participate in JITs, as well as propose that they be set up
- Cross-border information exchange activities, operations and investigations,
- Providing operational, technical and financial support,
- Provide specialised training and assist in training,
- Also in the context of JITs (in liaison with Eurojust)
Role of LBx in JITs

- 24/7 information flow via SIENA
- Operational Meetings, Coordination Meetings
- Liaise with other LBx
- Liaise with Europol Analysis Projects
EUROPOL APs

- Analysis Projects – daily support for investigations per crime area
- Non-priority support
- Priority support – High Value Targets
- Joint Investigation Teams (JITs)
Secure Information Exchange Network Application

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- How reliable?
- Is it your priority?
- Case management
- Structured
- Handling codes
Handling Codes

- Applicable in all operational data processing environments
- MS/TP and Europol follow instructions of the provider
- Trust, sharing and the need to know principle
Handling Codes – H0 to H3

H0: “This information may only be used for the purpose of preventing and combating crimes in line with the ECD and any other applicable law.”

H1: “Not to be disclosed in judicial proceedings without the permission of the provider”

H2: “Not to be disseminated without the permission of the provider”

H3: “Other restrictions and comments:”
JIT Interactions

- Eurojust and Europol Analysis Projects
- Eurojust and Liaison Bureaux
- JIT National Experts – Liaison Bureau
Strategic partners - countries

Turkey
Russia
China
Brazil
Israel
Japan
EU MS plus:

1. Non-EU Schengen: **Iceland, Norway, Switzerland**
2. EU non-Europol Regulation: **Denmark, United Kingdom**
3. Eastern Partnership: **Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine**
4. Negotiations between the EU and 8 countries on exchange of personal data with Europol: **Israel** (working arrangement), **Turkey** (strategic agreement)
5. Western Balkans: **Albania, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia**
6. Overseas: **Australia, Canada, Colombia, USA**
Types of Europol support – a snapshot

**Expertise, information**
- Europol platform for experts (EPE), Europol Information System (EIS)
- Specific websites such as Euro Check Web-site, EU Most Wanted, FIU.net
- Forensic laboratory

**Logistical**
- Operational coordination rooms
- Videoconferencing
- International expert networks

**Analytical**
- Europol Analysis System
- Strategic Analysis – SOCTA, i-OCTA
- Operational analysis – Financial analysis, Social Network Analysis, Geo-mapping

**Financial**
- Financing of operational meetings/actions (OTF’s)
- Flash money, confidence buy, Informant Reward, rental costs
- Financing of special equipment, technical investigation

**On the spot**
- Mobile office – remote access to Europol’s databases
- Technical examination of equipment and illegal products
- Universal forensic extraction device (UFED) for mobile devices
Funding

- Euro counterfeiting (flash money, purchase money, informant reward, technical investigation, witness protection...)
- Operational Task Force (High Value Targets)
- Operational meetings
- EMPACT grants
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