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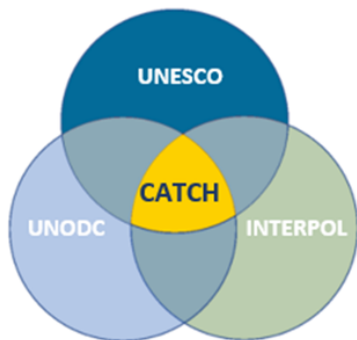
CO-ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN CULTURAL HERITAGE

A pilot project for crime prevention and criminal justice responses to counter the illicit trafficking of cultural property in the Mediterranean



OBJECTIVE

Responding to multiple calls for action, UNESCO, UNODC and INTERPOL are joining forces to strengthen the fight against trafficking in cultural heritage in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice responses.



Under the umbrella of CATCH, the project will contribute to developing a robust, effective and coordinated approach towards the protection of cultural heritage, based on the expertise, resources and complementary mandates of the three international organizations, with the aim of enhancing operational cooperation and criminal justice capacities to tackle the trafficking of cultural property.

Duration: 36 months
Location: Regional/Mediterranean

Three integrated pillars



Research, analysis and availability of data on the routes, modus operandi and involvement of transnational organized crime groups in trafficking in cultural property in the Mediterranean



Law enforcement and criminal justice capacities to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute illicit trafficking in cultural property are enhanced.



International cooperation in countering trafficking in cultural property is strengthened through joint operations and other approaches to identify and disrupt illegal markets.

An innovative, comprehensive approach

The three pillars are mutually reinforcing and will all work towards addressing the specificities of trafficking in cultural property by focusing on:

- the role of intermediaries and brokers across the criminal chain;
- money laundering and illicit financial flows;
- the role of ICT and online markets;
- the links with other forms of crime, terrorism financing and conflict;
- promoting cooperation with the private sector and cultural heritage professionals.

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