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# Addressing EU`s security threats through law enforcement training

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# What are EU's security blind spots?

airport security  
before 9 / 11



airport security  
after 9 / 11



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# The EU Policy Cycle

## for Organised and Serious International Crime

## Main Steps in the EU Policy Cycle



*"The flagship EU instrument for cooperation to fight organised and serious international crime"*

EU SOCTA 2021

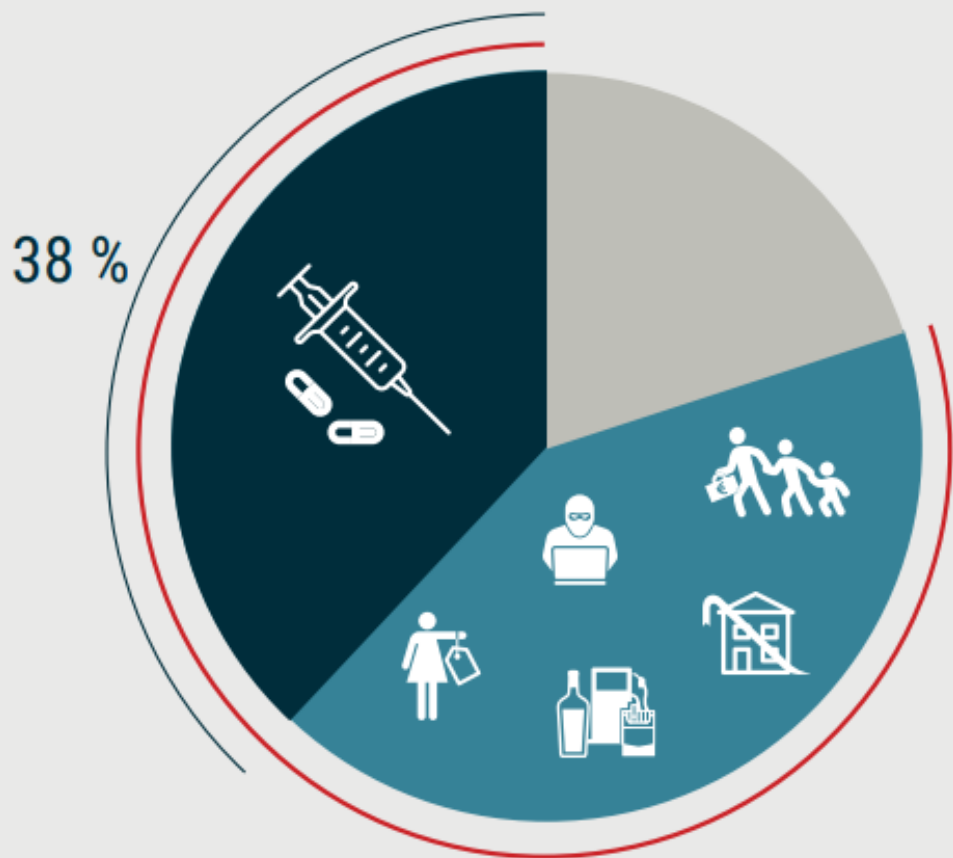
EUROPOL

EUROPEAN UNION  
**SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME  
THREAT ASSESSMENT**

**A CORRUPTING INFLUENCE:**

THE INFILTRATION AND UNDERMINING OF EUROPE'S  
ECONOMY AND SOCIETY BY ORGANISED CRIME

## CRIMINAL MARKET



**80 %**

are involved in drugs, organised property crime, excise fraud, trafficking in human beings, online and other frauds, and migrant smuggling

## STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION

**40 %**  
hierarchical  
structure



**60 %**  
fluid crime  
structure



**1/4**

have been active for  
more than 10 years

**79 %**  
six or more  
members



**21 %**  
up to five  
members

## LEGAL BUSINESS STRUCTURES

**80 %**

use legal business structures for their criminal activities



## MONEY LAUNDERING

**68 %**

use basic money laundering methods such as investing in property or high-value goods



## CORRUPTION

**60 %**

engage in corruption



## USE OF VIOLENCE

**60 %**

use violence to any extent



## INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION AND MOBILITY



**65 %**

are composed of members of multiple nationalities

**>180**

nationalities involved

**7 out of 10**

are typically active in more than three countries



## POLY-CRIMINALITY

Decrease



**40 %**

engage in more than one main criminal activity

# European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats

ON THE BASIS OF THE 2021 EU SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME THREAT ASSESSMENT, PRESENTED BY EUROPOL, MEMBER STATES HAVE IDENTIFIED 10 CRIME PRIORITIES:



## High-risk criminal networks

To identify and disrupt high risk criminal networks active in the EU, with special emphasis on those using corruption, acts of violence, firearms and money laundering through parallel underground financial systems.



## Cyber-attacks

To target criminal offenders orchestrating cyber-attacks, particularly those offering specialised criminal services online.



## Trafficking in human beings

To disrupt criminal networks engaged in trafficking in human beings, with special focus on those who exploit minors, those who use or threaten with violence against victims and their families and those who recruit and advertise victims online.



## Child sexual exploitation

To combat child abuse online and offline, including the production and dissemination of child abuse material as well as online child sexual exploitation.



## Migrant smuggling

To fight against criminal networks involved in migrant smuggling, in particular those providing facilitation services along the main migratory routes.



## Drugs trafficking

To identify and target the criminal networks involved in drug trafficking, including trafficking and distribution of cannabis, cocaine, heroin, synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances.



## Fraud, economic and financial crimes

To target criminals orchestrating fraud, economic and financial crimes, including online fraud schemes, excise fraud, missing trader intra community fraud (MTIC fraud), intellectual property crime, counterfeiting of goods and currencies, criminal finances and money laundering.



## Organised property crime

To disrupt criminal networks involved in organised property crime, with particular focus on organised burglaries, theft and robberies, motor vehicle crime and illegal trade in cultural goods.



## Environmental crime

To combat criminal networks involved in all forms of environmental crime and in particular those with a capability to infiltrate legal business structures or set up own companies to facilitate their crimes.



## Firearms trafficking

To target criminals involved in the illicit trafficking, distribution and use of firearms.

In addition to these priorities, the production and provision of fraudulent and false documents will be addressed as a common horizontal strategic goal, since it is a key enabler for many crimes.



# Assessment and Analyses of Training Needs



## **CEPOL training portfolio**

To provide the most suitable training for law enforcement officials across the EU

# Findings

## core capability gaps:



Digital skills and use of new technologies



Crime prevention



Document fraud



Forensics



Fundamental rights and data protection



High-risk criminal networks



Financial investigations



Cooperation, information exchange, and interoperability

## thematic areas:



Border management and maritime security



Intellectual property crime, counterfeiting of goods and currencies



Firearms trafficking



Environmental crime



Missing trader intra-community fraud



External dimensions of European security



Corruption



Others, such as leadership and management



Excise fraud

# OUR TRAINING APPROACH

ONSITE



ONLINE



EXCHANGE



MENTORING





## Law Enforcement Education

e-Platform by CEPOL the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training



The screenshot displays the LEEd e-Platform interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the LEEd logo on the left, a search bar, and fields for Username and Password. Below the navigation bar is a grid of 12 topic cards, each with a representative image and a text label. On the right side of the grid, there are two vertical navigation arrows (up and down). The background of the interface is dark blue with a subtle pattern.

LEEd LANGUAGE ▼

Search Username Password

Forgot password - Registration

- Serious and Organised Crime
- Cyber-related Crime
- Counter Terrorism
- Fundamental Rights
- Law enforcement cooperation, information exchange and interoperability
- Leadership and other skills
- Higher Education and Research
- Public Order and Prevention
- Law Enforcement Technologies, Forensics and Specific Areas
- Union Missions (CSDP)
- CEPOL Exchange Programme
- Virtual training centre on intellectual property rights

**A ROBUST AND STRONG  
EU SECURITY ECOSYSTEM**

**NEW CEPOL STRATEGY 2022-2025**

# TRAINING FRAMEWORK

EU COMMON LAW  
ENFORCEMENT  
CULTURE ENHANCED

LAW ENFORCEMENT  
PROFFESIONAL  
STANDARDS IMPROVED

# PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

WORKFORCE IN CROSS-  
BORDER OPERATIONS  
REINFORCED

LAW ENFORCEMENT  
- JUDICIAL EU  
COOPERATION  
IMPROVED

A PROMOTER OF ACCREDITATION FOR  
EU LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

AN EU HUB FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
TRAINING

A DRIVING FORCE FOR BOOSTING AN  
EU LAW ENFORCEMENT CULTURE

# TRAINING OFFER

# OUTREACH & CASCADING

Improving strategic  
training needs analysis

Defining EU LE  
training priorities strengthening  
coordination

Developing  
competency  
frameworks

Developing  
accreditation  
and qualification  
scheme

Improving the  
training portfolio


Improving transfer  
research and knowledge

Delivering cutting-edge training  
for EU and non-EU partners

Expanding  
outreach

# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

**EUROMED Police**



CEPOL | EUROMED POLICE | EUROPOL | Funded by the European Union

**CT INFLOW**  
Counter-terrorism information exchange and criminal justice responses



CEPOL | CT-INFLOW | Funded by the European Union

**WB PaCT**  
Partnership against crime and terrorism project in the Western Balkans



CEPOL | EUROPOL | Funded by the European Union

**TOPCOP**  
Training and operational partnership against organised crime



CEPOL | TOPCOP | EUROPOL | Funded by the European Union



*“The best investment in our future is the investment in our people. Skills and education drive Europe’s competitiveness and innovation. But Europe is not yet fully ready. I will ensure that we use all the tools and funds at our disposal to redress this balance.”*

*President Von der Leyen*







# Thank you!

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