Strategic analysis
Europol’s products and services

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Strategic Analysis
Europol’s key tasks

- Improve SOC intelligence picture
- Interlink strategic and operational research and analysis
- Assist Operational teams
- Ensure pro-active intelligence-led support
- Environmental Scanning and Monitoring
- Develop new methodologies and techniques
Customers and stakeholders

Law enforcement authorities in EU MS
- Input for strategic decision making
- Input for operational actions

Europol’s third partner countries and organisations
- Joint reporting / analysis
- Cooperation

EU Commission / JHA Council / EU Parliament
- Input for political decision making / prioritisation
Our data sources

• Operational intelligence
  • Europol’s and partners’ operational data on criminals and criminal activities

• Tactical intelligence
  • Reports from investigations – e.g. countermeasures taken by criminals

• Strategic intelligence
  • Europol’s and partners’ strategic analysis and data

• OUTREACH
  • non – police actors: private sector, NGOs public data, …
The EU Policy Cycle 2014-2017

1. EU SOCTA
2. Strategic Plans
3. Operational Actions
4. Evaluation

Recommendations

Goals

Priorities

Actions

Continuous Collection

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Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment (SOCTA)

Cornerstone of the EU policy cycle

Detailed analysis of the crime threats facing the EU

Detailed data collection

Multi-disciplinary approach

Recommendations priorities
Other strategic products
Environmental Scanning & Forecasting

SOC Strategic Analysis
OSINT Bulletin
July-August 2015

Early warning notification

The Naples Operations Unit of Europol

Early warning notification

The Naples, Italy 2015
Operations Unit

1. MIGRATORY FLOWS

CHANGE OF ROUTE:
- There has been a shift away from the Serbian-Hungarian border towards Croatia. Hungary is currently
  working to reduce the number of migrants crossing the border with Croatia, in addition to
  the border with Romania.
- There are indications that there is a decline in the number of migrants travelling by boat from Greece to
  Italy.
- Changes in weather conditions have an effect on
  land crossing and boats in Italy (Eurostat data).
- Finland is preparing to commence national border controls amid growing influx of migrants from
  Sweden.

Extrapolating: Knowing that DNA profiles were being intercepted, route came under scrutiny due to
  exposure in nay event with similar issues. The use of RPG was reported by some Member State
  (MSS) immigration services, which has
  increased the risk of the
  entire operation.
Looking into the future

- Potential new threats
- Changing criminal structures
- Key driving factors

Challenges for LE

- Anticipating shifts in crime
- Improve (long) term policies
Improving our analytical products

• Review and feedback
  • Operational and strategic level
  • From the police officers and the policy makers

• EU MS advisory group
  • National experts

• Academic Advisory group
  • To improve our methodologies
Our challenges

- Improve data collection
- Improve tactical reporting
- OUTREACH:
  - Increase involvement of non-police-actors
- Permanent monitoring
- Increase customer satisfaction
Thank you