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# The global organised crime situation and its impact on Western Europe

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### Abstract

#### **INTRODUCTORY PART :**

#### Overview of INTERPOL core functions:

- Secure global police communications services
- Operational data services and database for police (brief info on recent data-bases initiatives: Firearms ballistic exhibits database - - IBIN: Interpol Ballistic Information Network – and Stolen Suspected Vessels (SSV) database)
- Operational police support services
- Police Training and development
- Some latest data and statistics regarding the use and successful outcomes of INTERPOL's tools and services
- > Information on The INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation in Singapore:

#### **INTERPOL INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS :**

#### **ORGANIZED CRIME**

**Project "MILLENNIUM" – Transnational Eurasian Organized Crime** 

Project "B E S A" – Organized crime from South East Europe

**Project "PINK PANTHERS"- high value jewelry robberies** 

Project "ASIAN ORGANIZED CRIME" – AOC

#### **DRUG-RELATED CRIME**

**HEROIN TRAFFICKING : cooperation with CARICC** -A boost in combating Heroin trafficking is foreseen with the implementation of the agreement finalized by INTERPOL and CARICC –the Central Asia Information and Cooperation Centre for Combating Drugs and their precursors, based in Almathy-Kazahstan.

**COCAINE TRAFFICKING:** In this connection, IPSG is now involved in three main Projects:

Project "White Flow" illegal cocaine trafficking with a connection to Africa

**Project "AIRCOP":** Co-operation with UNODC and WCO to set up a system of Joint Teams at Airports in West Africa and Latin America.

WACI (West African Coast Initiative): INTERPOL in partnership with UNODC, DKPO, DLPO and UNOWA supports with this project the ECOWAS Action plan on Drugs. First



step of the WACI is the creation of Trans-National-Crime Units (TCU) in four West African states (Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea Bissau and Ivory Coast).

#### SYNTHETIC DRUGS: OPERATION "ICE TRAIL"

**PRECURSORS TRAFFICKING:** an excellent cooperation is established and ongoing with the INCB, the independent body that monitor's for the UN the implementation by the member countries of the UN Conventions on Drugs

#### PEOPLE SMUGGLING-TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS-

#### People Smuggling

INTERPOL's Smuggling Training & Operations Programme (STOP), a multifaceted response to criminal activities in the field of people smuggling

#### **Trafficking in Human Beings - THB**

*Training:* The training course on THB, organized in cooperation between Interpol and the host country/organization *Operations:* The theoretical part of the training is followed by a real life THB operation

arranged by the host country with the instructors functioning as observers and advisors during the operation

*Next planned actions* Performing trainings/operations in Nigeria and Egypt.

#### Fighting child sexual exploitation

<u>The International Child Sexual Exploitation Database-ICSE</u> <u>Internet Acces Blocking</u> This action aims at identifying internet sites which contain child abuse material,

#### FINANCIAL CRIME AND MONEY LAUNDERING

#### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS** – Counterfeit products

#### **COUNTERFEIT MEDICINES**

