



EUROPOL

European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation

Watch the video on the link below:

EUROPOL Law Enforcement Agency

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDRzHunkpyo>

What can you say about the Agency's activity?

Europol is Europe's law enforcement agency with its headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands, and supports the Member States in all the serious and organised forms of crime as the criminal and terrorist networks overcome the efforts of national and traditional law enforcement. Criminal networks are active in terrorism, drug-trafficking, organised fraud, human being trafficking. Europol provides support, information, and expertise. It also provides analysis and assessments of criminal activity all over Europe.

The support provided by Europol focuses on the following areas: trafficking in human beings, international drug trafficking, illegal immigration, cybercrime, euro counterfeiting, VAT fraud, money laundering, organised crime, and terrorism.

Europol became a full agency in 2010, and on 1 May 2017, it officially became the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation. In 2016, the European Parliament conferred more power to Europol, to enable it to fight all the serious

forms of crime all over Europe. Europol is accountable to the Council of Ministers for Justice and Home Affairs.

Europol's homepage publishes the biggest operations along the years in various fields of crime: drug trafficking, cybercrime, intellectual property crime, counterfeiting and product piracy, food fraud, terrorism, organised crime groups. We find out about the biggest darknet market, the detection of thousands of kilos of drugs, takedown operations of terrorist networks, crime gangs, losses of millions of euros, food fraud, firearms and cybercrime tools, malware trading, smuggling of illegal aliens, money laundering, dark marketplaces, football match-fixing, illegal trading of animal parts (horns), child sexual offender networks.

Europe's law enforcement agency invests all efforts into fighting crime all over the Union with the maximum of efficiency, to protect and provide safety to citizens and property on the highest scale. (Read more on <https://www.europol.europa.eu/>)

Find the English equivalents of the following Romanian words in the text above:

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| - Trafic de ființe umane | - falsificare de bani |
| - Fraudă TVA | - spălare de bani |
| - Imigrare ilegală intelectuală | - fals de proprietate |
| - Piratare de produse | - crimă organizată |
| - Bandă criminală | - arme de foc |
| - Comercializarea de malware animale | - comerț ilicit cu produse |
| - Aranjarea de meciuri de fotbal | - rețea teroristă |

Translate the following sentences into English:

- Rețelele de crimă organizată sunt foarte active în fraudă organizată, traficul de droguri, traficul de ființe umane și terorism.

- Europol oferă analiza și evaluarea activității criminale în Europa.
- Parlamentul European a acordat mai multă putere agenției pentru a lupta contra activității criminale din Uniunea Europeană.
- Agenția desfășoară operațiuni de dezmembrare a rețelelor teroriste și a bandelor criminale
- Toate activitățile Europol sunt orientate către protejarea cetățenilor la cel mai înalt nivel.
- Comercializarea ilicită de malware constituie o amenințare pentru securitatea cibernetică.
- Agenția luptă și împotriva comerțului ilegal cu animale și produse animale.
- Piratarea de produse se află în atenția Europol.
- Aranjarea meciurilor de fotbal este una dintre domeniile urmărite de Europol.
- Imigrația ilegală ridică probleme serioase atât la granițele Uniunii Europene, cât și pe teritoriul acesteia

Fighting International Crime and Terrorism

A coordinated effort is needed to combat criminal gangs that run people-trafficking networks and exploit vulnerable human beings, particularly women and children.

Organised crime is becoming more sophisticated and regularly uses European or international networks for its activities. Terrorism has clearly shown that it can strike, with great brutality, anywhere in the world. This is why the Schengen information system (SIS) was set up. This is a complex database which enables police forces and judicial authorities to exchange information on people for whom an arrest warrant or extradition request has been issued and on stolen property such as vehicles or works of art.

One of the most effective ways of hunting down criminals is to track their ill-gotten gains. For this reason, and to cut off the funding of criminal and terrorist organisations, the EU has brought in legislation to prevent money-laundering.

The greatest advance made in recent years in the field of cooperation between law enforcement authorities was the creation of Europol, an EU body based in The Hague and staffed by police and customs officers. It tackles a wide range of international crime: drug trafficking, trade in stolen vehicles, people trafficking and illegal immigration networks; the sexual exploitation of women and children, child pornography, forgery, the trafficking of radioactive and nuclear material, terrorism, money-laundering and counterfeiting of the euro. (From: *Europe in 12 lessons*, Pascal Fontaine,

<https://publications.europa.eu/ro/publication-detail/-/publication/a5ba73c6-3c6a-11e8-b5fe-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>)

Specific terms

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| - Combat criminal gangs | run trafficking networks |
| - Terrorist strike | set up an information system |
| - Issue an arrest warrant | issue an extradition request |
| - Hunt down criminals | track gains |
| - Money laundering | law enforcement authorities |
| - Trade in stolen vehicles | forgery |
| - Embezzlement | money laundering |

Give a short description of Europol's activity using the specific terms.

Give the correct form of the verb in brackets:

Following the global airport action days, in which 6 online travel agencies, over 226 airports, and 69 airlines (be) involved, in 61 countries, the number of suspicious transactions (rise) to 334 and 141 people (be) arrested. As the estimation of losses (come up) to over 1 billion USD, a number of investigations (be) opened. The targets (be) criminals (suspect) of (buy) tickets using (steal) or fake credit cards. The Agency (identify) over 100 suspicious transactions and (arrest) several people.

(Question) about (buy) his ticket on a fake credit card, one of the (suspect) people (say) that he (be) not aware about (make) a transaction with a fake credit card, since he (buy) his ticket without any difficulties. He (give) the card to the police authorities, who (prove) that it (be) a fake, and that it (support) no other transaction. He (be) arrested and the card (confiscate).

Read the following reporting verbs, then use them to turn the following sentences into Reported Speech:

Add	doubt	tell	say	admit	ask
Explain	realise	insist	warn	reveal	mention
Observe	persuade	suggest	claim	wonder	confirm
Explain	deny	advise	answer	remark	agree

Lawyer and client

Lawyer: “ I don’t think you stand any chance of winning this case, as all the evidence speaks against you! “

Client: “ I may not win , but I believe that it will raise concern, as I do want my share of this inheritance.”

Lawyer: “There is a long period of time involved here, some of the other parties may have lost their rights.”

Client:” All I need is my share, according to law.”

Lawyer: “You need all the evidence that the property has been in your care.”

Client: “All my neighbours and acquaintances can testify to that.”

Lawyer: “Are you sure they will testify in your favour?”

Client: “What else can they say? They have seen me living there for 30 years.”

Lawyer: “ I warn you that we had other cases before where the witnesses refused to talk in favour of their neighbours.”

Client:” I admit that there is such a possibility, but nobody can deny my living there.”

Lawyer: “I am really thinking of our chances in your case and I am not sure I can represent your interest very well.”

Client:” I do not deny that I myself have some second thoughts about the issue, but there must be chances of winning.”

Lawyer: “ There are several missing points, gaps , in your case, which I would really like to clarify.”

Client: “ I have a lot of explanation to do, to clarify those gaps, I hope you will find my facts plausible.”

Lawyer: “ I can’t wait to hear the whole story because I need a complete picture of this case.”