

European Commission

Tackling Organised Crime

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Organised crime: a major threat in Europe

Criminal networks have **wide-ranging activities**:



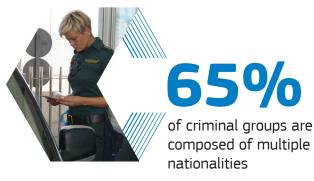
🔾 drugs

- organised property crime
- 🔿 migrant smuggling
- trafficking in human
- beings
- cybercrime

They infiltrate the **legal economy**:

almost **70%** use money laundering, almost **60%** engage in corruption, over **80%** use legal business structures

They are **cross-border**:



They quickly adapted to the pandemic:



detection of scam offers of

1.1 billion vaccine doses

for a price of €15.4 billion

Four key actions for 2021–2025

BOOST EUROPEAN COOPERATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES

- Strengthen existing EMPACT structure founded in 2010
- New EU Police Cooperation Code: easier legal basis for cooperation
- O More efficient information exchange
- Cooperation agreement with Interpol



EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS: DISRUPT NETWORKS, TACKLE PRIORITY CRIMES

- O Drug trafficking
- Firearms
- Cybercrime
- Counterfeiting, including of medical products
- Environmental crime
- Trafficking of cultural goods

ELIMINATE CRIMINAL PROFITS, FIGHT INFILTRATION OF LEGAL ECONOMY

- O Revise EU rules on confiscating criminal profits
- O Develop EU anti-money laundering rules
- Assess EU **anti-corruption** law
- Promote work of **local administrations** to prevent infiltration

MAKE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE JUDICIARY FIT FOR THE DIGITAL AGE

- Commission will analyse and outline approaches to **retention of data**
- Encryption: Commission to propose way forward for lawful access to encrypted information while protecting security and confidentiality
- Tools, knowledge, expertise on digital investigations for national authorities



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