

European Police Office (EUROPOL)



Region and countries of the network

Europe, EU Member States (MS) – currently 28 plus 16 Non-EU States

Authorities involved

Police, customs and all kinds of law enforcement agencies (immigration services, border police, financial police etc.)

Europol, fully operational since 1999, is an EU Agency since 2010 with the new Europol Regulation as a legal basis (Regulation (EU) 2016/794)

Brief description

Europol is the European Union's law enforcement agency assisting the EU Member States in their fight against serious international crime and terrorism, for example by providing secure information exchange channels, operational and strategic analysis or through coordination of cases and operations.

(Reporting) structure / decision-making process

Europol is headed by the Executive Director with the Management Board, composed of one representative of each MS and of the European Commission, as its decision-making body. Europol hosts national Europol Liaison Offices for each EU member state and many other countries.

Key activities

Supporting EU MS criminal investigations in particular through provision of a secure information exchange system, operational and strategic analysis, operational coordination.

Key partners in the region

All law enforcement agencies within the EU, Interpol, World Customs Organization, UNODC and a multitude of other international organisations, networks (including the EnviCrimeNet and the Camden Asset Recovery Inter-agency Network (CARIN)), NGOs , academia and private sector.

Website and other useful links

www.europol.europa.eu

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