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EU Roadmap to fight drug trafficking and organised crime

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The EU is taking a strong united response to fight drug trafficking and organised crime.

This roadmap builds on actions set out in

- the **EU Strategy to tackle Organised Crime 2021-2025**
- the **EU Drugs Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2025**

Security risks and crimes related to drugs are on the rise



Estimated **organised crime profit** from illicit activities, including drug trafficking of around **€139 billion** a year, 1% GDP



40% of criminal networks active in the EU are involved in **illegal drugs trading***



50% of all homicides in Europe directly **connected to drug trafficking**



The European cocaine market **increased 416%** between 2011 and 2021



70% of drugs seizures take place **in EU ports**

6 200

deaths from **drug overdoses** in 2021 in the EU

*Data from the European Union Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment (SOCTA) 2021

New EU Roadmap to fight drug trafficking and organised crime

- 1 Increasing **resilience of ports** against drug trafficking and criminal infiltration with a new **European Ports Alliance**;
- 2 Dismantling high-risk criminal networks by means of more **coordinated investigations** and **use of the Schengen Information System alerts**;
- 3 Measures to prevent organised crime through **exchange of best practices** among Member States and **concrete guidance to protect people**;
- 4 **Working with international partners**, including in West Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean **as well as other international partners**.

Actions

- Schengen **Evaluation on drug trafficking in ports** and a proposal for Council recommendations.
- More financing for **Customs Control Equipment for ports**.
- **A mapping exercise to identify the criminal networks** that pose the biggest threats.
- **A call for proposals on organised crime for a total of EUR 20 million** by the end of 2023.
- **A call for research and innovation on security**.
- **High-Level Group on access to data for effective law enforcement report** with technical, operational and legal recommendations.
- **The EU Internet Forum knowledge** package aimed at supporting social media companies in better moderating drugs content on their platforms.
- **IT tool** to help law enforcement authorities **monitor the darknet** to counter drug trafficking.
- A **high-level conference on crime prevention**, and presenting a collection of **best practices on preventing recruitment in organised crime**, in 2024.

In June 2023, Europol and Eurojust supported Dutch and French authorities to dismantle the encrypted communications tool Encrochat, which led to **6.558 arrests** and **€900 million seized**, directly related to drugs:



30.5 million pills of chemical drugs seized;
103.5 tonnes of cocaine seized;
163.4 tonnes of cannabis seized;
3.3 tonnes of heroin seized.

In August 2023 alone:

8 tonnes of cocaine seized
in Rotterdam, The Netherlands

9.5 tonnes of the drug seized
in the port of Algeciras, Spain.

