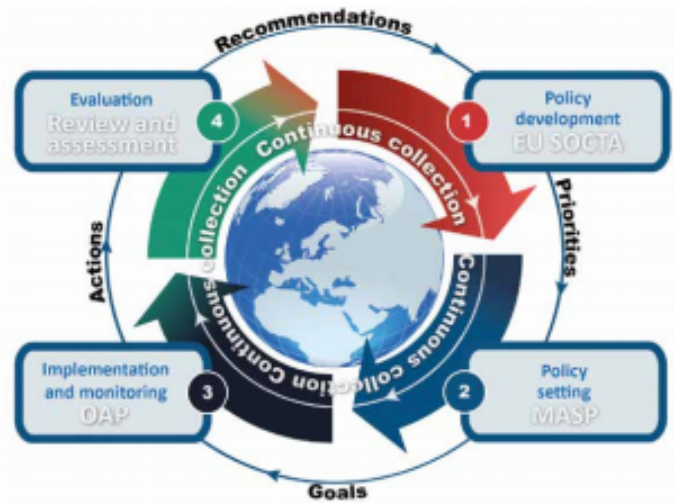




# Meet the EU flagship instrument to tackle organised and serious international crime !

In 2010, the EU set up “the EU policy cycle for organised & serious international crime”.

A four-year cycle in order to create a greater measure of continuity for the fight against serious international & organised crime, which consists of four steps



It is now better known under the name **“EMPACT”**

E.uropean M.ultidisciplinary P.latform A.gainst C.riminal T.hreats

EMPACT is an **EU Member States driven instrument** to identify, prioritize and address threats posed by organised and serious international crime.

It is all at once a mindset, an ad hoc management environment, and a structured multidisciplinary co-operation platform of the relevant Member States, **supported by all EU institutions and agencies** (Europol, EBCGA/Frontex, Eurojust, CEPOL, OLAF, EU-LISA, EFCA, etc.), **associating non-EU countries, international organizations and other (public and private) partners.**

The Council adopted in 2021 the **conclusions 6481/21 on the permanent continuation of EMPACT.**

The key features of EMPACT are:

- **Intelligence-led approach** (identification, analysis and ‘management’ of crime areas),
- **Integrated character** (complementary contribution of different administrations in a partnership spirit),
- **Multi-disciplinary, integrated and integral approach** (addressing all levels by using and combining all possible measures and actions: preventive, repressive, proactive, reactive, tactical, operational, strategic, etc.)

# How does that work ?

The **EU Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment (EU SOCTA)** is published by Europol based on extensive contributions from Member States, third parties and organisations, Eurojust, EBCGA/Frontex, academics, and from its own work files.

The **Presidency and the European Commission** draft a Policy Advisory Document, mainly based on the EU SOCTA recommendations. The Council discusses and identify a **limited number of "EU crime priorities"**.

A four-year **Multi-Annual Strategic Plan (MASP)** is developed, containing **Common Horizontal Strategic Goals (CHSG)**, applying to all 'EU crime priorities'

**Member States** volunteer through COSI to participate in the various "EU crime priorities" as well as in the next steps, in cooperation with the relevant EU Institutions and Agencies.

The **MASP** is converted into an annual **Operational Action Plans (OAPs)** for each crime area.

Each **OAP** contains a certain number of **Operational Actions (OAs)**.



## The EU crime priorities for the cycle 2022-2025

### PRIORITIES

#### High-risk criminal networks

#### Cyber-attacks

#### Trafficking in human beings

(all forms of exploitation, including sexual and labour exploitation as well as all forms of child trafficking)

#### Combating child sexual abuse & exploitation

#### Migrant smuggling

#### Drug trafficking

- Cannabis, cocaine and heroin (CCH)
- Synthetic drugs and New Psychoactive Substances (NPS)

#### Fraud, economic and financial crimes

- Online fraud schemes
- Excise Fraud
- MTIC Fraud
- Intellectual property crime, counterfeiting of goods and currencies
- Criminal finances, money laundering, asset recovery

#### Organised property crime

#### Environmental crime

#### Firearms trafficking

#### Document fraud

Horizontal issue

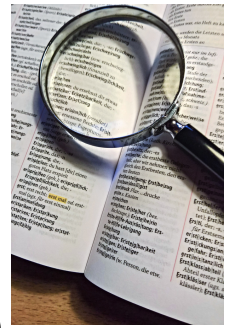
Co-operation between the relevant services of the Member States, EU institutions and EU agencies as well as third countries and organisations, including the private sector where relevant.



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# If you want to learn more...



Webpage of the Council of the European Union  
[The EU's fight against organised crime - Consilium \(europa.eu\)](#)



Link to the EMPACT leaflet (available in 24 EU languages)  
[The EU policy cycle to tackle organised and serious international crime - Consilium \(europa.eu\)](#)



Webpage of the European Commission (including hyperlinks to a video and the full factsheets of results)  
[EMPACT fighting crime together \(europa.eu\)](#)



EMPACT webpage on Europol website  
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