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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 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.



In June 2023, Europol and Eurojust supported Dutch and French authorities to dismantled the encrypted communications tool Encrochat, led to **6.558 arrests** and **€900 million seized** which 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.

