



Support to cross-border investigations Europol Criminal Assets Bureau CARIN Ensuring crime does not pay



AGENDA

Why focus on crime proceeds?

Composition of ECAB

EU legislative framework

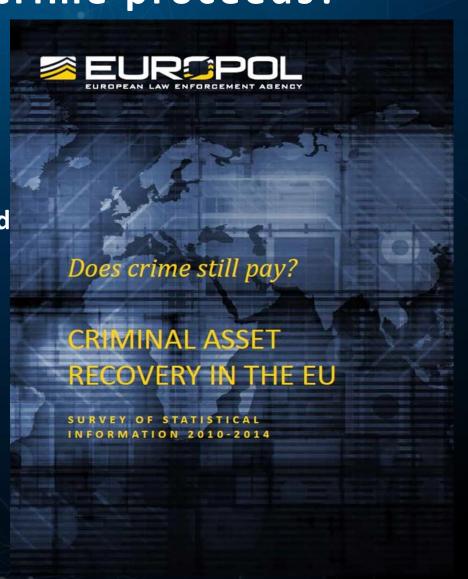
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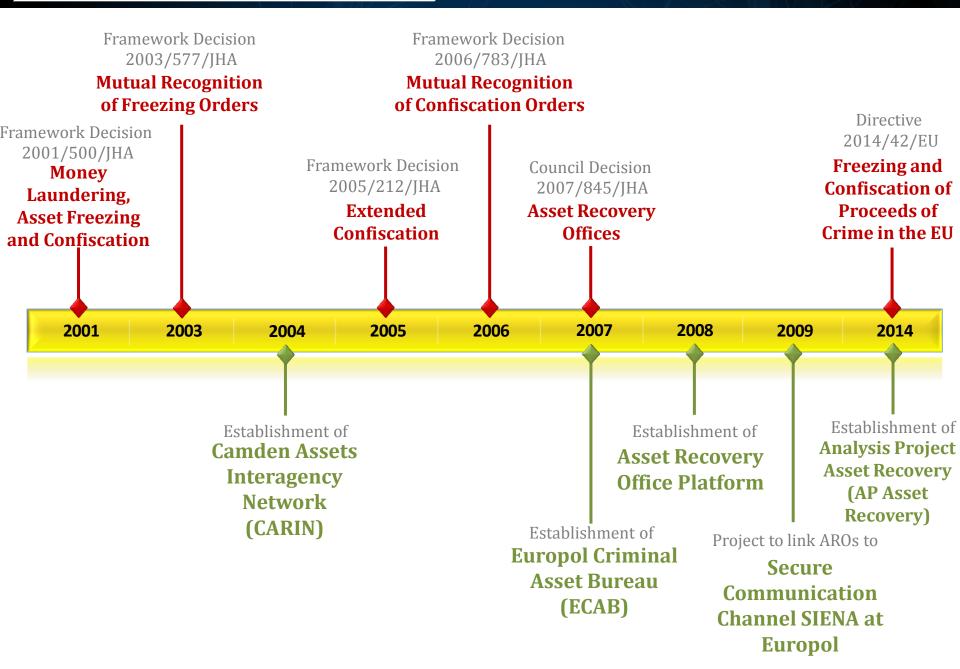
Effective way to:

- identify the decision-makers within criminal organisations, which are rarely investigated and prosecuted;
- prevent that criminal wealth may be used to finance other criminal activities;
- remove negative role models from local communities.



EU LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK







CARIN

Informal network of judicial and law enforcement practitioners dealing with asset identification, tracing, freezing, seizure and confiscation.

The EU Asset Recovery Offices (ARO) have an informal platform which meets 2 times a year to discuss asset recovery and assets management related issues and exchange best practices.

ARO

AP Asset Recovery

Supports investigations of Europol Member States (MS) related to tracing and identification of criminal proceeds linked to the mandated crime areas of Europol.







Camden Asset Recovery Interagency Network

Purpose:

- increase the effectiveness of its members' efforts, on a multi-agency basis, to deprive criminals of their illicit profits;

- support the complete asset recovery process, from the starting point of the investigation involving the tracing of assets, to freezing and seizure, management and finally the forfeiture/confiscation, including any necessary asset sharing between jurisdictions.







Key objectives AR networks

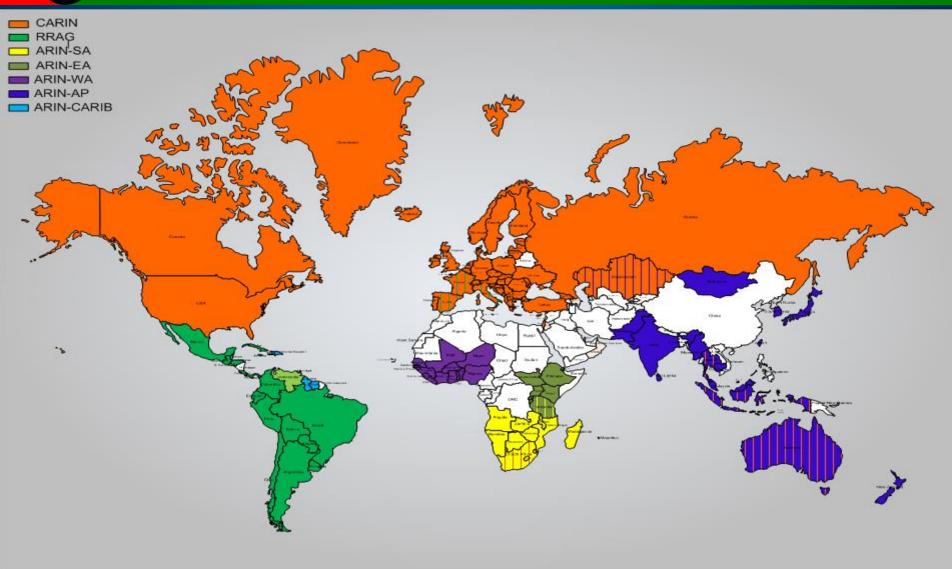
- establish a network of contact points;
- promote the exchange of information and good practice;
- act as an advisory group to other appropriate authorities;
- undertake to make recommendations to bodies such as the European Commission and the Council of the European Union, relating to all aspects of tackling the proceeds of crime;







Worldmap







Caribbean









Size of the AR networks

- CARIN 56 jurisdictions
- RRAG
 20 jurisdictions
- ARINSA 14 jurisdictions
- ARIN-AP 21 jurisdictions
- ARIN-EA 8 jurisdictions
- ARIN-WA 16 jurisdictions
- ARIN-CARIB 25 jurisdictions
- 151 without the doubles











Best Practices in AR Networks

4,6 million Euro frozen on
Hong Kong bank account for
1 EU MS within 2 working days.

For 1 EU MS identification & seized assets for a total of 4,5 million Euro in U.S.A. & Switzerland. Real estate in Brazil waiting for result of MLA.







ARO platform: Asset Recovery Offices

The purpose is to ensure:

- effective exchange of information and coordination on EU level regarding recent developments and initiatives on the reuse of confiscated assets and facilitation of freezing illicitly acquired assets;
- cooperation to improve availability of information, including by the creation of a list, on outstanding freezing and confiscation orders in the EU.



ARO platform: Asset Recovery Offices

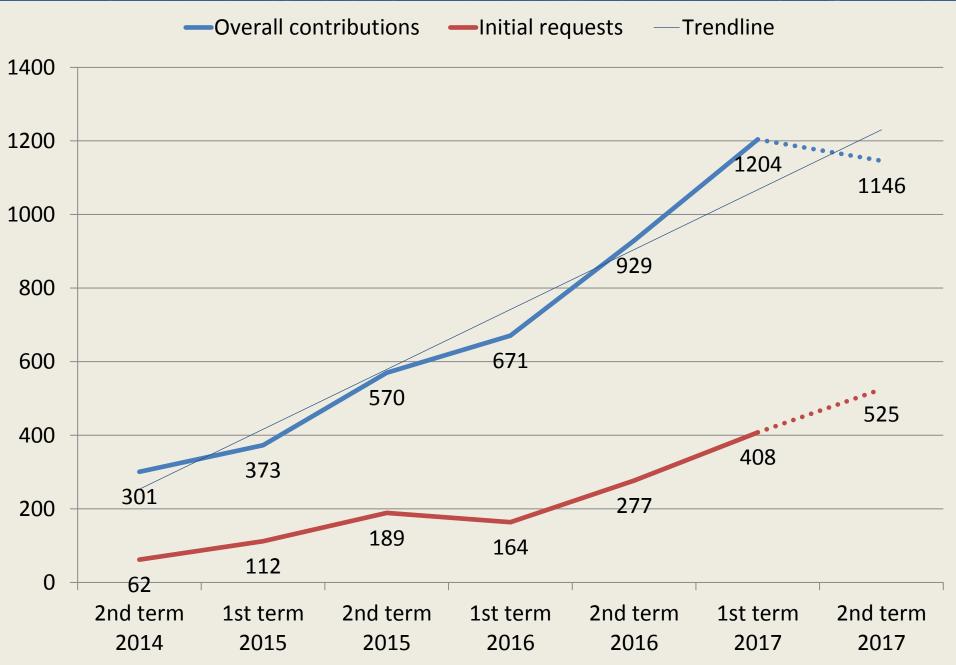
Helps in:

- facilitating cooperation with partners and MS;
- assisting in the creation of new tools related to the identification and tracing of assets;
- extending the scope of mandatory confiscation;
- enforcing the obligation to provide information on bank accounts.



STATISTICS: EXCHANGE VIA SIENA







AP Asset Recovery: Asset Recovery Offices

The purpose is to:

- support the tracing and identification of criminal proceeds linked to Europol's mandated crime areas;
- build operational and strategic partnerships;
- facilitate the freezing and confiscation of the proceeds of crime



AP Asset Recovery: Handling Codes

H0:

May only be used for the purpose of preventing and combating crimes in line with the ECD and any other applicable laws

H1:

Not to be disclosed in judicial proceedings without the permission of the provider.

H2:

This information must not be disseminated without the permission of the provider.

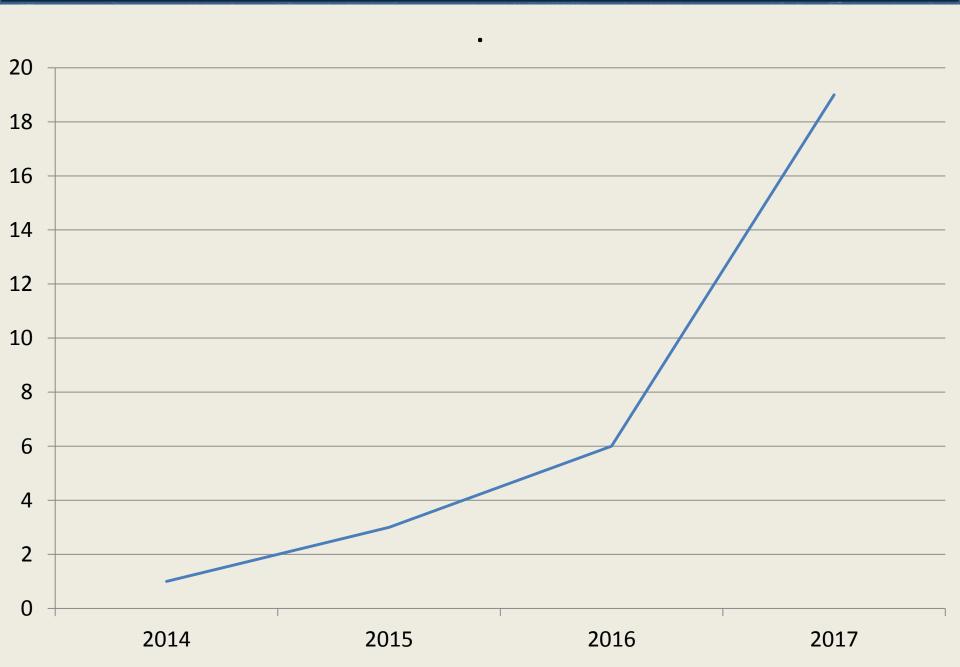
H3:

Other restrictions apply.



STATISTICS: AP Asset Recovery





Operational Support



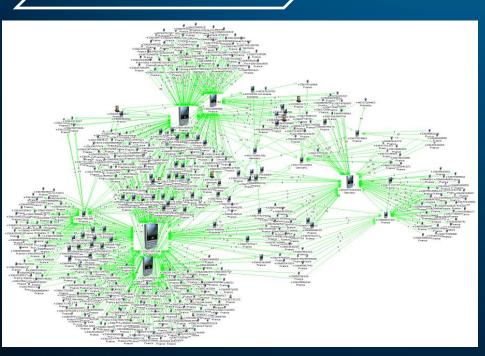




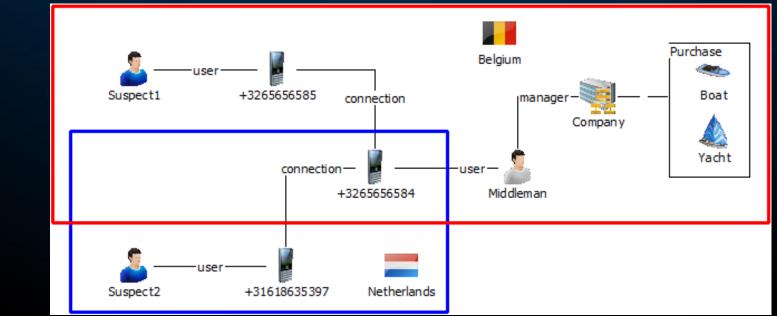
















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