



European Commission



# Tackling Organised Crime

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## Organised crime: a major threat in Europe

Criminal networks have **wide-ranging activities**:

- drugs
- organised property crime
- migrant smuggling
- trafficking in human beings
- cybercrime

They infiltrate the **legal economy**:

almost **70%** use money laundering,  
 almost **60%** engage in corruption,  
 over **80%** use legal business structures

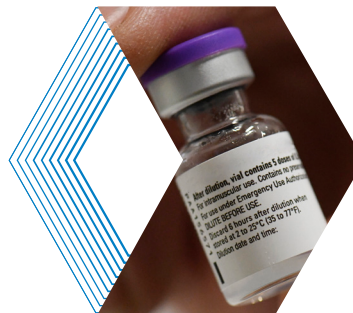
They are **cross-border**:

# 65%

of criminal groups are composed of multiple nationalities

They **quickly adapted to the pandemic**:

detection of scam offers of  
**1.1 billion vaccine doses**  
 for a price of €15.4 billion



# Four key actions for 2021–2025

## 1 BOOST EUROPEAN COOPERATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES

- Strengthen existing **EMPACT** structure founded in 2010
- New **EU Police Cooperation Code**: easier legal basis for cooperation
- More efficient **information exchange**
- Cooperation agreement with **Interpol**



## 2 EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS: DISRUPT NETWORKS, TACKLE PRIORITY CRIMES

- Drug trafficking
- Firearms
- Cybercrime
- Counterfeiting, including of medical products
- Environmental crime
- Trafficking of cultural goods



## 3 ELIMINATE CRIMINAL PROFITS, FIGHT INFILTRATION OF LEGAL ECONOMY

- Revise EU rules on **confiscating criminal profits**
- Develop EU **anti-money laundering** rules
- Assess EU **anti-corruption** law
- Promote work of **local administrations** to prevent infiltration

## 4 MAKE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE JUDICIARY FIT FOR THE DIGITAL AGE

- Commission will analyse and outline approaches to **retention of data**
- **Encryption**: Commission to propose way forward for **lawful access** to encrypted information while protecting security and confidentiality
- Tools, knowledge, expertise on **digital investigations** for national authorities

