Projects funded under the Internal Security Fund call for proposals on organised crime:

ISF-2023-TF2-AG-OC



This booklet provides an overview of projects funded as Union Actions under the Thematic Facility Work Programmes 2023–2025 of the Internal Security Fund (ISF).

The primary objective of the call for proposals is to combat organised crime by dismantling criminal networks and disrupting their business models.

Eleven selected projects, involving 157 participants from 25 EU Member States and 16 third countries, focus on the following priority areas:

- Improving the intelligence picture of criminal networks
- Facilitating cross-border investigations
- Supporting financial investigations
- Supporting crime prevention measures
- Strengthening capacities to combat drug trafficking
- Strengthening the fight against trafficking in human beings

The project consortia bring together a wide range of stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, local authorities, universities, and civil society organisations. With a total budget of €25 million, these projects will be implemented over a 24-month period from 2025 to 2027.

Detailed information about each project, including abstracts, durations, participating organisations, public deliverables, and coordinator contacts, is available on the <u>EU Funding and Tenders Portal</u>. These projects are supported by the ISF. For more information, visit the <u>Internal Security Fund webpage</u>.



Project No. 101188209



Drug trafficking

The BTB (*Breaking the broker*) project aims to disrupt high-risk cocaine trafficking networks operating through European ports by enhancing intelligence and fostering public-private and cross-border cooperation. It seeks to achieve this by developing a shared intelligence framework, employing privacy-enhancing technologies for secure data analysis, and identifying high-value intermediaries to effectively target and dismantle organised crime networks.

Countries: BE, SE





EOT 2025-2026

Project No. 101180059

PRIORITY AREA:

Drug trafficking

The European Operational Team, established in 2022, is continuing its deployment across the Iberian Peninsula during 2025 and 2026. This multinational team, composed of police officers, carries out operational activities to combat drug trafficking and organised crime.

Countries: ES, EE, BE, DE, PT, FR, NL, FI, PL, IT, RO, LV, AT, CZ, LT, UK, SE, DK, NO, RS, IS, BR, AL







PRIORITY AREA:

Drug trafficking & trafficking in human beings

The CAP1 project (*Caribbean-Albanian Poly-criminal Offshore Network Elicitation*) targets the nexus of drug trafficking and human trafficking in poly-criminal environments, focusing on corruption as a precursor and employing an all-crime approach to address money laundering. By conducting operations in Albania and Curaçao, supported by advanced open-source intelligence and Big Data analysis, and strengthening transnational law enforcement and judicial cooperation, CAP1 aims to dismantle criminal networks, enhance investigative techniques, and improve intelligence and investigative methods for long-term impact.

Countries: DE, EL, CW, CY, IE, AL



SAFEBORDERS

Project No. 101188335

PRIORITY AREA:

Trafficking in human beings

The SafeBorders project (*Strengthening Judicial expertise* and *Frontline support to combat Child Trafficking*) aims to combat child trafficking by enhancing the expertise of judicial authorities and frontline workers, promoting crossborder cooperation, and leveraging technology to identify and disrupt criminal networks. Key activities include capacity-building for frontline workers, establishing a network of specialised prosecutors, and developing an Al platform to analyse court data and improve coordination across eight EU Member States and Western Balkan countries.

Countries: EL, IT, BG, BE, RO, PL, PT, FI





OCTOPUS

Project No. 101188153



PRIORITY AREA:

Organised crime & trafficking in human beings

The OCTOPUS project aims to improve understanding and dismantling of high-risk criminal networks active in the EU, particularly those originating from the Balkans and Eastern Partnership regions. Through operational actions to enhance cross-border cooperation, detect hidden financial flows, and analyse links between human trafficking, property crime, environmental crime, and drug trafficking, the project also develops a methodological framework to identify criminal enablers and share best practices for combating organised crime across EU Member States

Countries: FR, RO, DE, PL, NL, HU, GE, MD, AL, AM



PHYGITAL OC

Project No. 101188456



PRIORITY AREA:

Organised crime, drug trafficking & trafficking in human beings

The PHYGITAL OC project (*Countering Ethnic Mafia in the Phygital Environments*) aims to combat ethnic mafia-style organised crime groups by developing and implementing advanced multi-agency investigative tools, intelligence-led Operational Task Forces, and cross-border cooperation strategies. Covering the EU and key external regions - Latin America & the Caribbean, Africa, and the Western Balkans - it focuses on strengthening intelligence capabilities, enhancing financial and human trafficking investigations, and establishing operational hubs, to facilitate joint actions and training across law enforcement agencies.

Countries: IT, EL, ES, BE, AT



DATACROS III

Project No. 101188272



PRIORITY AREA:

Organised crime

DATACROS III (*Developing A Tool to Assess Corruption Risk factors in firms' Ownership Structure III*) aims to enhance the capacity of EU law enforcement agencies, asset recovery offices, financial intelligence units, and other stakeholders to investigate transnational organised crime networks and their financial operations. By expanding its data ecosystem, incorporating AI-driven tools, and providing advanced training and legal assessments, the project enables the tracing of criminal assets across diverse financial domains, including corporate structures, virtual currencies, public procurement, and cross-border transactions, in over 200 countries.

DATACROS III builds on the work carried out under the DATACROSS I and II projects.

Countries: IT, CZ, HU, LV, NL, RO, PL, EL, ES, FR, BE, CH, NO



FIDR Advanced

Project No. 101188519



PRIORITY AREA:

Organised crime

The FIDR Advanced project (*Development and application of innovative and proactive tools, fighting top level drugs trafficking organisations in the EU - Advanced*) builds on the successes of the initial FIDR initiative, aiming to develop and implement new, innovative methods to combat organised crime groups (OCGs) across the EU. By enhancing undercover operations, fostering international intelligence exchange, creating operational task forces, and boosting cross-border investigations, the project targets high-value OCGs and professional crime enablers, with a strong focus on disrupting illicit financial flows through methods like undercover "money drop" and "money pickup" operations.

Countries: LV, LT, EE, AT, UA, SK, UK, DK, NO, BR, GE, US, ES, ME, FR, FI, NL, CH, BE, PL, IT, NZ, CA, JP, BG, AL, DE, PT, CZ



FORCES

Project No. 101188206



PRIORITY AREA:

Organised crime

The FORCES project (Fighting Organised Crime for the benefit of the Environment and Security) tackles the global threat of organised crime by dismantling criminal networks and disrupting illicit business models. Focusing on financial investigations, cross-border cooperation, and cyber patrolling, the project enhances intelligence sharing and law enforcement capabilities across the EU, Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia. Key activities target environmental crime, illicit trade, and the use of digital tools, fostering long-term collaboration and training. By linking environmental and organised crime, FORCES aims to build a global community of practice, strengthening operational effectiveness and international cooperation during and beyond the project.

Countries: ES, BE, FR, DE, PT



EUCPN-ENAA

Project No. 101188121



PRIORITY AREA:

Organised crime

The EUCPN-ENAA project (European Crime Prevention Network - European Network on the Administrative Approach) aims to strengthen the prevention workforce in tackling organised crime through evidence-based crime prevention and the administrative approach. By developing four tailored toolkits - covering youth recruitment prevention, administrative measures. crime prevention initiatives, and evidence-based approaches - the project equips practitioners across the EU with practical resources, refined through participatory feedback, and promotes their adoption via demonstration activities, a European Crime Prevention Conference, and an advocacy strategy. The project builds on the work carried out under the EUCPN Secretariat projects.

Countries: BE, DE, MT, NL, IT



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PREVENT

Project No. 101188200



Organised crime

The PREVENT project (Building capacity against high-risk criminal networks in the EU: from improved intelligence picture towards an integrated prevention approach) focuses on combating high-risk criminal networks in Europe by enhancing intelligence, fostering administrative approaches, and promoting the social reuse of confiscated criminal assets. Through multi-country research, stakeholder collaboration, and the development of practical tools, the project aims to prevent organised crime, mitigate its societal impact, and strengthen cooperation among law enforcement, public authorities, and civil society across the EU.

Countries: BG, BE, ES, IT, NL, BE, SE



