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EMPACT

EU flagship to fight serious and organised crime



Tasks of the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU (GSC)

- **assist, advise and help coordinate** the work of the Council and the European Council
- **support the Council presidency** in negotiations within the Council and with other EU institutions
- **logistical support** and handle the practical organisation of meetings (including meeting rooms, document production and translation)
- **legal service gives opinions** to the Council and its committees

European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Crime Threats (EMPACT)



- Fight against **most important crime threats** to the EU
- Key features: **Intelligence led, multi-disciplinary and integral approach**
- Actors: led by the **EU MS**, supported by **Europol, Frontex** and other **EU Agencies, non EU-partners, EU institutions**
- 4-years cycles – EMPACT 2022-2025 includes 10 crime priorities (15 Operational Action Plans)

How does it work?

- **Europol** prepares crime threat assessment (**EU SOCTA**)
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- **Council** defined and adopts the EU **crime priorities**
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- **COSI** adopts **Common Horizontal Strategic Goals**
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- **COSI** adopts annual **Operational Action Plans (OAPs)** with concrete actions
- Types of actions: joint investigations and prosecutions, develop and update intelligence picture, prevention, cooperation with third countries, training

Changes in EMPACT 2018-2021

- **independent evaluation** at the end of each EMPACT cycle
- recommendations included in the **EMPACT roadmap**
- **main changes:**
 - name EMPACT
 - permanent EU flagship instrument
 - Common Horizontal Strategic Goals (CHSG) and intelligence contribution in OAPs replaced MASPs
 - new function of coordinators of CHSGs
 - improved communication (Joint Communication Strategy, campaign for prosecutors)
 - OAPs EU LIMITED/BPL

Roles and responsibilities

- **COSI - Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security** (Council body)
 - e.g. steering role, policy setting, strategic decisions
- **OAP Driver** (crime priority leader) – **only EU MS**
 - e.g. draws up, coordinating, manages and reports on the OAP, decided on the involvement of third countries
- **OAP co-driver** – **only EU MS or EU Agency**
 - can temporarily replace the driver

Roles and responsibilities

- **OAP Action Leader** – also third country/party
 - e.g. prepares, implements, monitors and reports about action
- **OAP Participant** – also third country/party
 - e.g. contributes to the work under respective action, ensures implementation on national level

The way forward

- decrease **administrative burden** – 2 years OAPs and budget
- improve EMPACT **funding**
- strengthen EMPACT **multi-disciplinarity** (customs, border guards, prosecutors, tax authorities...) and **visibility**
- strengthen **involvement of non EU countries and partners**
- EMPACT goes green

Communication on EMPACT

- Factsheets with EMPACT results
https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/50209/empact_factsheet_20.pdf
- video about EMPACT results
<https://newsroom.consilium.europa.eu/videos/130097-empact-2020-results-20210601>
- more information on Council website
[The EU's fight against organised crime - Consilium \(europa.eu\)](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/empact/)



Thank you for your attention!

Questions?