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# EU Action in CVE and Transnational Organized Crime

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Cross-border Cooperation in Central Asia  
27-28 April 2016, Bishkek

# Organizational Setting

- **EU Member States**
- **Commission** (DG HOME, DEVCO, NEAR, ...)
- **EEAS**
- **EU Agencies** (ECTC, Eurojust, Frontex, ...)

## EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator

(Council Secretariat; since 2004)

- **Coordinates and maintains overview** (internal/external)
- **Regular reporting to JHA Ministers**
- **Support to HRVP Mogherini** (external CT aspects)



# Challenges and Threats for EU

- **DAESH is under increasing pressure**
  - **AQ & affiliates still active**
  - **Foreign terrorist fighters / Returnees**
  - **Radicalization**  
**(Islamist / right wing / on the internet)**
  - **External borders / Schengen**
- ➔ Links to transnational, cross-border crime!**



# Possible Consequences

- **Further attacks outside the caliphate (in Europe, MENA, Turkey etc.)**
- **Increased returns of FTF to Europe**
- **DAESH moving to Libya**



# Terrorist Links to Crime

- **Information sharing**
  - Terrorists might have criminal background
- **External borders**
  - TE financing through smuggling (drugs, people, CBRN material, firearms, ...)
  - Terrorists might use migration routes
- **TE Financing through criminal activities**
- **Firearms**
  - TE attacks with illegal firearms
- **Aviation Security**
  - Corrupt airport staff might help terrorists



# EU Action (Internal / External – 1)

- **Enhanced information sharing / data quality**
  - Europol, Interpol, SIS II, Prüm, ...
- **External borders**
  - Systematic checks (EU citizens, third country nationals, irregular migrants)
- **TE Financing through criminal activities**
  - Cooperation between FIUs, ...
  - COM Action Plan (new – 2 Feb. 2016)
  - AML dir. to be implemented by end 2016



# EU Action (Internal / External – 2)

## ➤ Firearms

- Firearms directive (under negotiation)
- COM Action Plan (2 Dec. 2015)
- Making use of Europol (OAP Firearms)
- Cooperation with Western Balkans, MENA

## ➤ Aviation Security

- COM Aviation Strategy for Europe (Dec. 2015)
- COM project on civil aviation security for Africa and Arabian Peninsula (CASE; EUR 7.5 mio.)
- Strategic cooperation (ICAO, UN, EU)
- Bilateral / multilateral initiatives

# Cooperation with Central Asia

- **EU-CA High Level Security Dialogues**  
(last: March 2015 / next: poss. May 2016)
- **EU-Central Asia CT Seminar** (March 2015)
- **EU-funded project: Implementation of UN Global CT Strategy in Central Asia**  
(recent workshop on recognizing and responding to radicalization, 29-31 March 2016, Almaty)





# Questions?

## National level:

- *How do border guards and customs proceed if they detect suspicious travel and goods?*

## Regional level:

- *How is operational information exchange organized among CA authorities?*
  - *border guards, police, customs, intelligence services*

## Cooperation EU – Central Asia:

- *Suggestions for enhancing CT cooperation with the EU?*



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