



International Efforts to Identify and Confiscate Human Trafficking Proceeds

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International efforts against proceeds of THB and associated money laundering

- Few international efforts specifically targeting proceeds of THB or associated money laundering
- Several discrete efforts which provide mechanisms to target the phenomenon at operational and strategic level:



Europol: AWF Sustrans (ML) and AWF Phoenix (THB)

AWF – operational platform where personal data is stored and analyzed

AWF – personal data – any identified or identifiable person

AWF Phoenix - Analysis in support of THB investigations – Recent example OP GOLF (JIT supported by Eurojust and Europol)

AWF Sustrans – Support of money laundering operations and horizontal financial analysis across all crime areas

AWF Sustrans intelligence base

Multi Agency Interaction in the framework of Financial Intelligence **sharing** and **analysis**



**Suspicious Transaction
Reports (STRs)**



**Cash Transaction Reports
(CTRs)**



Investigations

ECAB, CARIN (ARINSA & RRAG)

49 Countries / Jurisdictions:

60 Members



Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Guernsey, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Israel, Italy, Jersey, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America

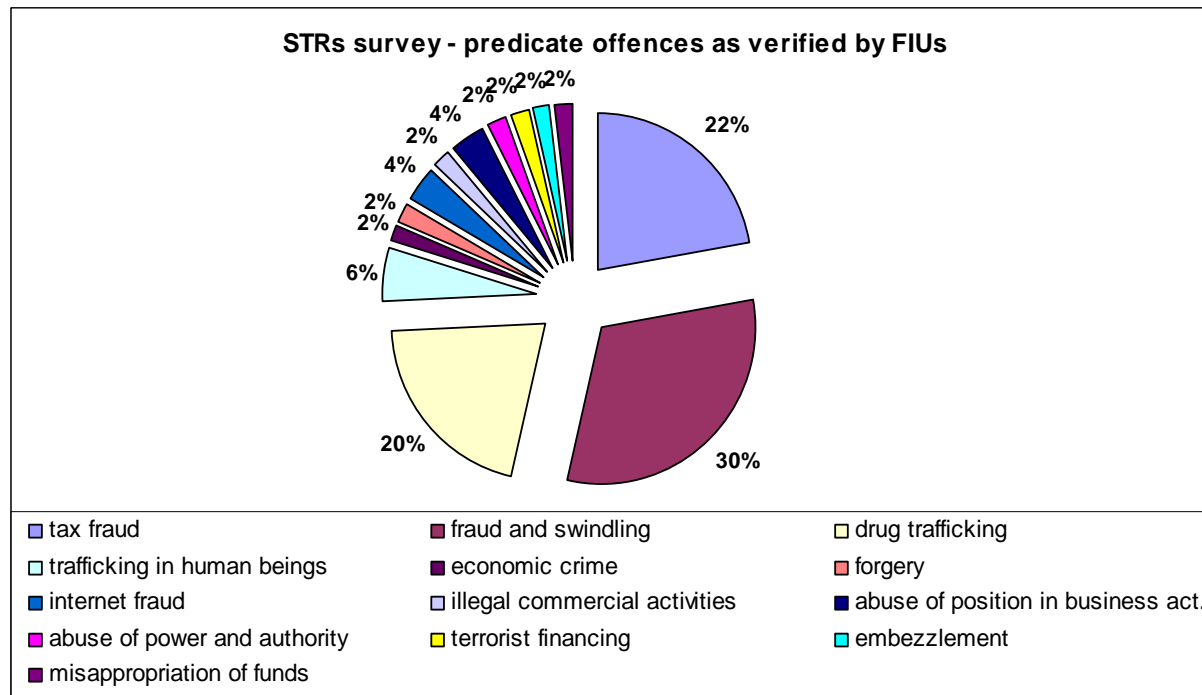
9 International Organisations:



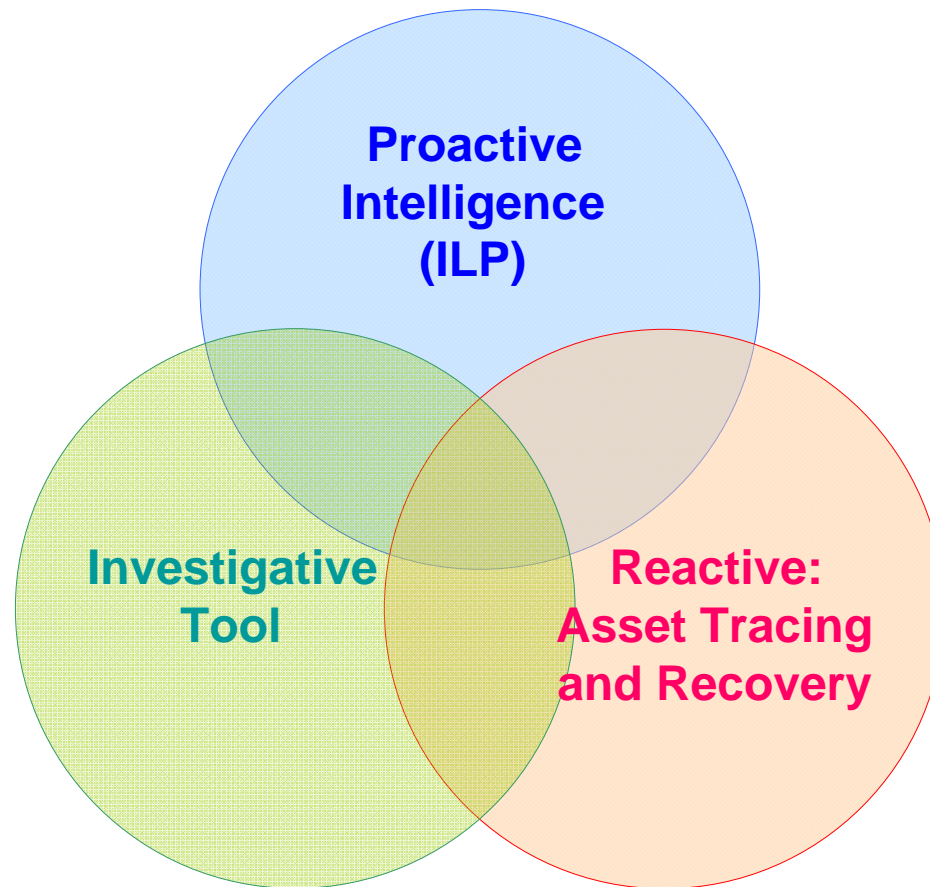
Europol, Egmont Group, Eurojust, International Criminal Court (ICC), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Interpol, OLAF, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), World Bank

Detecting the proceeds of THB

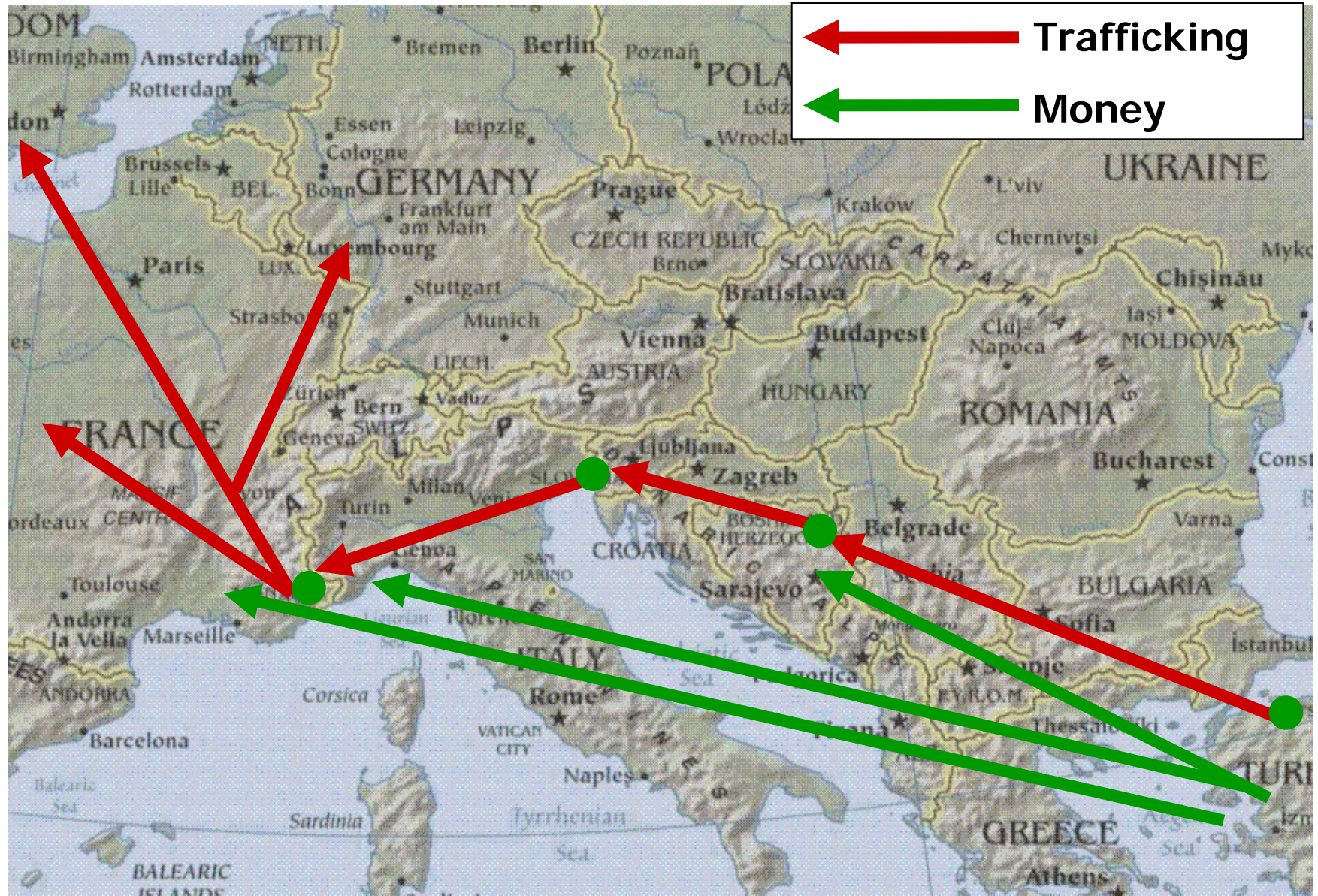
- THB - Economic crime driven by profits with root causes in unequal wealth distribution
- Reputedly the third most profitable criminal business generating c. \$32 billion p.a.
- Financial aspects currently underexploited (STR reporting not commensurate with estimated profits)



Benefits derived from Financial Intelligence



Analysis of MSB transactions in THB case



Operation Golf

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Jon Ungoed-Thomas

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They had no luggage, spoke no English and had no apparent means of support. One of the group was an alcoholic and another



- Roma community; trafficking minors for begging and benefit fraud
- Use of cash couriers
- 100 imposing new homes built, valued at about £20m. BMWs and Land Rovers with British number plates
- Asset recovery – illogical integration

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Appeal Text

Painstaking cross-referencing of years of bank reports turned up the key piece in a puzzle led to West Midlands Police recovering up to £1million linked to the deaths of 23 Chinese cockle pickers in Morecambe Bay in 2004.

West Midlands Police involvement began in 2006 when intelligence came to light which led officers to contact the Abbey National building society regarding an account controlled by a Chinese student in Dudley.

A £43,000 cash deposit was discovered at the bank and a bid to transfer the money into a Hong Kong based account in the name of Bo Li was immediately stopped.

When three people - the account holder, her boyfriend and 'translator' Anthony Whale - came at the Dudley Abbey National branch to withdraw the £43,000, West Midlands Police officers were waiting.

While Anthony Whale claimed he was acting as translator to help the two students, the Chinese couple said the money belonged to Whale's girlfriend Bo Li.

Bo Li ran two Oriental medical centres - one in Dudley and another in Shirley, where she lived.

- Case launched by STR (and huge persistence of FI!)
- Use of main stream banking system and cash front businesses (Chinese medicine stores)
- Unexplained wealth - claimed money (equivalent to 200 years' wages in China) in accounts originated from China to finance the setting up of a restaurant .
- Three sentenced to a total of 20 and a half years.
- Assets valued at £750,000 in UK, Thailand and Norway confiscated
- Joint benefit estimated at over £4 million

Thank you for your attention



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