



**Asset Recovery in the EU: the role of Europol and the Camden Asset Recovery Inter Agency Network (CARIN)**

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### Europol Criminal Assets Bureau

Responsibilities of ECAB

**Operational**

- To provide support to all mandates crime areas in order to identify and seize/freeze criminal assets
- To directly support Member States in tracing criminal assets located outside their jurisdictions

**Strategic**

- To support Member States in the establishment of **Asset Recovery Offices** in line with European Law (Council Decision 2007/845/JHA) and to facilitate the information exchange between them via the Europol SIENA System
- To hold the permanent Secretariat of the 'The Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network – **CARIN** '
- To manage The Europol Financial Crime Information Centre Web Site – FCIC

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## ECAB Operational Support

- **Using CARIN**
- **Using National Asset Recovery Offices (AROs)**
- **Europol Financial Crime Information Center Website**

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## CARIN

- **EU Network of Experts** in Relation to Asset Recovery
- Improve cross-border and Inter-Agency **co-operation**
- Informal (and personal) contacts using the **Multi-Agency Approach**



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## How does CARIN work?

- *CARIN is informal, i.e. as a network it has no legal basis*
- *The CARIN contacts list forms the basis of the network*
- *Informal network – formal channels*
- *The Network Contacts are the practitioners in the field, the working language is English*
- *CARIN contacts provide general information on the possibilities in their own jurisdictions and facilitate the effective exchange of information and intelligence where necessary*



## What benefits can CARIN bring to you?

- *General advice and guidance on asset recovery in member jurisdictions*
- *Facilitate, where possible, training in all aspects of asset recovery*
- *Facilitate the exchange of operational requests between your investigators and prosecutors and other CARIN member jurisdictions*
- *Access to the FCIC website containing all general CARIN information*



# 61 Members

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50 Countries / Jurisdictions:



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, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, 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

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# WORLD



## SOUTH AFRICA 7 Members

Botswana  
Mauritius  
Namibia  
South Africa  
Tanzania  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe



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## LATIN AMERICA 12 Members

Argentina  
Bolivia  
Brazil  
Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Ecuador  
México  
Panamá  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Uruguay



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## EU Council Decision on Asset Recovery Office(s) 2007/845/JHA

What is its purpose?

- Obliges every Member State to set up ARO  
Principal obligation to set up/ designate 1 (or 2)  
AROs per Member State - Legal/constitutional set-up of every MS
- Creates legal EU framework for existing informal network CARIN
- Establishes legal obligation for co-operation between AROs of different legal nature


**ARO = Office charged with**

- the facilitation of the tracing and identification of proceeds of crime and other crime related property  
(!) which may become the object of an order made by a competent judicial authority for freezing or seizure or for confiscation in the course of criminal or, as far as possible under the national law of the Member State concerned, civil proceedings.



## ARO Matrix

COUNTRY	Police	Judiciary	Multi-disciplinary
Austria	P		
Belgium		J	
Bulgaria		J	M
Cyprus			M
Czech Republic	P		
Denmark			M
Estonia	P		M
Finland	P		
Greece			M
Germany (2)	P	J	
Hungary	P		
Ireland			M
Italy	P		
Latvia	P		
Lithuania	P	J	
Luxembourg		J	
Netherlands			M
Poland	P		
Romania	P		
Slovak Republic	P		
Spain (2)	P	J	
Sweden (2)	P	J	
UK-England, Wales & NI			M
UK-Scotland	P		



## ARO SIENA Project

- ✓ Provides High security standards for exchanging sensitive information
- ✓ A direct link for AROs to SIENA is recommended  
Siena should be accessible on a terminal within the ARO Office
- ✓ 17 AROs are already connected to SIENA:  
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Slovak Republic, Spain, United Kingdom

## The role of Europol in the information exchange between AROs

- Through Europol Criminal Asset Bureau access to Europol databases and capacities:

Analysis  
 Cross-matching  
 Identification of new leads

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## Co-operation with Third Parties

**EUROPOL AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD PARTIES** (EDOC #285331 v23 Last updated on 24 January 2012)

THIRD COUNTRIES	OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT (Personal data)	SIGNATURE	ENTRY INTO FORCE	LIAISON OFFICERS
Australia	X	20/02/2007	27/09/2007	1 at Europol
Canada	X	21/11/2005	21/11/2005	2 at Europol
Croatia	X	13/01/2006	16/08/2006	1 at Europol
FYROM	X		28/12/2011	
Iceland	X	28/06/2001	06/09/2001	1 at Europol
Monaco	X	06/05/2011	05/08/2011	
Norway	X	28/06/2001	24/12/2001	2 at Europol
Switzerland	X	24/09/2004	01/03/2006	2 at Europol
USA	X	20/12/2002	21/12/2002	10 at Europol (ATF, DEA, FBI, ICE, IRS, NCIS, PSI, USSS) and 2 in Washington
<b>Total third countries</b>	<b>9</b>			



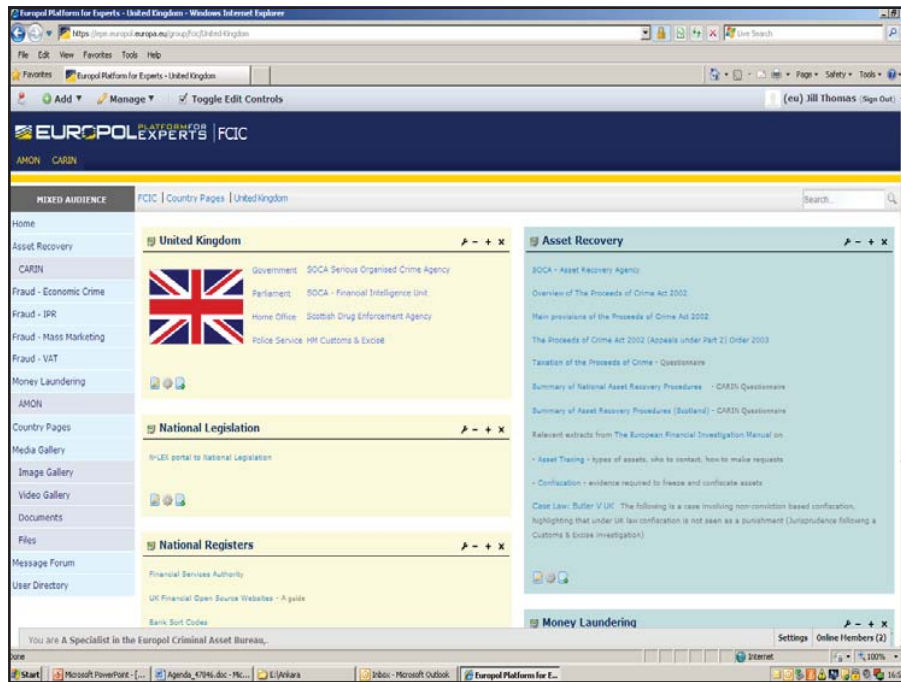


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Thank you for your attention!

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