Anti-money Laundering & Asset Recovery Efforts in Turkiye
From the viewpoint of Turkish National Police

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What does KOM do?

- Corruption
- Fraud
- Forgery
- ML
- Proceeds of crime

Asset Recovery Situation in Turkiye

- Conviction based confiscation
- Burden of proof
- High proof standarts required
- Property based confiscation
- Corresponding value implementation for some situations
- No extended confiscation
EFFORTS MADE by KOM

- TRAINING
  - 171 Financial investigator

- INCREASING AWARENESS

- INCREASED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
  - CARIN and STAR contact point

- INVOLVED in FIELD INVESTIGATIONS

- TASK FORCES
  - Experts from various institutions

- STARTED to KEEP STATISTICS on SEIZURE since 2011
  - Allowed us to see the situation on asset recovery in Turkey

SEIZURE STATISTICS - 2011

- 10 Million Euro
- 579 Vehicles
- 41 Real Estates
OBSTACLES

- Lack of awareness and experience
- No central database for bank accounts (35)
- No central database for land registry (22 regional office)
- No direct access certain financial database
- Burden of proof
- Absence of alternative confiscation methods
- Priorities of police chiefs

Anti-Money Laundering Efforts

- Parallel investigations (ML and criminal investigation)
- Creating Task Force (participants from related institutions such as MASAK - Turkish FIU, Tax authorities)
- Conducting Analysis
  - Suspicious money transactions (MASAK/ Liaison Officers)
  - Cash money couriers (custom authorities/counterparts/liaison officers)
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