







SUB-PROJECT STEERTING COMMITTEE MEETING

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- 1.IPR enforcement in Belgium
- 2.IPR enforcement in Europe



1. IPR ENFORCEMENT IN BELGIUM

Fact and figures:

Belgium



Georgia



Surface: 30.689 sq km

Population: 11,5 million

Border: 1446 km

69.700 sq km

4 million

1771 km



1. IPR ENFORCEMENT IN BELGIUM

Different partners:

- Federal Police
- 2. Local Police
- 3. Belgian Customs
- 4. Ministry of Economic Affairs Market Inspection
- 5. Food Agency
- 6. Pharmateucial agency













2. IP ENFORCEMENT IN EUROPE





- Europol = European Law Enforcement Agency:
 police, customs, secret service, food agencies, ...
- Based in The Hague
- 1323 staff member including 252 LO officers
- 27 Member States en third countries and agencies
- Operational and Strategic agreement between EP and Georgia (2017)







IPC3
Intellectual Property
Crime Coordination
Centre

Operation Blue Balsam











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Operation Pinar





participated

IPC³ Intellectual Property Crime Coordinated Coalition

Operation Pinar



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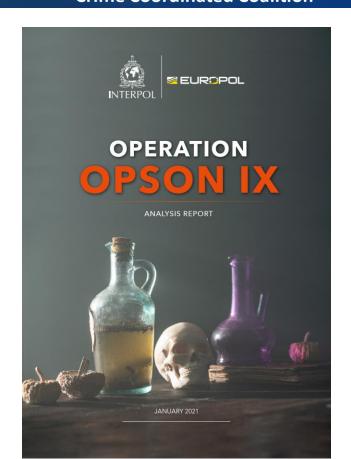
- Countries involved: ES, FR
- Traditional good: clothing, shoes, ...
- 67 arrests in ES
- Mob. Office & UFED support: 2 staf Europol
- Seizures: 30 luxury cars, 8 buildings, seizure of 265,000 goods with a value of 8 million €, 150 frozen bank accounts.



Operation OPSON IX







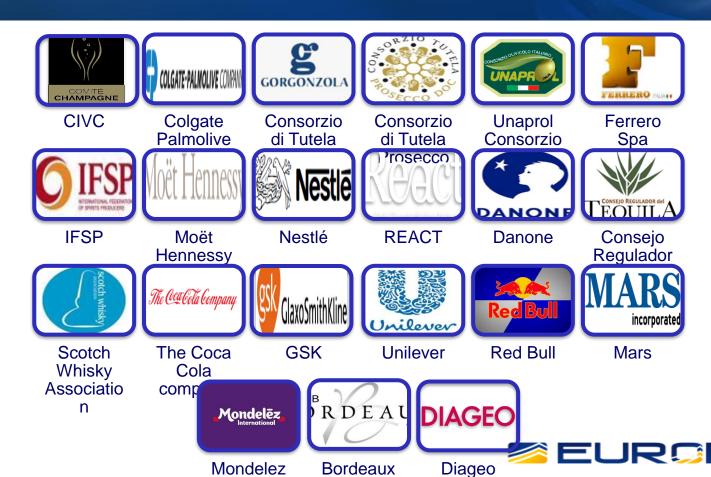


Participating countries OPSON IX: 83 participating countries

Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina-Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Ecuador, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea (Republic of), Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Santo Domingo, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



Participants – 21 Private Partners



Case examples

85 tons of olives coloured with copper sulphate – Italy



8,6 tons of counterfeit sugar contaminated with fertilizer – Sudan



Production of counterfeit alcohol - Greece







Operational results

- Seizure of 12.000 tonnes of counterfeited or illicit goods
- 27500 checks
- 407 persons arrested
- 19 organised crime groups dismantled
- Targeted on 4 projects:
 - dairy products
 - olive oil
 - horse passports and horsemeat
 - alcohol and wine



Operation Silver Axe





Operation Silver Axe



Coordinated **Europol** and **OLAF**

Jan-Apr 2020

32 countries participated





Operation Silver Axe







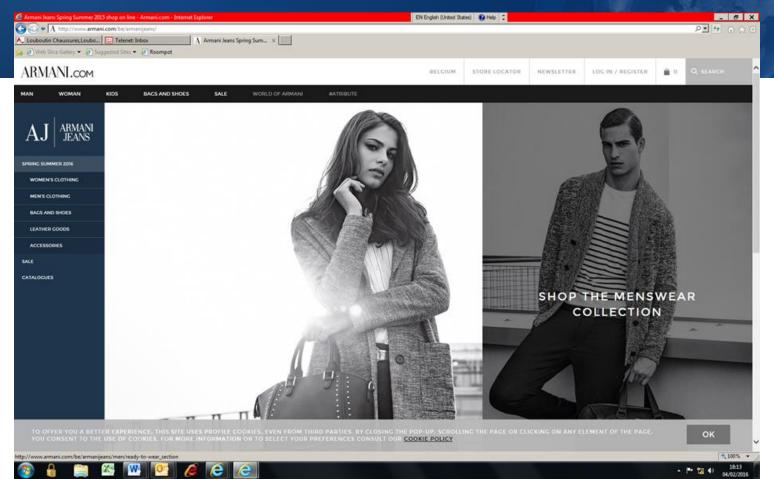
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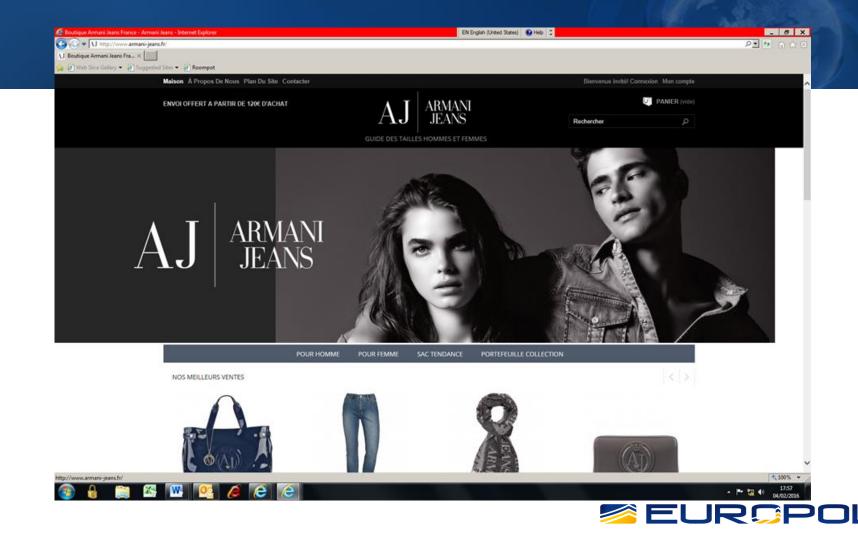


Operation In Our Sites















Operation In Our Sites Project TransAtlantic III / Project Cyber Monday IV

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Operation In Our Sites-Project TransAtlantic III is a coordinated effort by U.S., European, and Hong Kong law enforcement agencies targeting websites and their operators that sell counterfeit goods.











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