

SECI Regional Center for Combating Organized Crime

Cooperation in Practice

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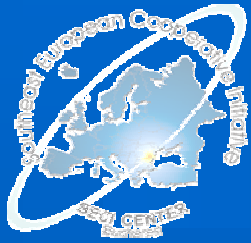
SECI Region

Member States

Albania
Bosnia Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Greece
Hungary
Moldova
**Former Yugoslav Republic
of Macedonia**
Romania
Serbia Montenegro
Slovenia
Turkey

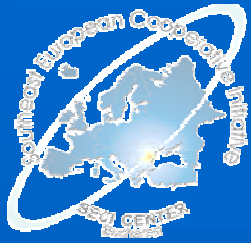


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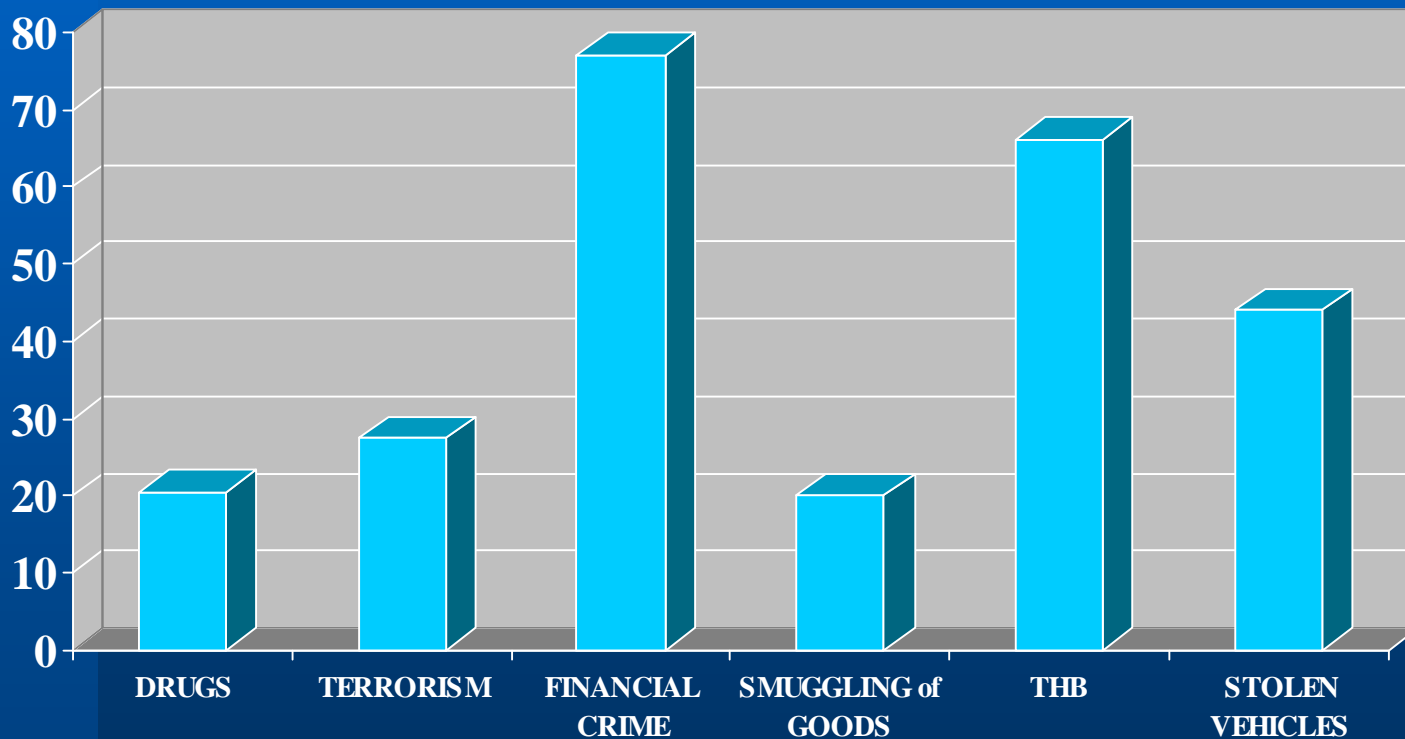
Perspective

- | SECI Center – regional organization for combating organized trans-border crime in South East Europe
- | Location – Bucharest, Romania
- | No overlap with other relevant international and regional organizations

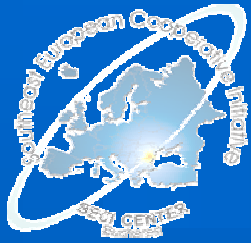


Two Dimensions

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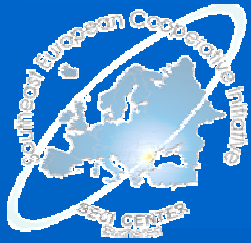


**SECI
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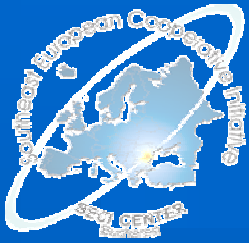
Information Exchange

- | Main Acting Bodies: 24 police and customs LOs and 12 National Focal Points
- | Direct and fast information exchange
- | Encrypted Virtual Private Network over Internet
- | Encrypted voice and fax communications systems
- | Over 2000 information initiated during 2004



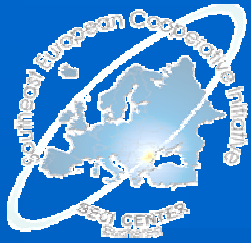
Task Force

- | Regional Operational Mechanism
- | Expert Voice of the Member Countries
- | Focus on the main Trans-Border Crime Issues
- | Specialized methods
 - Regional Operations
 - Coordinated Investigations
 - Strategic Analysis
 - Trainings



Task Forces (TF)

1. Drugs
2. THB
3. Financial and Computer Crime
4. Smuggling and Fraud
5. Stolen Vehicles
6. Terrorism

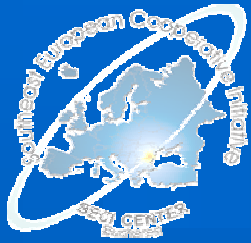


THB & Migrant Smuggling TF

Regional Operations

Indicators	Mirage 2003	Mirage 2004
Victims – identified	463	601
- assisted	70	102
- repatriated	62	138
Traffickers – identified	595	545
- charged	207	302
Information exchanged	92	120

1140 traffickers were identified and more than 500 were charged



THB & Migrant Smuggling TF

Coordinated Investigations

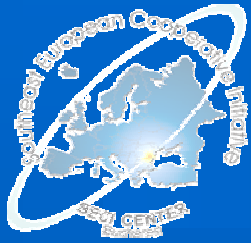
I **Operation Flash Hotel** (2004) RO –TR

Results: 6 traffickers arrested, 20 victims assisted

I **Operation Traveler** (initiated 2004) TR – RO – HU - SM - BiH – AT / IT

Results:

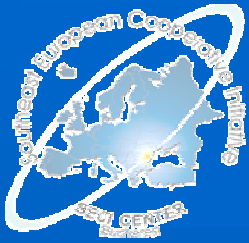
Feb 2005 - arrested 8 RO, 8 AT, 7 HU and 49 illegal migrants repatriated out of an estimated 500 migrants smuggled by this network



THB & Migrant Smuggling TF

Witness Program

- | Unique SECI Center program
- | SEE Cooperation between Police and Prosecutor's Offices
- | Victims from Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria testify against traffickers in BiH, SM, MK
- | Results 2004:
14 witnesses testified / 26 traffickers sentenced
- | 2005 – for the first time a testimony in the region by video-conference from MD to MK

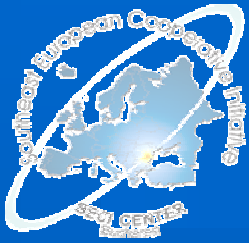


Anti-Drug Trafficking TF

Regional Operations

Drug Type	Containment I (2002)	Containment II (2003)
Heroin	584 kg	124 kg
Marijuana	1829 kg	188.9 kg
Amphetamines	250,000 tablets	63 kg

- Several Drug Trafficking Networks were dismantled and 110 persons were arrested

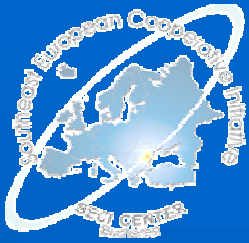


Anti-Drug Trafficking TF

Strategic Analysis

- | Two SEE Situation Reports in 2004 on
 - Amphetamines
 - Heroin

- | SEE Drug Seizure Reports released every 6 months

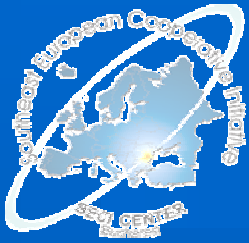


Stolen Vehicles TF

Regional Operations

Two-Day Operation ROAD SHOW

Indicators	2003	2004
Vehicles Seized	108	167
Offenders Identified	70	132
Information Requests Initiated	50	181

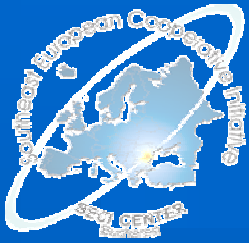


Anti-Fraud & Anti- Smuggling TF

Regional Operations

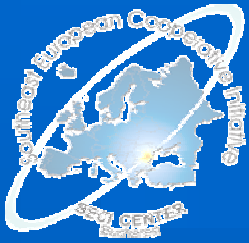
Operation Shadow 2004

- | Cigarette smuggling targeted for 3 months in 2004
- | Results: 472 seizures / 151,492,163 units seized
- | 150 tons of cigarette seized
- | Counterfeit cigarettes mostly from China
- | Over 76 investigations initiated



Anti-Terrorism TF

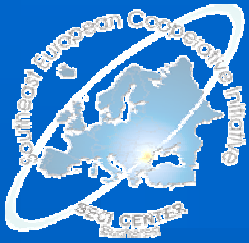
- | Anti-Terrorism – a regional bridge connecting national anti-terrorist investigators
- | Small Arms and Light Weapons – Operation Safe Place 2005 - overview regional trends in illegal use and smuggling of SALW
- | Weapons of Mass Destruction – chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear substances



Financial Crime TF

Sub - Task Forces

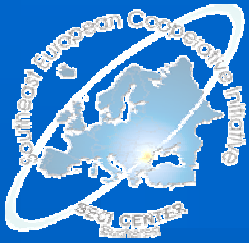
- Money Laundering – coordinated by Moldova
- Cyber Crime – coordinated by Romania
- Intellectual Property Theft – coordinated by Bulgaria
- Counterfeit Currency – coordinated by Macedonia
- Plastic Card Fraud – coordinated by Romania



SEEPAG

Prosecutor's Advisory Group

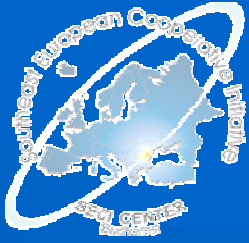
- | Cooperation with Judicial Authorities in Member States
- | December, 2004 - Adopted General Guidelines for SEEPAG Activities and Competence
- | SEEPAG supports Regional Operations and Joint Investigations



Future

The Way Ahead for SECI and Other Regional Initiatives

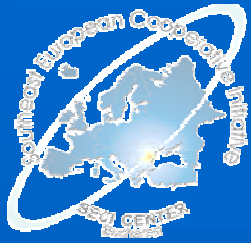
- SECI Strategy 2005 - 2010
- SECI Center - Model for other regions
 - GUUAM Law Enforcement Center
- Proposed by UNODC
 - Tashkent CARICC (Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Center)
 - Gulf area (Gulf Cooperation Council)



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**ANY QUESTIONS,
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