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Project against Economic Crime (PECK)

International cooperation between law enforcement authorities

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BULGARIA

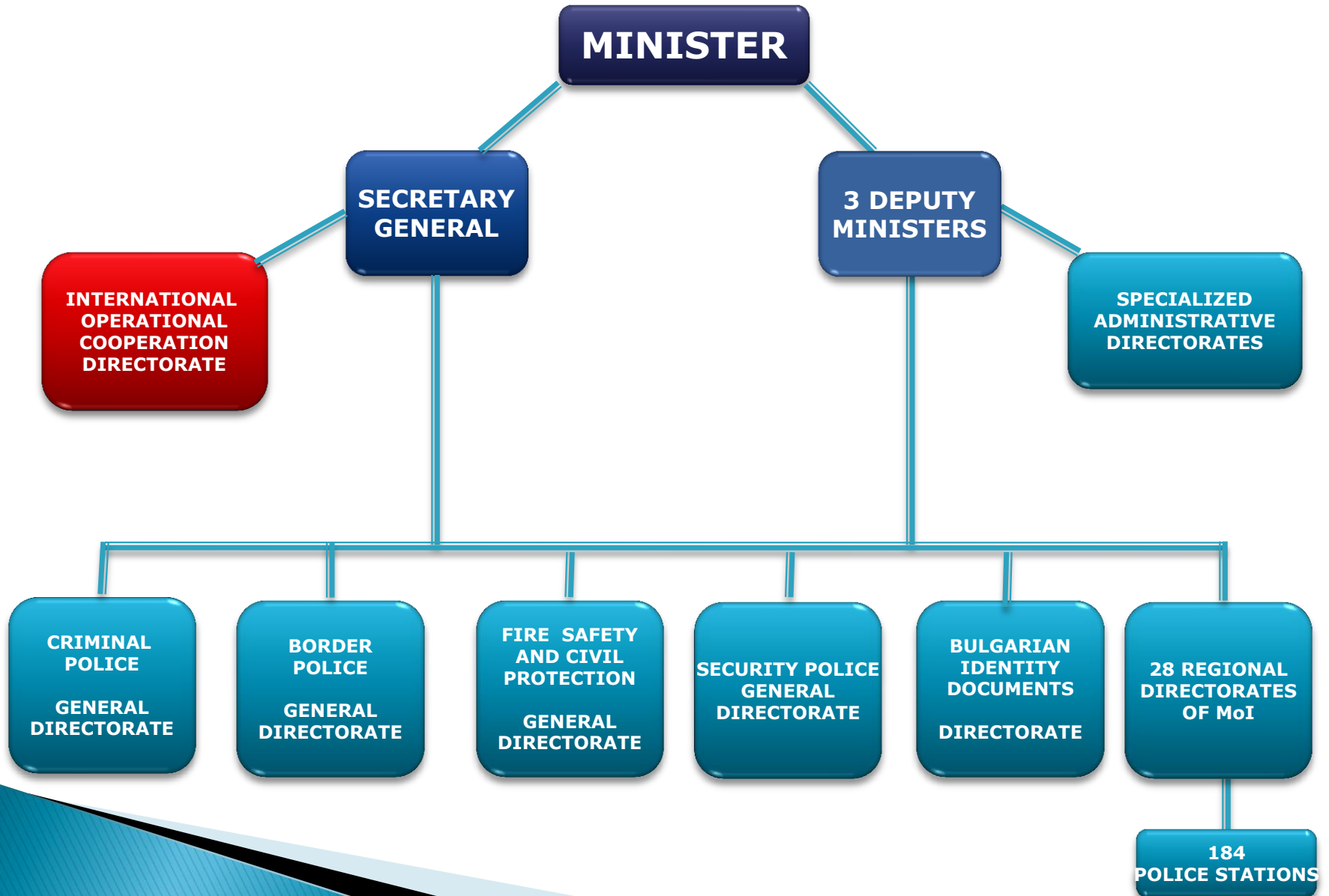
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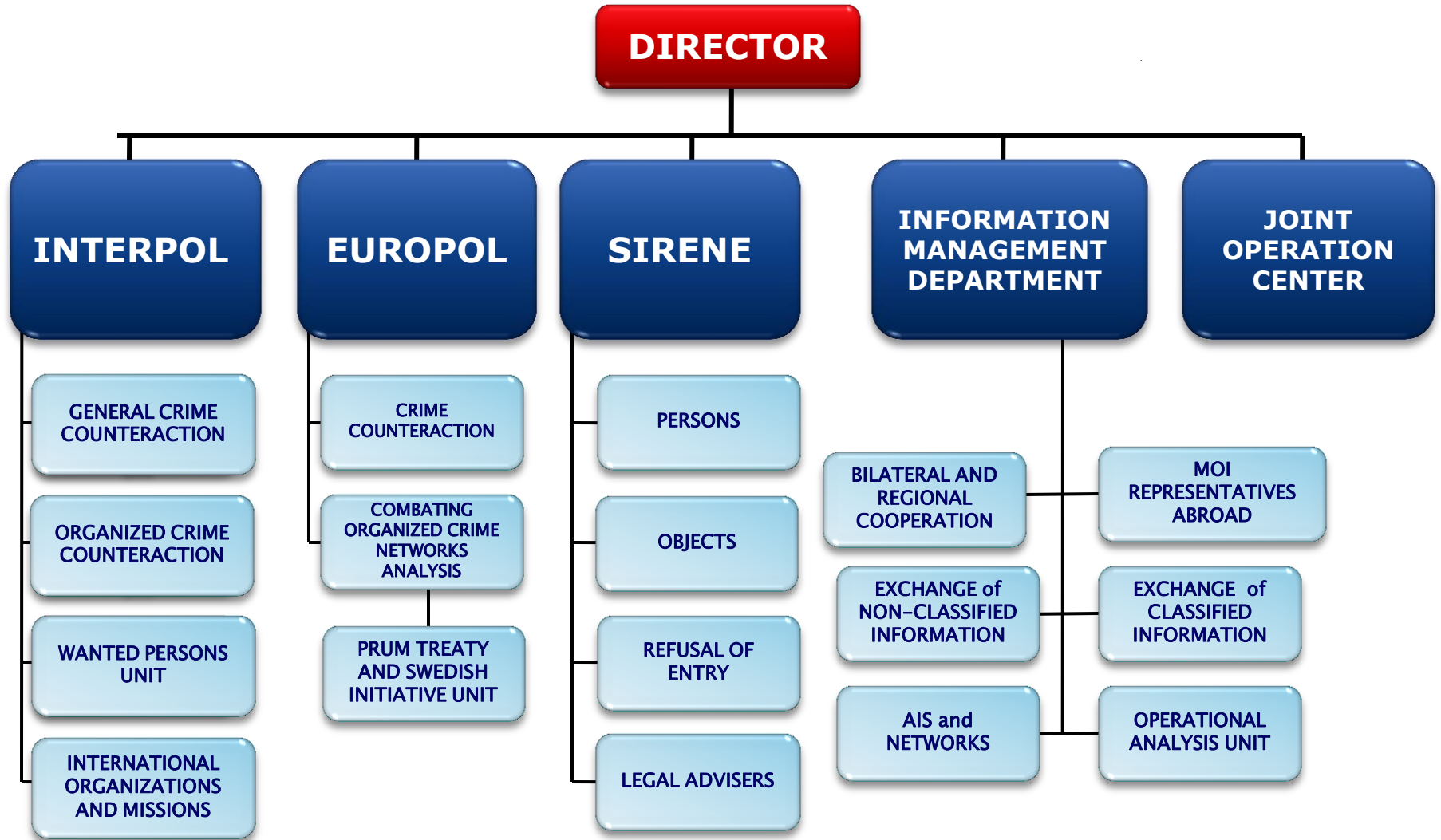
Topics

1. International law enforcement cooperation - Bulgarian single point of contact (SPOC)
 - Structure, tasks
 - Information flows
 - Standards, best practices and cooperation during investigations
2. Rogatory letters and joint investigative teams
3. Case study – JIT Inspector
4. Bulgarian anti money laundering authorities
5. Projects
6. SPOC – added value

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR



IOCD STRUCTURE



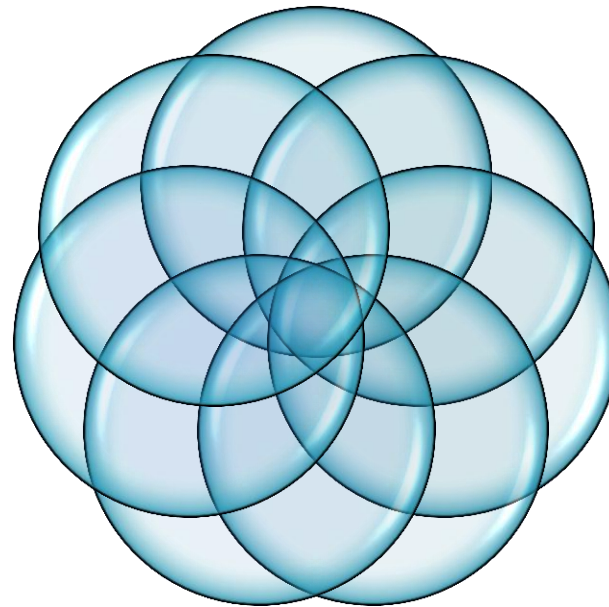
IOCD – MAIN TASKS

**International exchange
of information**

**Coordinates the
Bulgarian Liaison
Officers abroad**

**Exchange of
information on a
national level**

**Input, update and use of
information stored in
international databases**



**Extraditions and
transfer of
people**

**Coordinates
international
police operations**

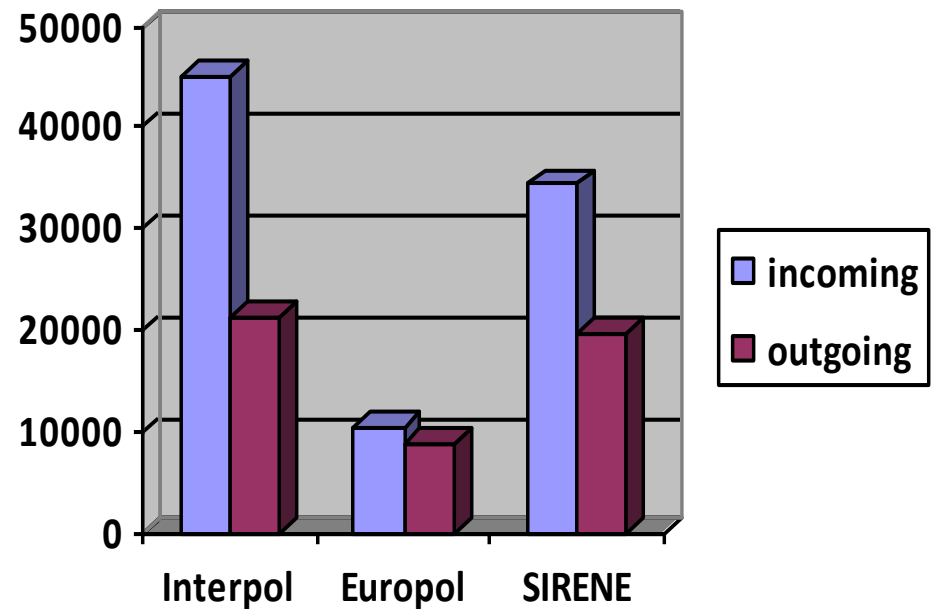
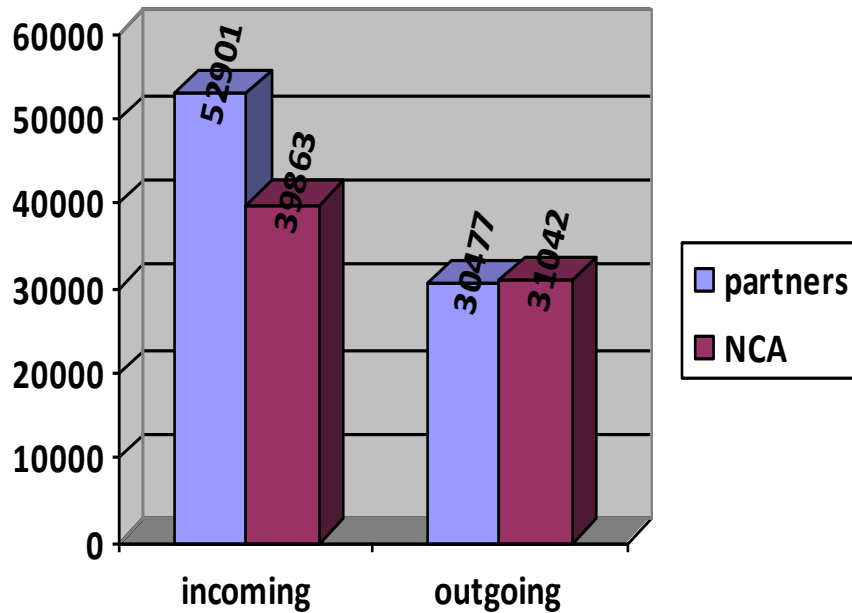
**Analysis of
statistical data
and trends**

IOCD – SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT



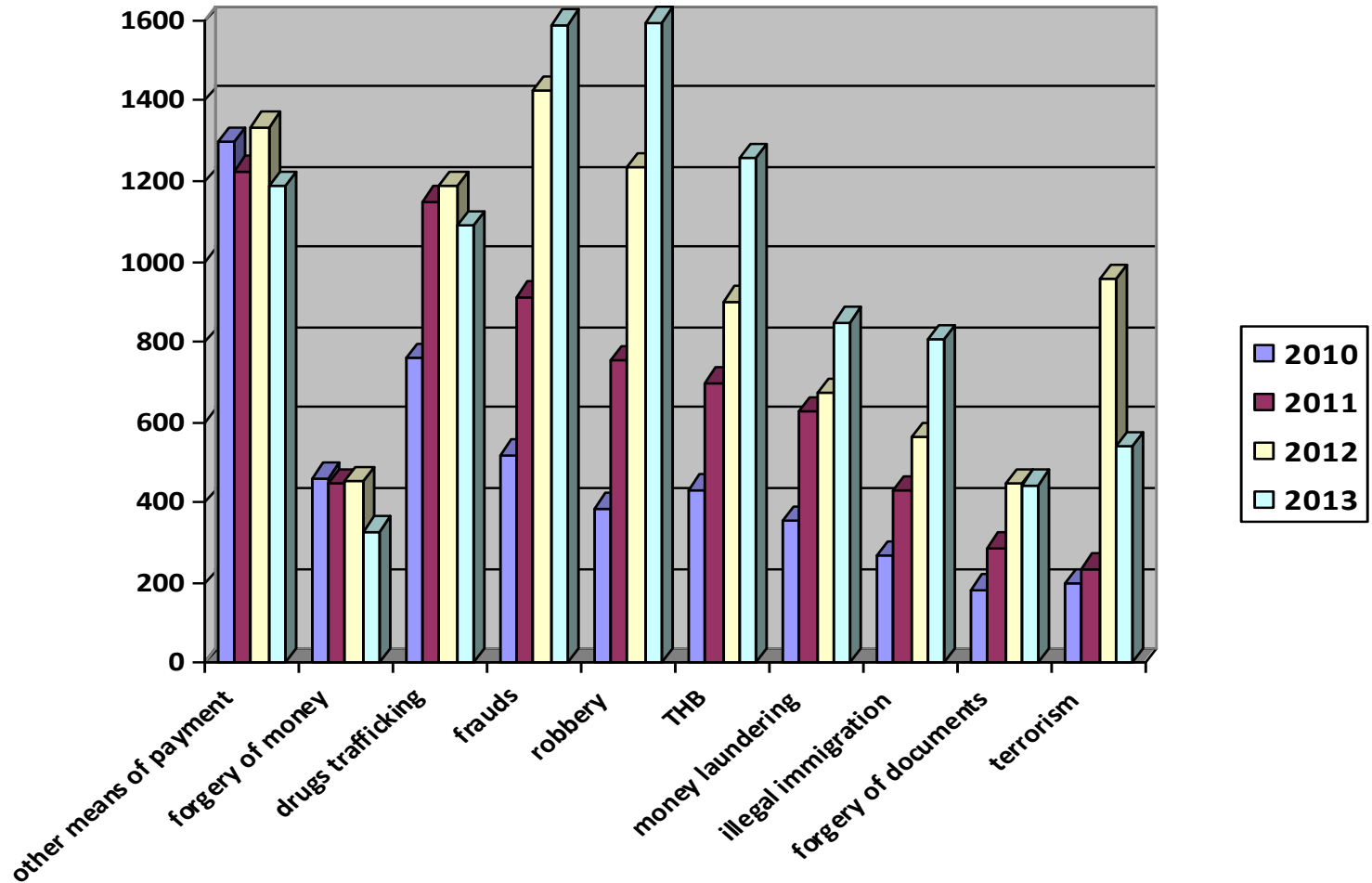
Information exchange - statistics

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Information exchange - statistics

**SIENA
statistics**



THE "ONE STOP SHOP" STRATEGY

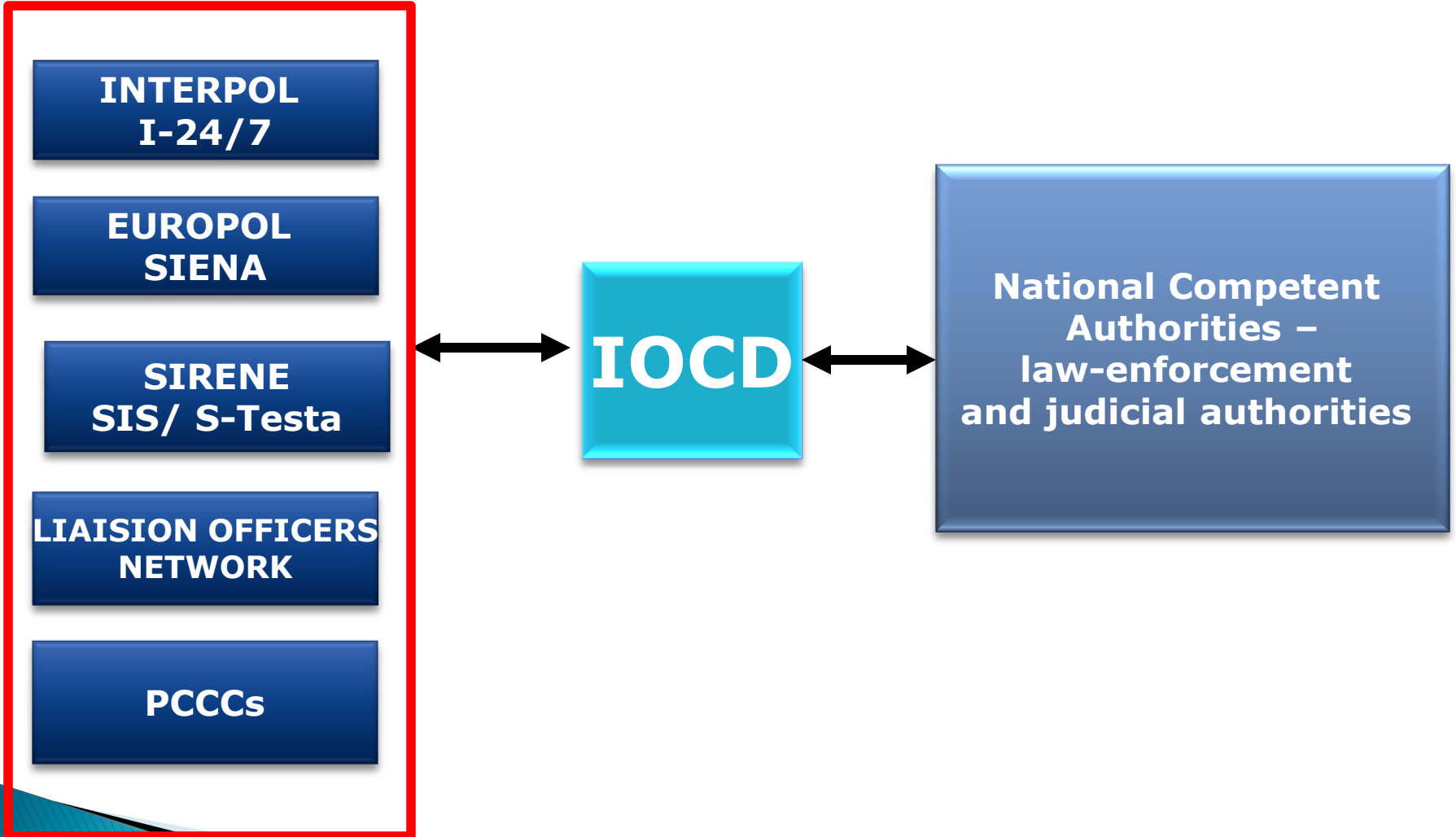


- structure and composition
- operates 24/7
- secure working environment
- availability of national databases and networks
- direct access to European and international law enforcement databases
- general rules for international communications
- specific rules for the choice of channel
- staff



INFORMATION FLOWS

ACTIVE CHANNELS



INFORMATION SYSTEMS USED BY IOCD

International

INTERPOL database

EUROPOL databases

SIS II

EUCARIS

National

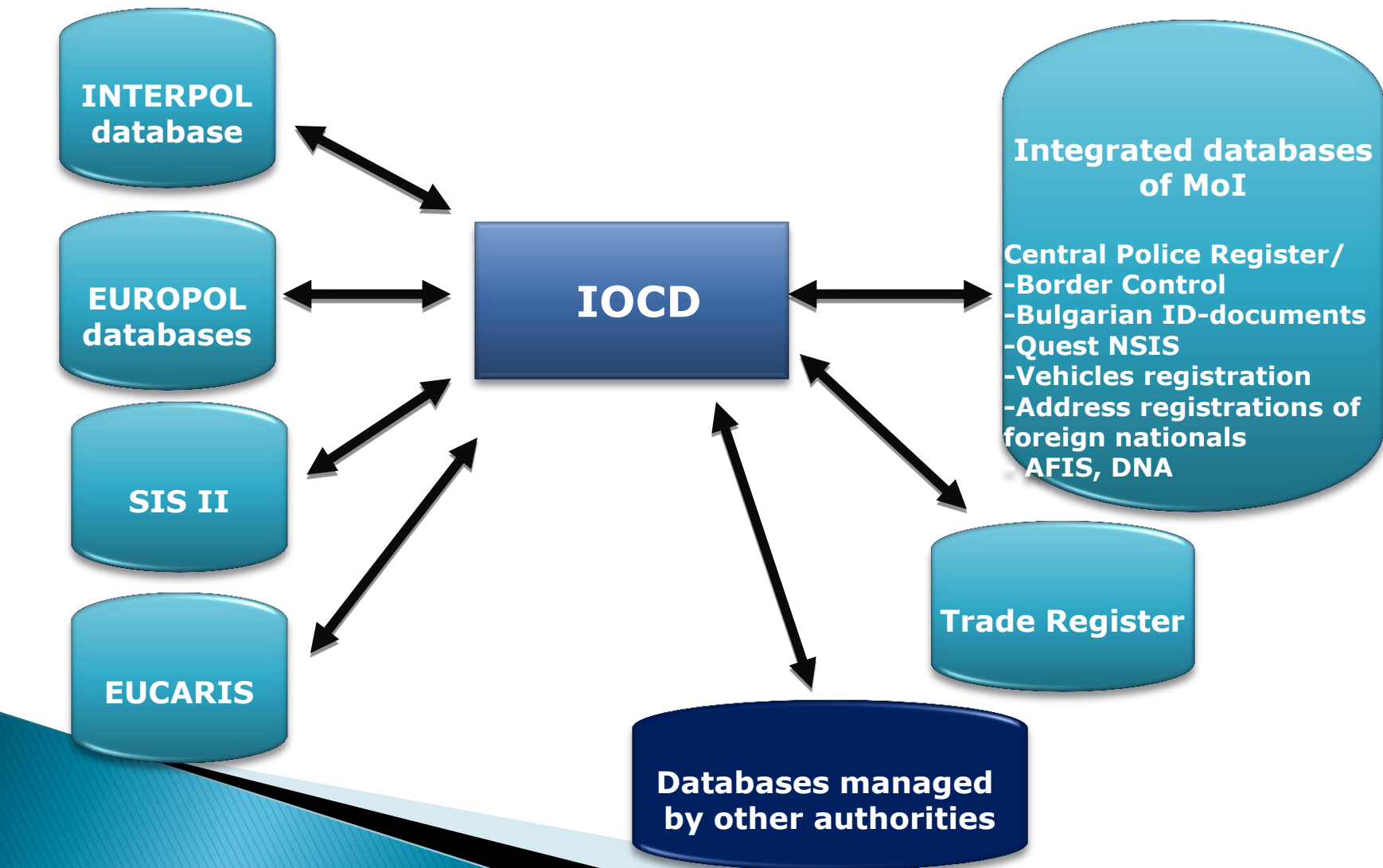
Integrated databases of MoI

- Border Control
- Bulgarian ID-documents
- Quest NSIS
- Vehicles registration
- Address registrations of foreign nationals
- AFIS, DNA

Trade Register

Databases managed by other authorities

IOCD

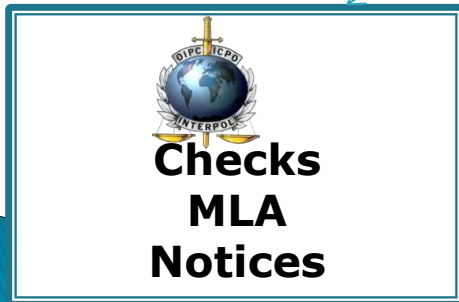


BEST PRACTICES - ML CASE

MS/Third
country officer



IOCD officer





Joint Investigation Teams (JIT)

Legal framework

- Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters; Protocol 2001 (organized crime, money laundering and financial crimes)
- Council Framework Decision 2002/465/JHA on joint investigation teams

Benefits

- Avoid usage of MLA – save time, money and human resources
- Participation of all interested parties
- Collection and direct exchange of information which can be used as evidence
- Coordination of actions/measures – avoid duplication of efforts, better planning and use of available resources
- Enhance of trust

Joint Investigation Teams

JIT INSPECTOR

Bulgaria, United Kingdom, Europol (FP FURTUM) – trafficking of human beings with the aim of conducting pick pocketing thefts in UK



JIT INSPECTOR STRATEGY



- ▶ investigate and prosecute OCG members in the United Kingdom and Bulgaria
- ▶ disrupt their activities
- ▶ identify, restrain and confiscate criminal assets
- ▶ minimise the exploitation of victims;
- ▶ facilitate the gathering, timely exchange and enhanced use of intelligence, information and evidence;
- ▶ facilitate the co-ordination of the national investigations and any subsequent proceedings, with the support of Europol and Eurojust

JIT INSPECTOR INTELLIGENCE GATHERING



Moving Proceeds Of Crime

- ▶ sent vast sums of stolen money via Money Transfer Companies.
- ▶ cash is often converted to gold – the preferred currency for Roma Groups
- ▶ simply carrying cash out via Ports / airports
- ▶ buying second hand cars, jewellery, watches etc
- ▶ using the new pre loaded cash cards

JIT INSPECTOR RESULTS

- ▶ 4 operational meetings in London and Sofia
- ▶ Tremendous intelligence gathering operation which resulted in 20 arrests, 33 addresses searched and exchange of details of over 600 persons
- ▶ directly disrupted 5 Bulgarian Organised Family Criminal Networks
- ▶ 3 trafficking investigations involving 3 OCN families whereby they have exploited their own children to steal in the UK and across Europe



JIT INSPECTOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE



- ▶ All information is exchanged via SIENA
- ▶ All data is sent to FP Furtum for input, cross matches and analysis
- ▶ ENU - immediate response based on checks in national databases
- ▶ Hits with investigations in Portugal, Spain and other MS
- ▶ Prum Hits with AT, DE and ES on some of the persons

Cooperation on suspicious transactions, money laundering and financial information

Structures in Bulgaria

- ▶ Asset Recovery Office
- ▶ Financial Investigation Unit

Channels

- ▶ FIU.net
- ▶ CARIN
- ▶ Interpol 24/7
- ▶ Europol – SIENA
- ▶ LO network

Mutual evaluation

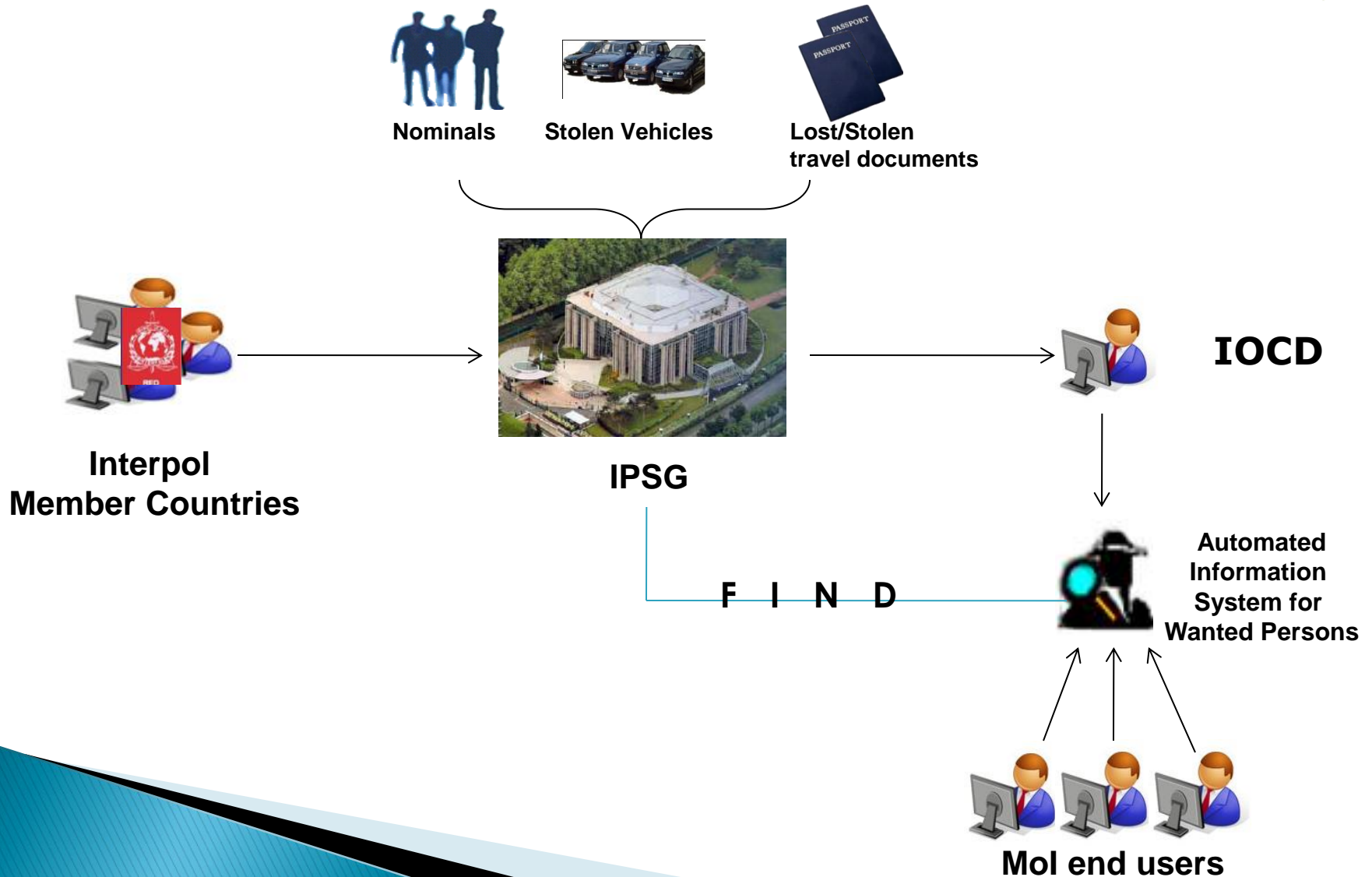
- ▶ MONEYVAL



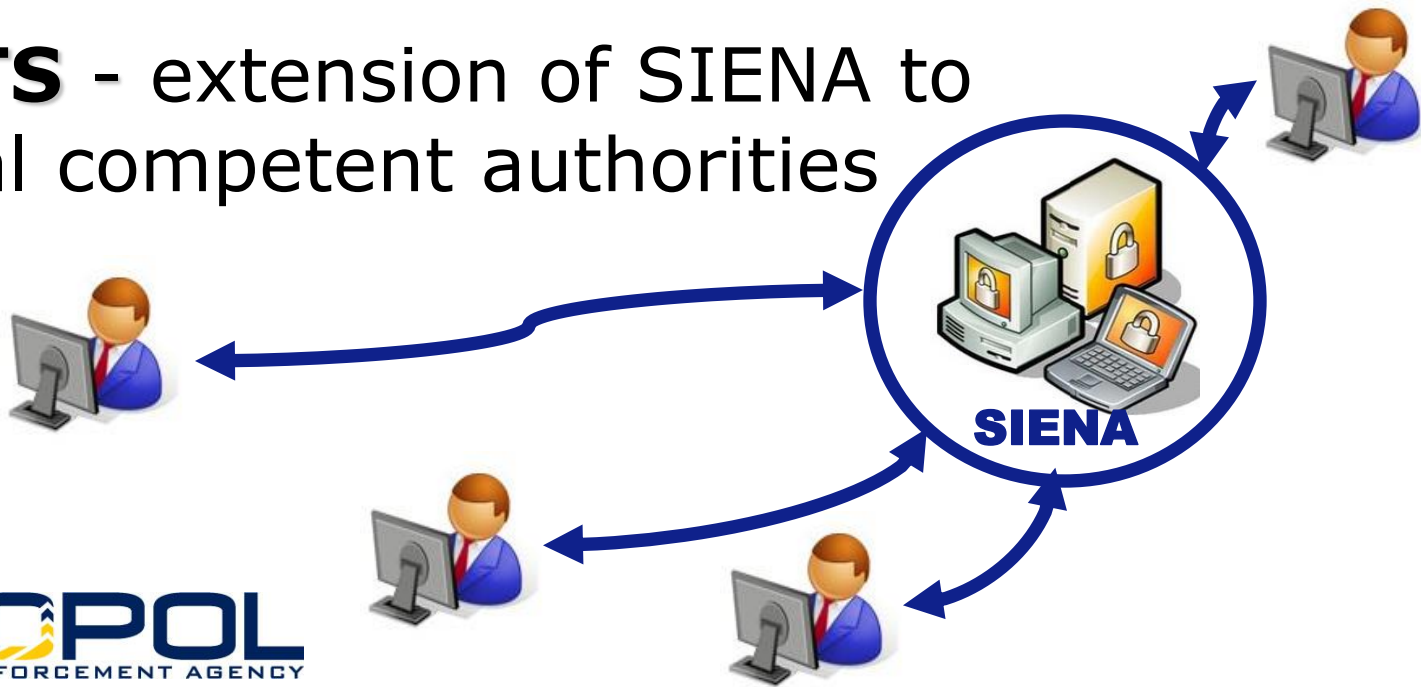
fiu.net



PROJECTS - Integration of FIND



PROJECTS - extension of SIENA to national competent authorities



EUROPOL
EUROPEAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Project **SIENA-Pro-BG** – co-financed under ISEC:

- Criminal Police General Directorate
- Border Police General Directorate
- 28 Regional Directorates of Ministry of Interior
- Specialized Unit for Combating Terrorism
- State Agency National Security
- National Investigative Service
- Asset Recovery Office (Commission for forfeiture of criminal assets)
- Customs Agency

SPOC - ADDED VALUE



- ▶ Information management and coordination
- ▶ Improvement of quality and increase of quantity of information provided to the partners
- ▶ Acceleration of information exchange – first response
- ▶ International operations coordination and support

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