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**SESSION IV. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN CULTURAL AND
CRIMINAL MATTERS**

Heritage Crime Task Force

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- Abstract -

Cameron's presentation entitled "*the gatekeepers – global law enforcement cooperation in the fight against cultural heritage trafficking*" focuses on the critical intersection of law enforcement, border security and museums cooperation in the global fight against heritage trafficking, and its direct linkages to organized crime and terrorism financing, money laundering and corruption networks. Through the OSCE's Heritage Crime Task Force – a unique in the world task force of police, border guards, financial and forensic investigators, museums, academia and ministries of culture – operational efforts are being coordinated in real-time across Europe and North America to bolster law enforcement capacity, map and target trafficking networks, assist countries in heritage crime investigations and, since 2022, actively assist Ukraine in combatting looting and trafficking of its cultural heritage.