EU Action in CVE and Transnational Organized Crime

12th CABS1 Conference:
Cross-border Cooperation in Central Asia
27-28 April 2016, Bishkek
Organizational Setting

- **EU Member States**
- **Commission** (DG HOME, DEVCO, NEAR, …)
- **EEAS**
- **EU Agencies** (ECTC, Eurojust, Frontex, …)

**EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator**
(Council Secretariat; since 2004)

- Coordinates and maintains overview (internal/external)
- Regular reporting to JHA Ministers
- Support to HRVP Mogherini (external CT aspects)
Challenges and Threats for EU

- DAESH is under increasing pressure
- AQ & affiliates still active
- Foreign terrorist fighters / Returnees
- Radicalization (Islamist / right wing / on the internet)
- External borders / Schengen

➔ Links to transnational, cross-border crime!
Possible Consequences

- Further attacks outside the caliphate (in Europe, MENA, Turkey etc.)
- Increased returns of FTF to Europe
- DAESH moving to Libya
Terrorist Links to Crime

- **Information sharing**
  - Terrorists might have criminal background

- **External borders**
  - TE financing through smuggling (drugs, people, CBRN material, firearms, …)
  - Terrorists might use migration routes

- **TE Financing through criminal activities**

- **Firearms**
  - TE attacks with illegal firearms

- **Aviation Security**
  - Corrupt airport staff might help terrorists
EU Action (Internal / External – 1)

- **Enhanced information sharing / data quality**
  - Europol, Interpol, SIS II, Prüm, …

- **External borders**
  - Systematic checks (EU citizens, third country nationals, irregular migrants)

- **TE Financing through criminal activities**
  - Cooperation between FIUs, …
  - AML dir. to be implemented by end 2016
EU Action (Internal / External – 2)

- **Firearms**
  - Firearms directive (under negotiation)
  - COM Action Plan (2 Dec. 2015)
  - Making use of Europol (OAP Firearms)
  - Cooperation with Western Balkans, MENA

- **Aviation Security**
  - COM Aviation Strategy for Europe (Dec. 2015)
  - COM project on civil aviation security for Africa and Arabian Peninsula (CASE; EUR 7.5 mio.)
  - Strategic cooperation (ICAO, UN, EU)
  - Bilateral / multilateral initiatives
Cooperation with Central Asia

- **EU-CA High Level Security Dialogues**
  (last: March 2015 / next: poss. May 2016)

- **EU-Central Asia CT Seminar** (March 2015)

- **EU-funded project: Implementation of UN Global CT Strategy in Central Asia**
  (recent workshop on recognizing and responding to radicalization, 29-31 March 2016, Almaty)
Questions?

National level:
- How do border guards and customs proceed if they detect suspicious travel and goods?

Regional level:
- How is operational information exchange organized among CA authorities?
  - border guards, police, customs, intelligence services

Cooperation EU – Central Asia:
- Suggestions for enhancing CT cooperation with the EU?
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