



JIFTdrugs/f_air



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The trade with illegal substances and goods has existed for centuries. By contrast, to sell drugs and arms in encrypted forums of the Darknet and to subsequently dispatch them by regular post represents a relatively new trend. Black marketing has moved from the street to the living room of consumers and dealers. This development has not escaped police investigators.

Border-crossing criminality has to be combated by coordinated criminal police work. With the support of the European Commission this project will make an important contribution. The joint project of the Federal Ministry of Interior and the Austrian Customs Administration to combat illegal drug and arms trafficking at the airport Vienna represents a powerful measure against the international drug and arms smuggling. We are looking back on a long period of successful cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Finances and are looking forward to the upcoming cooperation.

I wish all investigators and project partners much success and would like to thank all staff members for their valuable work. I am convinced that this joint project will be a great success.

Herbert Kickl
Federal Minister of the Interior Austria



Ladies and Gentlemen,

The fight against internationally organised drug related crime and arms smuggling requires a consequent common approach of all law enforcement agencies. Thanks to the cooperation with partner countries and particularly with the Austrian customs authorities this is possible on a broad front. This 24-months project, funded by the European Union, ensures the implementation of a strategy that focuses on the fight against internationally organised drug related crime as well as on the fight against arms smuggling.

The emphasis lies on transport routes from South America and from the Western Balkan. The focus of the operational measures is on international flight routes and airports. Applied criminal tactic measures contribute to increasing safety at airports.

Beside of seizures and the destruction of offender groups findings shall be gained that enable a situation analysis of the reciprocal influence of drug and arms trafficking.

The project offers the possibility to strengthen international cooperation of law enforcement agencies and to elaborate best practice methods.

I wish all project partners much success for the implementation of this project!

General Franz Lang
Director of the Criminal Intelligence Service Austria



Ladies and Gentlemen,

For many years the organised drug and arms smuggling has been a long-lasting problem in the European Union. The police and customs authorities have intensified their cooperation in recent years and adapted it to modern challenges in order to combat criminal organisations effectively. The Europe-wide seizures show, that an excellent job is done here.

The joint project of the Federal Ministry of Interior and the Austrian Customs Administration on combating drug trafficking and arms smuggling at the airport Vienna represents an important element on the way to the fight against crime. With their expertise and experience the staff members of the Austrian Customs Administration will be a major contributor to the success of the project. We are looking forward to cooperating with the Federal Ministry of Interior with whom we are also working together successfully in many other fields.

The airport as hub for flights all over the world provides the ideal preconditions for acting successfully by means of coordinated activities. The future cooperation with authorities from other airports of the European Union as well as of Switzerland and Kosovo will show that sustained success is possible only by means of international networks.

I wish the project partners a successful project course and would like to thank all staff members for their contribution to strengthen national and international security!

Hartwig Löger
Federal Minister of Finance Austria



Dear Sir or Madam!

Police and customs are confronted with a wide variety of threat scenarios in their daily work. In order to combat them successfully, it is very important that the authorities work closely together; joint action is essential, especially in drug and arms smuggling.

I am therefore all the more pleased that the Federal Ministry of the Interior and the Federal Ministry of Finance together with its customs authorities are implementing a joint project against organised drug trafficking and arms smuggling. Vienna International Airport as a hub for flights to the European Union and third countries is the ideal location to achieve such results. Risk-oriented controls by police and customs ensure that this project will be a complete success. The additional cooperation with the project partner countries and other participating authorities at foreign airports is intended to establish and sustainably strengthen cross-border networks to combat crime.

I wish all the authorities involved and their staff a successful project progression and thank them for their commitment and efforts to protect the population of the European Union.

Hubert Fuchs
State Secretary of Finance Austria



Ladies and Gentlemen,

Security is one of the fundamental pillars on which the EU is built. Security is, of course, a priority not only for the Czech Republic and Austria, but also for the other EU member states. International organized crime poses a fundamental threat to our security and therefore I am happy to be able to cooperate on important projects such as this one. Indeed, it is absolutely evident that given the growing number of air passengers, as well as the increasing volume of goods and mail transported by air, international airports are increasingly being used for illegal activities by perpetrators of international organized crime.

The illicit trafficking of drugs and weapons and other related crimes are at the forefront of international organized crime activities. In order to effectively combat illicit trafficking of drugs and weapons, the cooperation of all the national security forces, in particular of the Police and Customs Administration, is thus imperative.

I therefore sincerely welcome and support the joint project of the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior and the Austrian Customs Administration with the support of the Czech Republic promoting mutual cooperation between the security forces operating at international airports. Security can only be effectively ensured through open dialogue and exchange of information, coupled with the targeted implementation of joint security measures.

I am very pleased that the Czech Police and Customs Administration have become actively involved in the project and are intensively participating in its implementation. I firmly believe that the joint cooperation of the security forces is the right way to achieve security in our region.

I would therefore like to thank all those involved for their dedication and personal commitment.

Jan Hamáček
Minister of the Interior of the Czech Republic



Ladies and gentlemen,

Ensuring security of our citizens – this is a priority not only for the Czech Republic but also for the other EU countries. Our ability to protect the public from various threats and simultaneously to combat organized international crime efficiently is substantially conditioned by the cooperation of security forces of all the Member States, especially of the Police and the Customs Authorities. As a Minister of Finance responsible for the sector, which includes also the Customs Administration, I have to appreciate highly the active engagement of our customs officers in various international projects, targeted primarily at illicit trafficking in drugs and arms. For example, in the past two years, two large cases of illegal drug production and illicit drug trafficking have been detected by the Czech customs authorities in cooperation with the Austrian Police.

Therefore, I would like to greatly welcome another joint security project based on mutual cooperation and exchange of information among security forces operating at international airports, which involves not only police and customs officers from the Czech Republic and Austria but also officers from numerous other EU countries. The exchange of information and targeted implementation of joint security measures constitute the right step to on our way to effective protection of citizens across the EU. I would like to thank everyone involved for their great personal commitment to this project.

Alena Schillerová
Minister of Finance of the Czech Republic



Ladies and Gentlemen,

The problem of trafficking in narcotic substances, besides being a global problem, has not spared Kosovar society either. Trafficking in drugs affects millions of lives both in developed and in developing countries. The most negative impact is on youth as the most sensitive part of society.

The economic benefits from drug trafficking and the dependence on drug use causes many individuals to be easily exploited by criminals and criminal organizations.

Drugs threaten the health of men, women and children, the rule of law, and ultimately the vitality and strength of the entire human community. Drugs seriously threaten Kosovar youth, which is undoubtedly the most valuable asset Kosovo has today.

Trafficking of heroin through the Balkan Route has been reduced considerably. However in spite of this, the Balkan Route remains a serious challenge for law enforcement authorities and care must be taken to prevent and combat cross-border drug trafficking. To achieve this goal, we need closer cooperation both nationally and internationally.

Experience has shown that drug trafficking is also closely linked to arms trafficking and this makes organized crime more delicate. In order to succeed in preventing and combating this phenomenon, close cooperation between the authorities is needed. The partnership in this project has shown how this can be achieved.

In this regard, I would like to use the opportunity to highlight the necessity of further reinforcement of the Republic of Kosovo's cooperation and partnership through membership in INTERPOL, which is essential in order to guarantee and strengthen security and stability in the region, the EU and the world. Kosovo's membership would guarantee strengthening of law enforcement at international level and in the fight against drug trafficking and transnational crime through the direct and real-time exchange of crucial information, joint police operations, and other activities.

I congratulate the partners and members of the project on their contribution to achieving this noble goal in combating organized crime at the national and international level.

Bejtush Gashi,
Minister of Internal Affairs, Republic of Kosovo*

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PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Project content

The measure is carried out in dependence on the EU-drug strategy 2013-2020 and the EU-drug schedule 2013-2016. Beside the 28 EU member states also candidate countries and non-member countries and Europol, Eurojust, Interpol, EMCDDA, European Commission and UNODC will be involved. Illegal international drugs and firearms trafficking and smuggling should be combated by focusing on strategic key aspects on strategic selected multinational places and transport routes. Beside seizures and the breakup of perpetrator groups, we want to gain knowledge, which will enable an analysis of the situation of the influence of drugs and firearms trafficking and smuggling.

Implementation mechanisms

- 12 operational meetings for discussion of common measures in criminal tactics and network building (in Europe, but also possible outside Europe)
- 8 „Actions“ (1 Action = circa 3 Days) with focus on Vienna International Airport
- 1 international conference with circa 90 participants
- Project partners: Kosovo* and Czech Republic

KICK OFF MEETING

14/15 December 2016, Bad Erlach/Austria

Austria started with the project partners Czech Republic and Kosovo*, supported from Europol, the EU sponsored project “Joint investigation to fight trafficking in drugs and firearms with the main focus on international airports within and also into the EU”. The meeting focused on the presentation of the project, implementation mechanisms and budget.

Participants: Austria, Czech Republic, Kosovo* and Europol



1. OPERATIONAL MEETING

10/11 January 2017, Zurich/Switzerland

Meeting with the strategically important partner Switzerland for the purpose of the presentation of the project and the „Action Days“, which were planned for March 2017. The purpose of the “Action Days” is to do controls with special focus on different emphasizes at the Vienna International Airport. Switzerland agreed to participate in project measures.

Participants: Austria, Czech Republic, Kosovo* and Switzerland



FIRST GREAT PROJECT SUCCESS

24 January 2017

Terrorist attack prevented!

In a handicapped accessible toilet at the Vienna International Airport a hidden loaded gun of the brand French Unique caliber 7.65 Browning with a magazine and additional 5 pieces of munitions was founded.



Investigations showed the following: A soldier of the German Armed Forces was suspected that he pretended to be a Syrian refugee and prepared a subversive act of violence.

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Terrorverdacht: Deutscher Soldat in Wien-Schwechat festgenommen



28-Jähriger soll Waffe am Flughafen Wien versteckt haben. Als er sie wieder holen wollte, sei er gefilmt und in weiterer Folge festgenommen worden. Deutscher Soldat hat Verfahren in Korneuburg anhängig.

German government investigating how serving soldier registered as Syrian refugee for 'false flag' attack plot

Franco A led a double life while allegedly planning act of 'xenophobic' violence

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2. OPERATIONAL MEETING

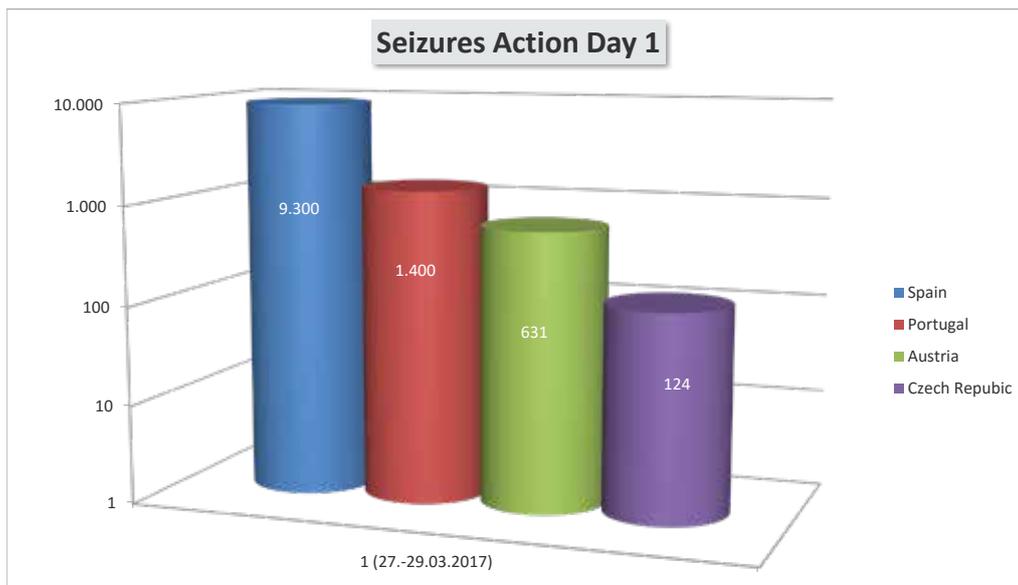
21/22 February 2017, Vienna International Airport and Bad Erlach/Austria

Austria and the partner countries, Kosovo and Czech Republic invited Portugal, Switzerland and Spain to visit the Vienna International Airport. The operational character of the project and details about the planned “Action Days” in March were discussed in Bad Erlach. The alliance, which aims to combating drug-related crime, has two new members: Portugal and Spain.

Participants: Austria, Czech Republic, Kosovo*, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland



First measure „Action Days“ - Results 27-29 March 2017



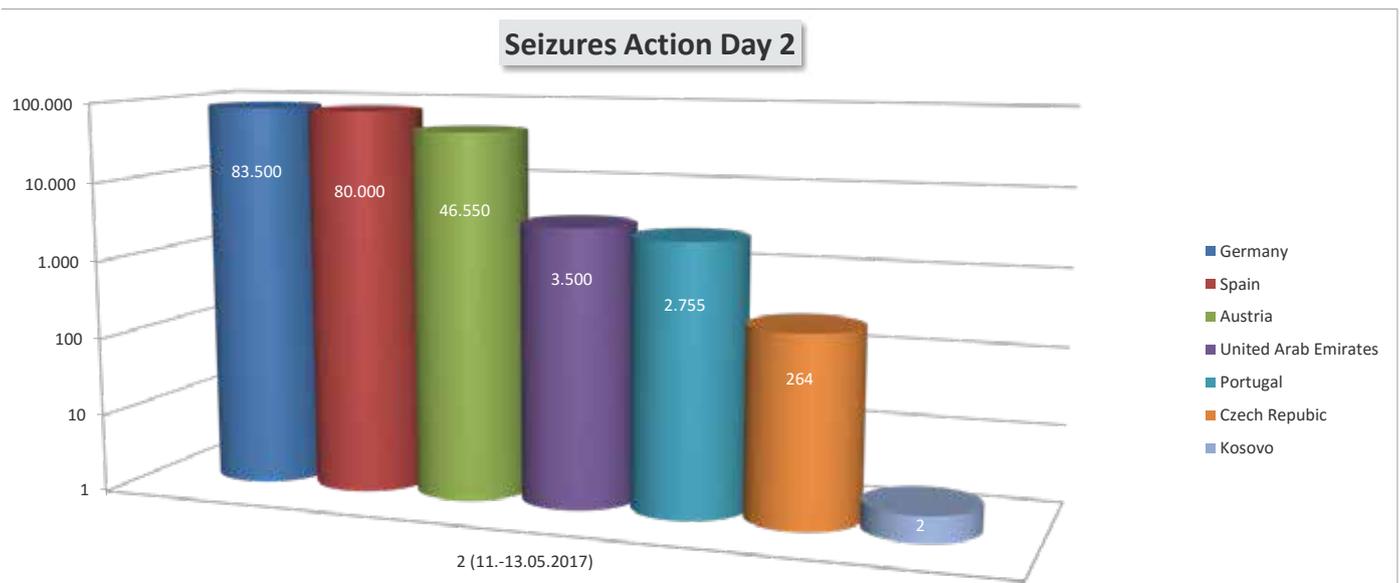
3. OPERATIONAL MEETING 19/20 April 2017, Frankfurt/Germany

The visit of the airport in Frankfurt created a further important strategic basis. The dynamic cooperation rise steadily. The operational character of this project becomes more visible. The power and strength of the project team increase with every expansion of the contact network.

Participants: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Kosovo*, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland



Second measure „Action Days“ - Results 11-13 May 2017



4. OPERATIONAL MEETING

26/27 June 2017 Pristina/Kosovo*

Beside the fundamental strategic orientation on airports this operational meeting at the partner country Kosovo focused on firearms and the transport route „street“. Following this meeting controls were worked out in Kosovo and Albania.

Participants: Austria, Albania Czech Republic, Germany, Kosovo*, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland



Success – Seizure of Cannabis herb and munitions

A plane was checked in Kosovo at the border to Albania at 30 June 2017. 2.7 kilograms Cannabis herb and 3657 pieces munitions caliber 7.62 mm were seized. One person was arrested and one person could escape.



Successes at the Vienna International Airport/AT



Krone, 30.07.2017

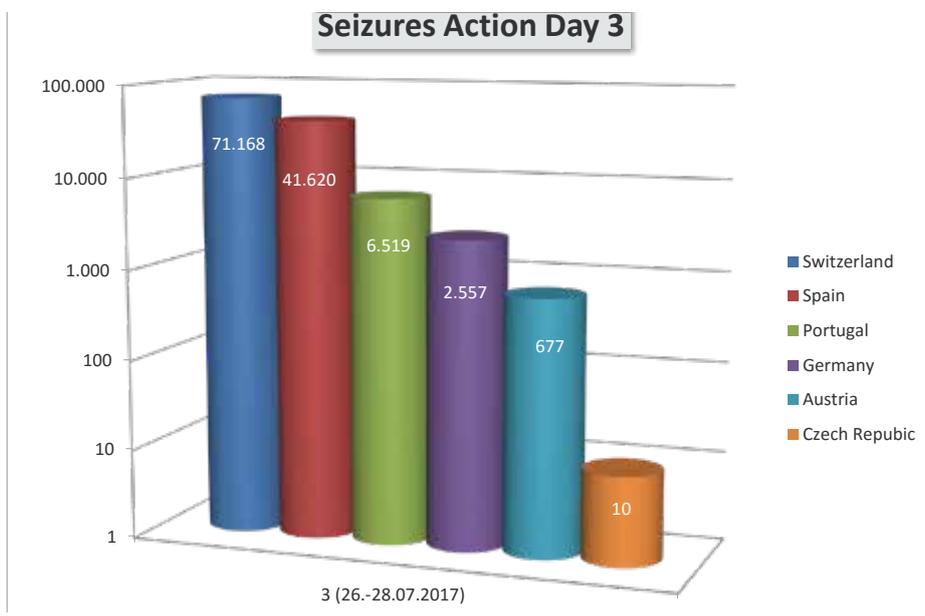


Kurier, 29.07.2017



Österreich, 29.07.2017

Third measure „Action Days“ - Results
26 -28 July 2017



5. OPERATIONAL MEETING

22/23 August 2017 Deutschkreutz/Austria

The results of the second „Action Days“, which were carried out from 26 to 28 July 2017, were analyzed at this meeting. Furthermore, the sixth operational meeting, which was held from 26 to 27 September in Prague/CZ, and the first evaluation meeting, which was held from 7 to 8 November 2017 in Bad Erlach/ AT, were prepared. Moreover, the programmed data base for data collection and analysis was presented.

One further important finding: The smuggling of illegal drugs with small aircrafts appears increasingly as a potential problem. Customs inspections can easily be skipped and customs provisions can be breached.

Participants: Austria, Czech Republic and Kosovo*



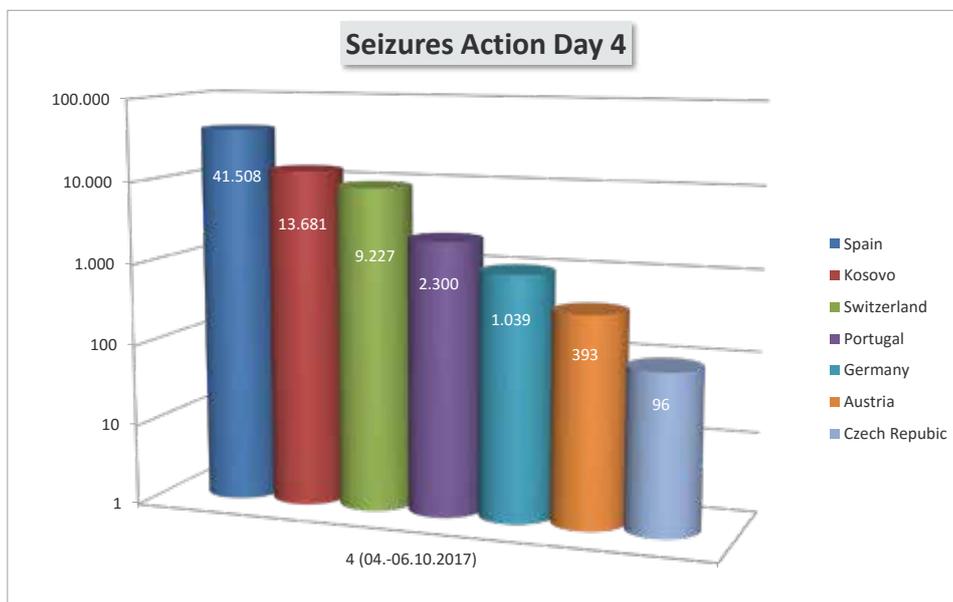
6. OPERATIONAL MEETING 26/27 September 2017 in Prague/CZ

This meeting at the partner country Czech Republic serves as a further possibility to expand the communication network. The participation of Colombia and its willingness to support the measures of this project was a qualitative milestone. Additionally Belgium agreed to support operational measures with risk analysis. Also Russia showed interest in the project activities and reported about the situation on Russian airports.

Participants: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Colombia, Germany, Kosovo*, Portugal, Russia, Spain and Switzerland



Fourth measure „Action Days“ - Results 4-6 October 2017



PREPONED 9. OPERATIONAL MEETING

24/25 October 2017 in Amsterdam/NL

This operational meeting was originally planned for March 2018, but it has to brought forward because of urgent necessary measures in criminal tactics.

Background:

A Latvian citizen, who smuggled 4.5 kilograms Heroin in a double bottom in his travel bag, was caught by intensive controls and arrested at Vienna International Airport on 25 September 2017. In the interrogation it could be found out that he acted on behalf of a Nigerian perpetrator group, which is located in Amsterdam/NL. Continued investigations led to the further arrest of two drug dealers in the Netherlands and to a seizure of 3.4 kilograms Heroin. To discuss and agree on further strategic steps Austrian and Dutch investigators met.

1. EVALUATION MEETING

7-8 November 2017 Bad Erlach/AT

At this meeting the focus was led on success monitoring and risk analysis. To guarantee a complete evaluation, the meeting was split in three parts. The first part took place in Austria with all Austrian project members. The second and third part was held by the project partners, one in Czech Republic and one in Kosovo*. All results were brought together.

Result: The project implementation is very successful and run as planned. Until now no risks were visible. The budget has the necessary resources, but a reallocation will be needed. We want to highlight the multinational communication, which works perfectly and the huge engagement of all persons involved. The "Multi Agency" principle turned out to be very beneficial.



Special subject: Passenger Name Record (PNR). During the project implementation a parallel project for the implementation of the analysis of PNR data run in Austria. The availability of PNR data and the possible risk analysis ease the prevention of threats. Especially the release of data also within the borders of the Schengen Agreement for the purpose of analysis is very important.

A further important aspect: Beside the seizure of illegal drugs also numerous breaches of customs provisions, especially against species protection, could be founded and prosecuted.

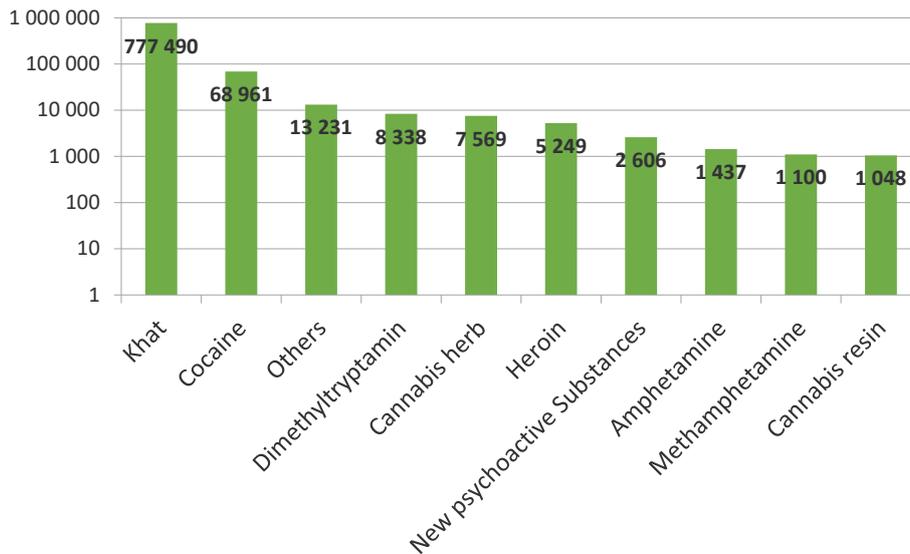


Project – half time statistics

Top 10 Seizures in grams



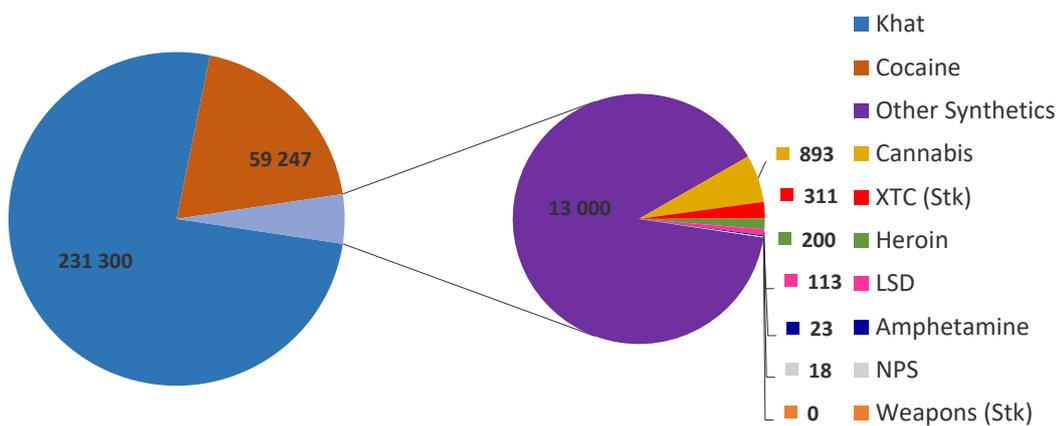
TOP 10 of overall seizures



Seizures - Action Days without AT



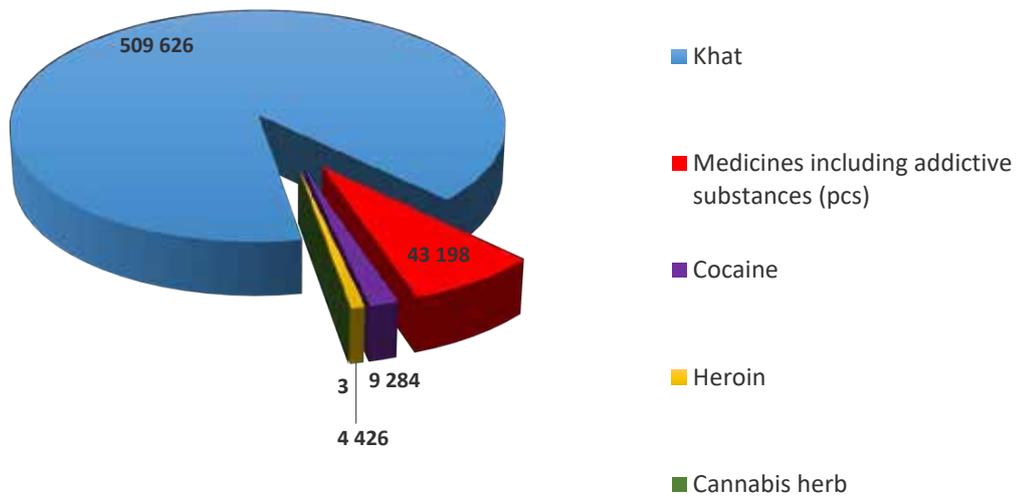
Seizures during the Action Days of partner countries



Seizures passenger traffic



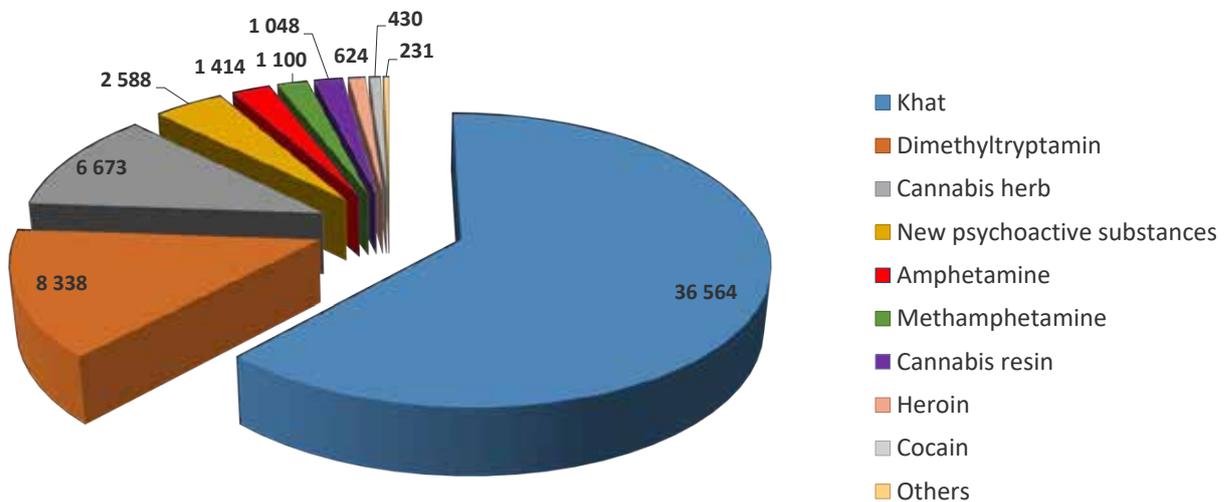
Seizures passenger traffic
(in grams)



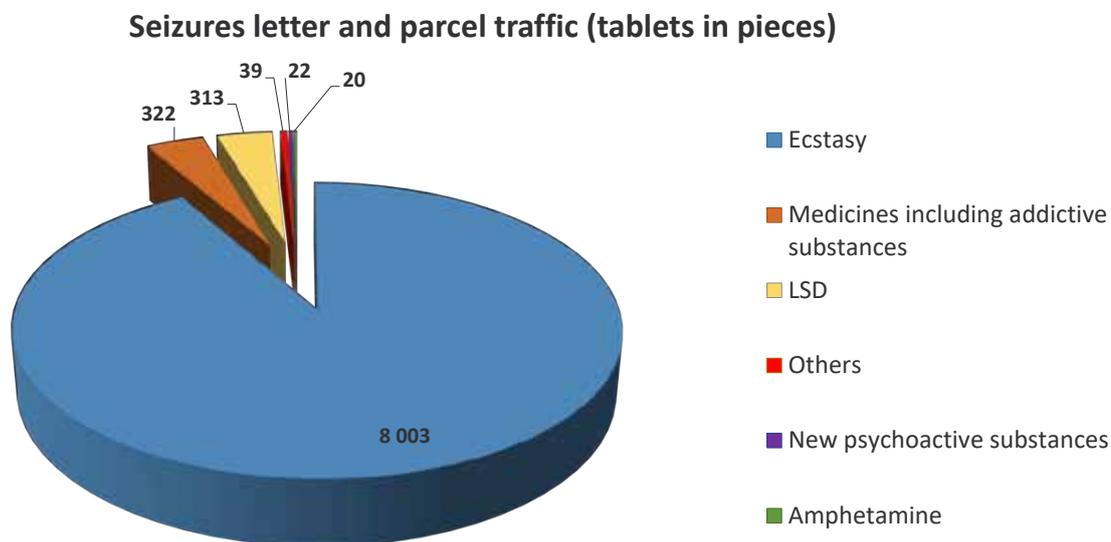
Seizures letter and parcel traffic



Seizures letter and parcel traffic (powder form in grams)



Seizures letter and parcel traffic



7. OPERATIONAL MEETING

19/20 December 2017 in Vienna/AT

This meeting aimed to strengthen the dynamic and strategically aligned exchange of information between Austria, Czech Republic and Kosovo. In light of the very successful project process further measures were planned. The 8th operational meeting in Lisbon/Portugal was determined for 23rd to 25th January 2018. It will have an essential meaning for the further project progress. Moreover, a special focus was laid on drug trafficking with small aircrafts. During the project progress we could gain knowledge, which indicates numerous smuggling activities in this field. It seems that the successful combating of this Modus Operandi is reasonable with a separate project. The subject "General Aviation" will be examined in the framework of the running project.

Participants: Austria, Czech Republic and Kosovo*

SPECIAL EVENT (BEYOND THE PROJECT PLAN)

15/16. January 2018 Vienna/AT

The sustainable benefit of projects is strengthened by synergy effects. The gained knowledge of a project has to be a valuable supplement for other projects. According to this motto an operational meeting took place within the framework of the national „fund for the internal security (ISF-P, 2014-2020)“ of the project "Drug Policing - Focus on Western Balkans and DarkNet" in Vienna/AT on 15/16 January 2018. The successfully concluded EU-funded ISEC "Joint investigation to combat drug trafficking via the virtual market (darknet) within and also into the EU" offered basic knowledge. With it Austria and the project partner Germany set a milestone in the combat of illegal drug trafficking on the Internet / Darknet. Since

the end of the project the criminal activities on the Internet / DarkNet forums are rising constantly. As a result, letter and parcel traffic with illegal drugs is increasing. This trend is also visible in the project "Joint investigation to fight trafficking in drugs and firearms with the main focus on international airports within and also into the EU".

A review of the situation took place in Vienna/AT on the 15/16 January 2018 with the Austrian Federal Criminal Police Office, the Criminal Investigation Department Bavaria/DE, the Senior Prosecution Frankfurt am Main/DE and Bamberg/DE, the Prosecution Vienna/AT and the Medical University of Innsbruck – Institute of Legal Medicine/AT.

It was decided to develop a strategy in criminal tactics to the identification of drug dealers (senders of letters and packages) together with the neighboring country Germany. This should, beside conventional criminal-police investigations, be made by means of DNA analyses and protection and comparison of fingerprints. Also different securing of evidence methods should be considered. Moreover, the communication between police and justice should be strengthened.

With this measure the motto „with sustainable benefit“ is taken into account! Knowledge of the predecessor project JICDT-VM-DARKNET, the running parallel project JIFTdrugs / f_air and the project "WBD" can be bundled and led to concentrated measures.

For the project JIFTdrugs / f_air this means that the investigation of senders of letters and parcels containing illegal drugs, which are smuggled through airports, can be pushed with raised chances.

8. OPERATIONAL MEETING

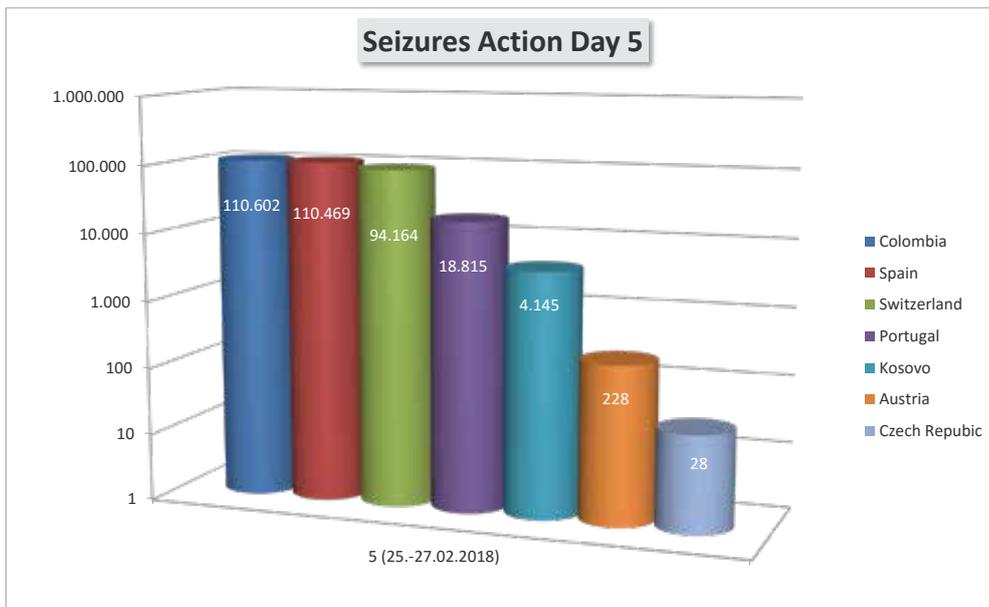
23 – 25 January 2018 in Lisbon/Portugal

Since the beginning of the project, Portugal has rendered a valuable contribution to the successful project progression. Its geographic location as well as its high willingness for operational cooperation makes Portugal to a valuable partner in the fight against illegal drug trafficking from South America. The meeting aimed to deepen and improve the operational cooperation with South America. This was underlined by the participation of representatives from Brazil and Columbia. An essential emphasis of the meeting was laid on risk analysis, where Belgium rendered a huge contribution. Other emphases were the discussion of the last Action Days in October 2017, the planning of the 5th Action Days and the planning of the 10 operational meeting. Moreover, further measures in criminal tactic are aligned to the actual behaviour of perpetrators.

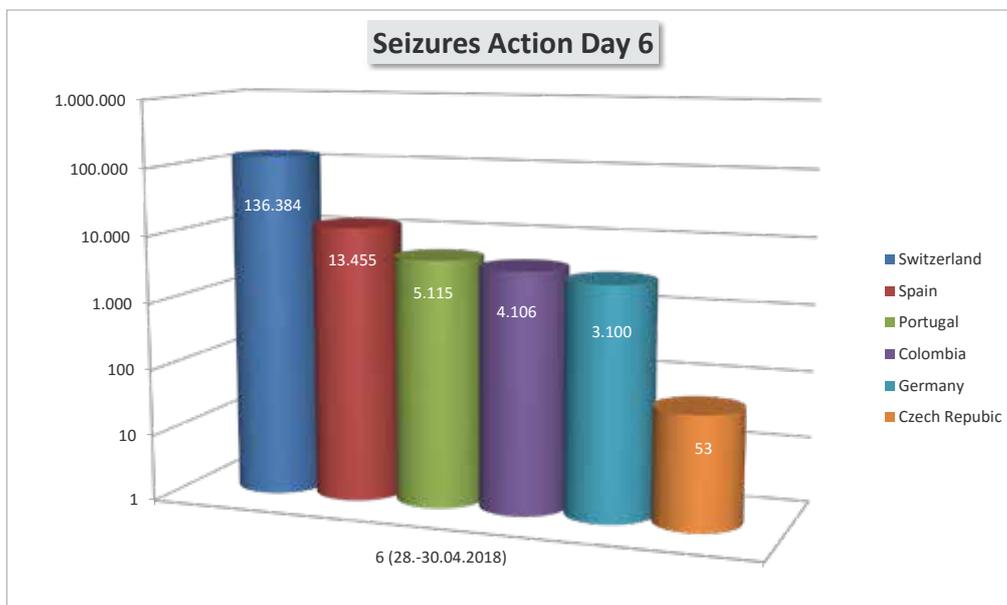
Participants: Austria, Czech Republic, Kosovo*, Spain, Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland, Germany, France and Brazil



Fifth measure „Action Days“ - Results 25-27 February 2018



Sixt measure „Action Days“ - Results 28-30 April 2018



PREPARATION MEETING FOR CLOSING CONFERENCE

2 – 3 May 2018 in Neusiedl/See/Austria

The preparatory meeting for the closing conference took place in Neusiedl am See/AT from 2 to 3 May 2018. This conference will be held as a high-level event in the course of the Austrian Presidency of the European Union in Vienna from 24 to 26 September 2018.

This meeting served the joint preparation of the agenda and the detailed planning of the entire conference. The areas of responsibility for the Austrian, Kosovar and Czech delegations were also agreed.

Participants: Austria, Kosovo, Czech Republic



10. OPERATIONAL MEETING

15 – 16 May 2018 in Madrid/ES

Contacts to combat drug smuggling from South America were further strengthened through Spain as the venue. Spain has been operationally involved in the implementation since the beginning of the project and has developed into an essential participant. This meeting also served to analyze the 5th and 6th Action Days which took place from 25 to 27 February 2018 and from 28 to 30 April 2018.



In addition to evaluate the results of the Action Days, the goals of this meeting were to determine the further direction, to preview the closing conference in Vienna during the Austrian Presidency of the European Union and to establish further networks.



Participants: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Germany, France, Kosovo, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the Czech Republic.

11. OPERATIONAL MEETING 23 – 24 Mai 2018 in Prag/CZ

This operational meeting became necessary due to a spontaneous need for investigation in "Operation C. C. ". In this operation 1.5 tons cocaine-cocoa powder mixture (pure substance 102 kg cocaine hydrochloride) was seized at the airport Quito / Ecuador. The seized goods should have been smuggled to Vienna by air by order of a Czech principal.

The meeting took place at the National Police in Prague. The aim of the meeting was to coordinate the further proceedings of the public prosecutor's offices involved, Ostrava/CZ and Korneuburg/AT.

Participants: Austria, Czech Republic

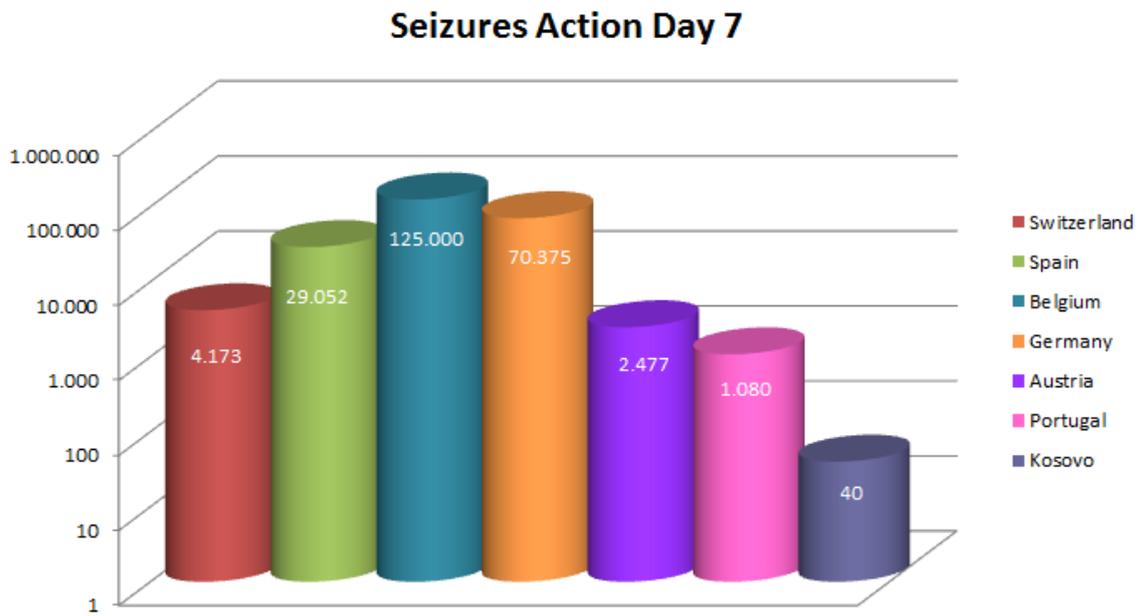
12. OPERATIONAL MEETING 5 bis 6 Juli 2018 in Kopenhagen/DK

An operational meeting was held in response to a spontaneous need for an investigation in Copenhagen/ Denmark from 5 to 6 July 2018. An international criminal case was investigated on suspicion of organized drug smuggling by air from South America to Europe.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the results of the investigation. The coordination of the countries concerned Austria, Denmark and Sweden with regard to further joint operational steps has also been undertaken.

Participants: Austria, Denmark and Sweden

Sevent measure „Action Days“ - Results 19-21 August 2018



NEW MEMBER IN DRUG SQUAD AT VIENNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



In regards to the sustainability of this project and already planned follow-up projects, a dog specialised in the detection of addictive substances was purchased. After the dog has finished its training, it will pursue in supporting the police officers at the airport in Vienna Schwechat first hand.

Based on the field of activity and special demands that are required for the work at the airport, it was necessary to pick a dog breed which is rather unusual for the Austrian police. The selected dog is called Pitt vom Taffatal which is an agile and small Parson Terrier breed.

At the moment Pitt is five months old and is already happily involved in its training to meet the high standards of its field of activity in the future.

The responsible department for police service dogs within the Austrian Federal Ministry of Interior and the state police department of Lower Austria are strongly supporting the mentioned project.

Ms Philippa Strache, the wife of the vice chancellor of Austria, has taken over the patronage for Pitt.

13 OPERATIONAL MEETING

This meeting was intended as an "ad hoc" measure. However, the knowledge gained so far in this situation must be deepened and prepared for an operational meeting. Implementation will take place at a later date.

14 OPERATIONAL MEETING

3/4 September 2018 in Paris/France

This meeting was organized by France's anti-drug authority of the Police Nationale – OCRTIS – "Office Central pour la Répression du Trafic Illicite des Stupéfiants". The meeting served to further intensify multinational cooperation.

Together with the strategically important partner France, the results of the previous Action Days were discussed and analyzed. Another topic was the closing conference in Vienna.

Added value of this meeting: After 22 months of project duration, a very successful project can be looked at. The network carried out in this project will bring sustainable benefits for further police work - even after the project has been completed.

Participants: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Kosovo, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland



CLOSING CONFERENCE

24 – 26 September 2018 in Vienna/AT

The closing conference of the project was held in the course of the Austrian presidency of the European Union. It took place in a dignified atmosphere in the immediate environment of the Schönbrunn Palace.

The opening speeches were given by Ms Karoline Edtstadler, State Secretary of Interior/Austria, Mr Hubert Fuchs, State Secretary of Finance/Austria, Mr Bejtush Gashi, Minister of the Interior/Kosovo* and Mr Jirí Nováček, First Deputy Minister of the Interior/Czech Republic.

Conclusion: This project was characterised by excellent and competent cross-border cooperation. The project “Joint investigation to fight trafficking in drugs and firearms with the main focus on international airports within and also into the EU” applied innovative project management in order to achieve operational results with sustainable benefit. The success achieved confirmed the correctness of the project philosophy. Therefore, the control strategies applied here are to be continued within the line work after completion of the project. The experience gained will be incorporated into the implementation of other EU-funded projects.

Participating countries: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo, Latvia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Participating organisations: DEA, EMCCDA, EUROJUST, EUROPOL, UNODC



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IMPRESSIONS







13 OPERATIONAL MEETING 14/15 November 2018 in Madrid/ES

From 14 to 15 (16) November 2018, the initially postponed 13th operational meeting was held in Madrid. It served to set the course for future criminal-police cooperation.

The project structure applied in the course of the current project and the successes achieved confirmed the course of the project philosophy. On the basis of this, new project ideas were discussed in order to be able to continue to apply the knowledge gained and the contact networks created with sustainable benefit. The modus operandi “smuggling by means of small aircraft” will be examined more sensitively in future operational measures.

Directly after the 13th operational meeting (14 – 15 November) an EMPACT Meeting (15 – 16. November in Madrid/Spain) took place. In order to make optimal use of the existing synergy effects, two participants were sent to the EMPACT meeting after the 13th operational meeting. In order to increase the sustainable benefit of the project, findings from the project JIFTdrugs/f_air and EMPACT projects were bundled.

Participants: Austria, Colombia, Croatia, France, Germany, Spain



2. EVALUATION MEETING

19 November 2018 in Vienna/AT

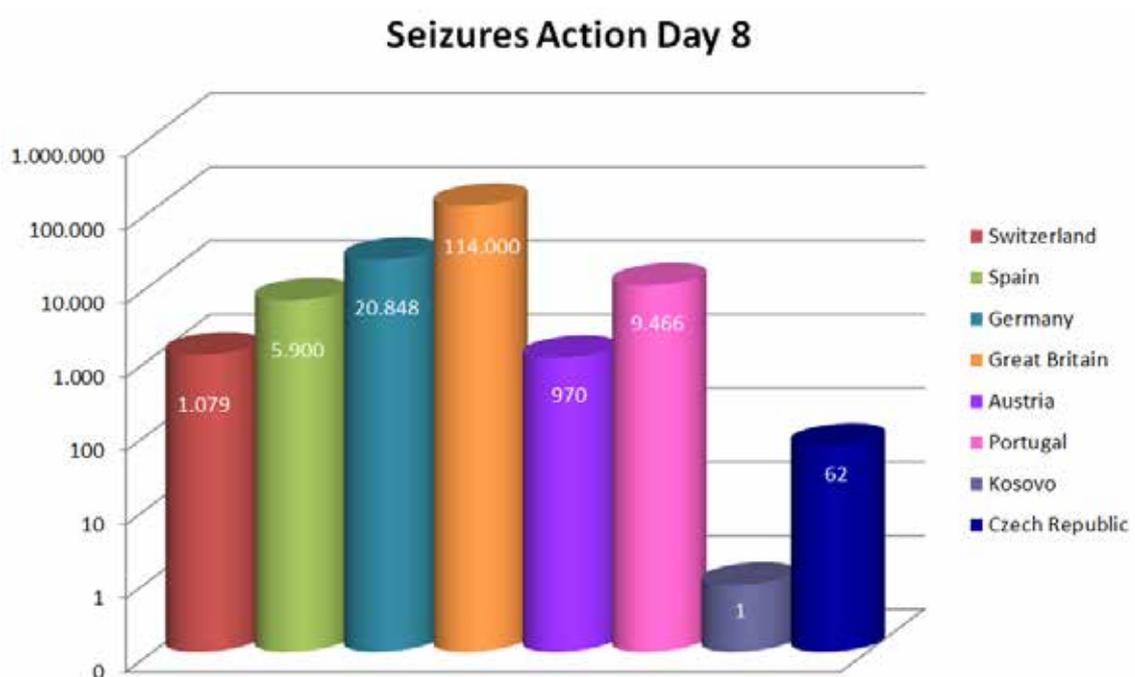
On 19 November 2019, the second and last evaluation meeting of the project took place. The project can look back on an extraordinarily successful duration. All the more importance was attached to the evaluation of this project. Therefore, officials who were not directly involved in the implementation of the project but are experts in the subject were invited. The added value of the project for line work and new project ideas were also discussed.

The last activity of the evaluation meeting was the statistical presentation of the project results and a related success analysis.

Participants: Austria

Eight measure „Action Days“ - Results

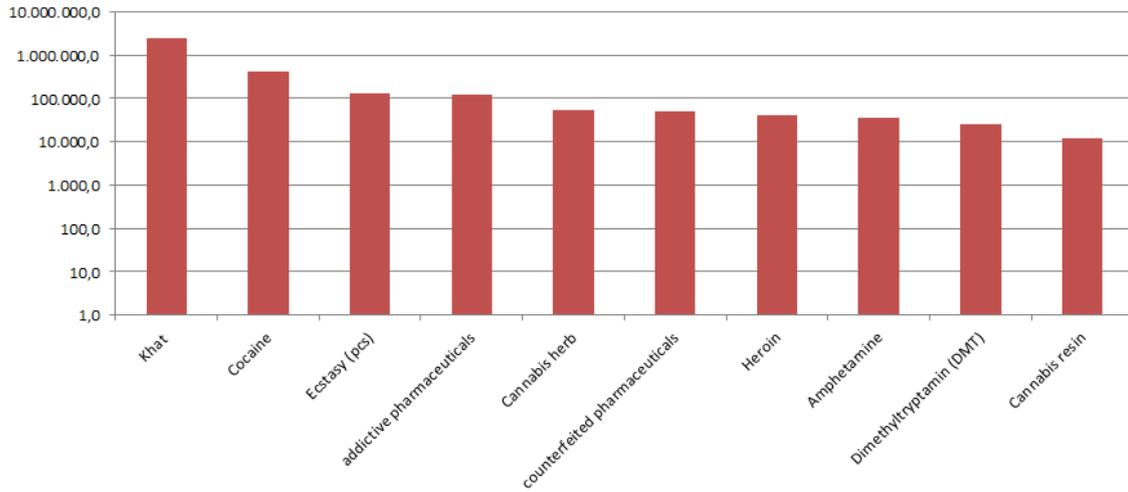
23. -25. November 2019



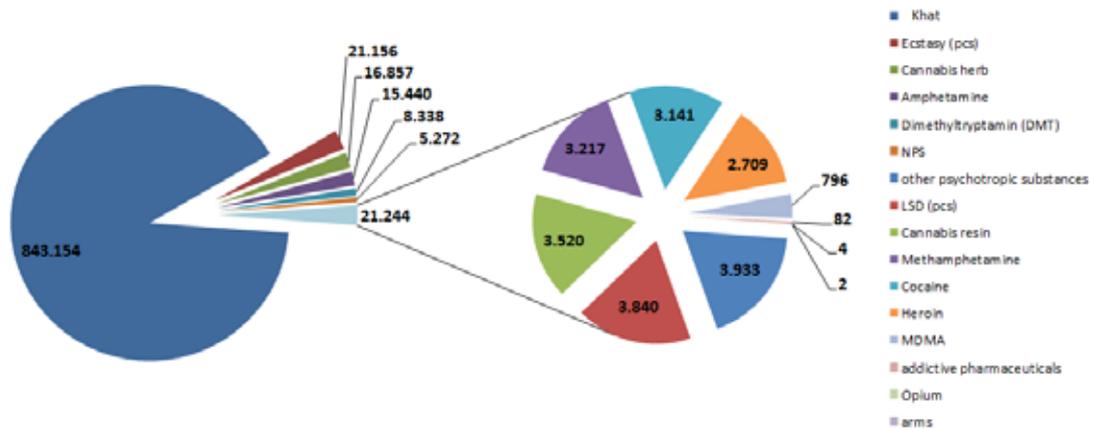
STATISTICS

Total amount of seizures

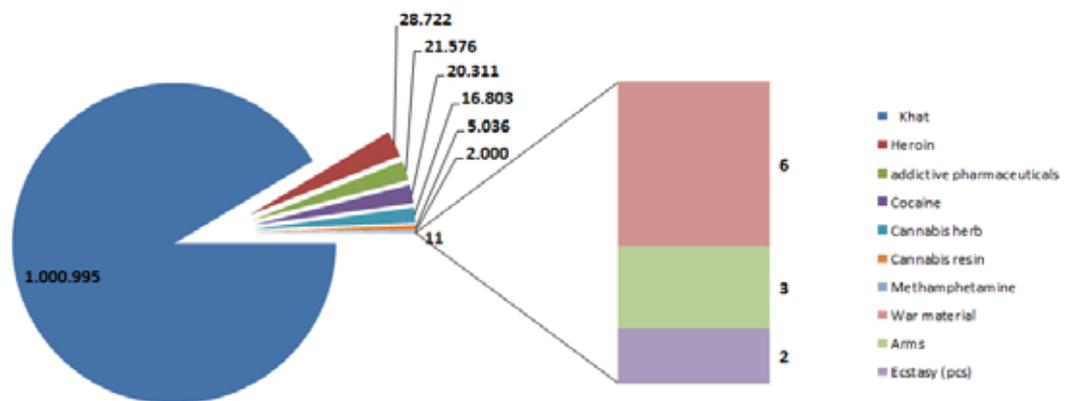
Total amount of seized drugs (TOP 10)



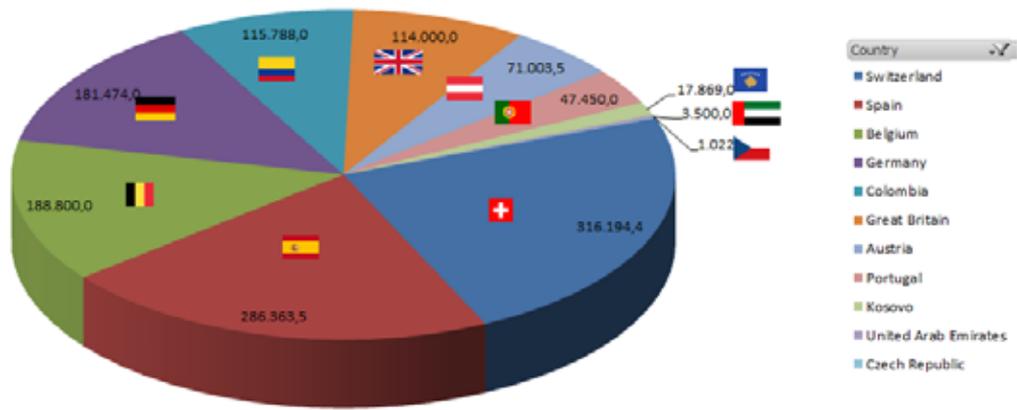
Seizures letter and parcel traffic (in grams)



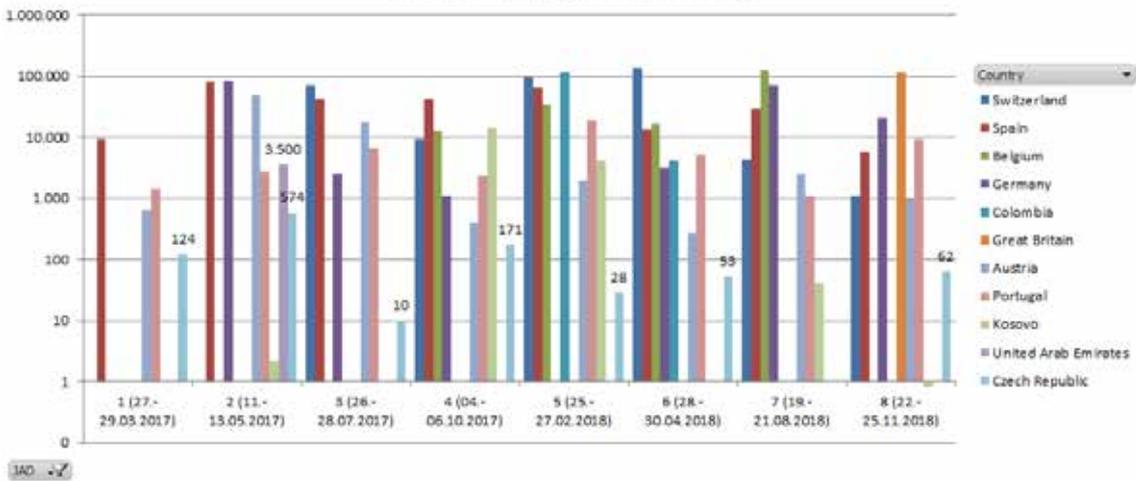
Seizures passenger traffic Vienna International Airport (in grams/pcs)



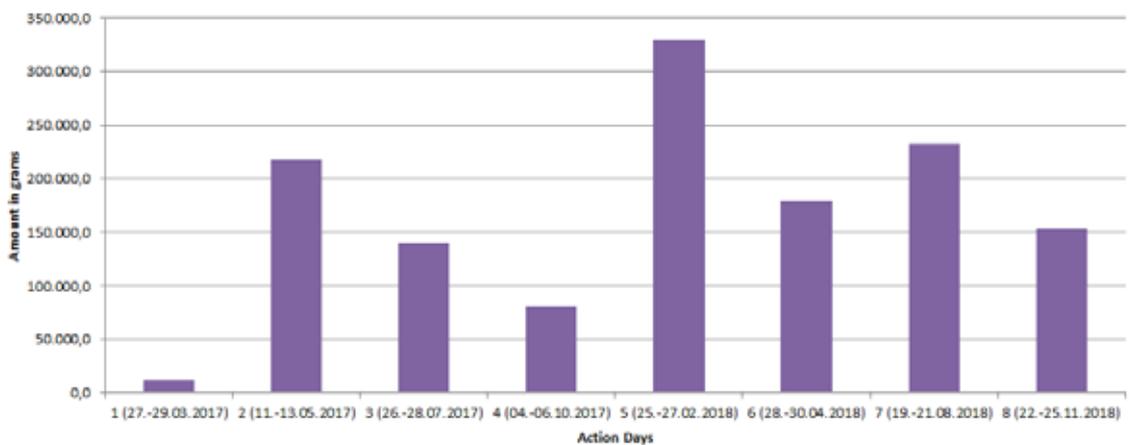
Seized drugs & weapons in participating countries during the Action Days



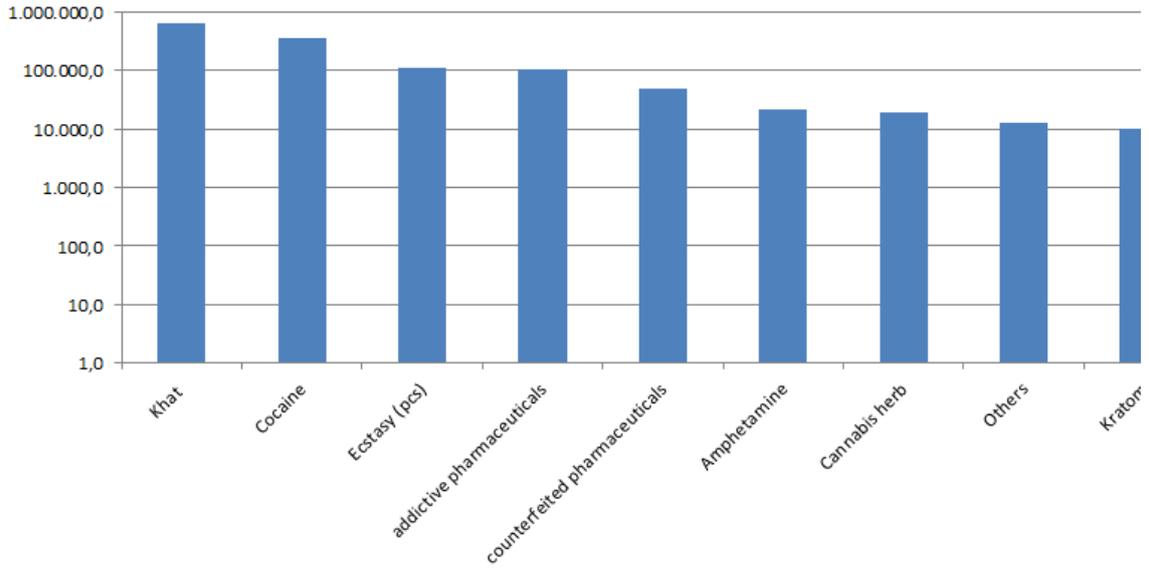
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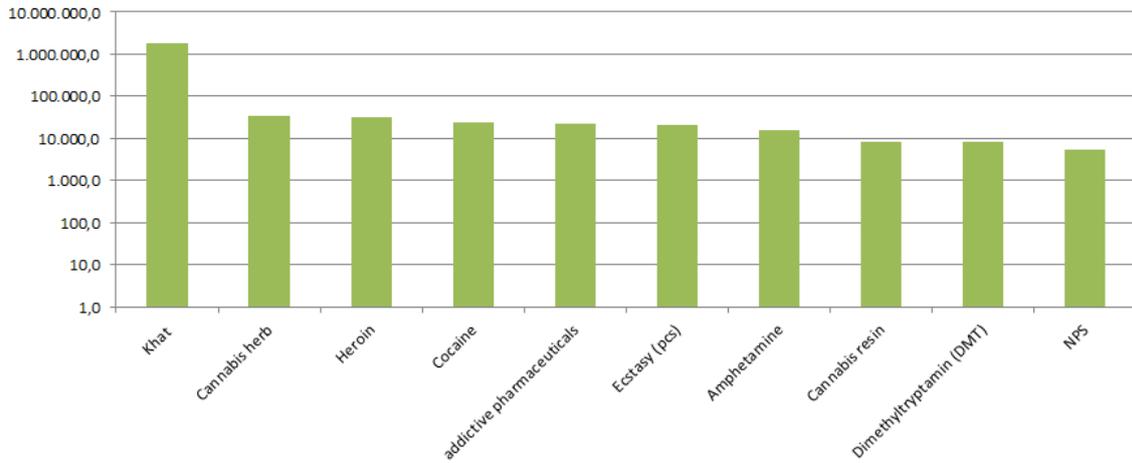
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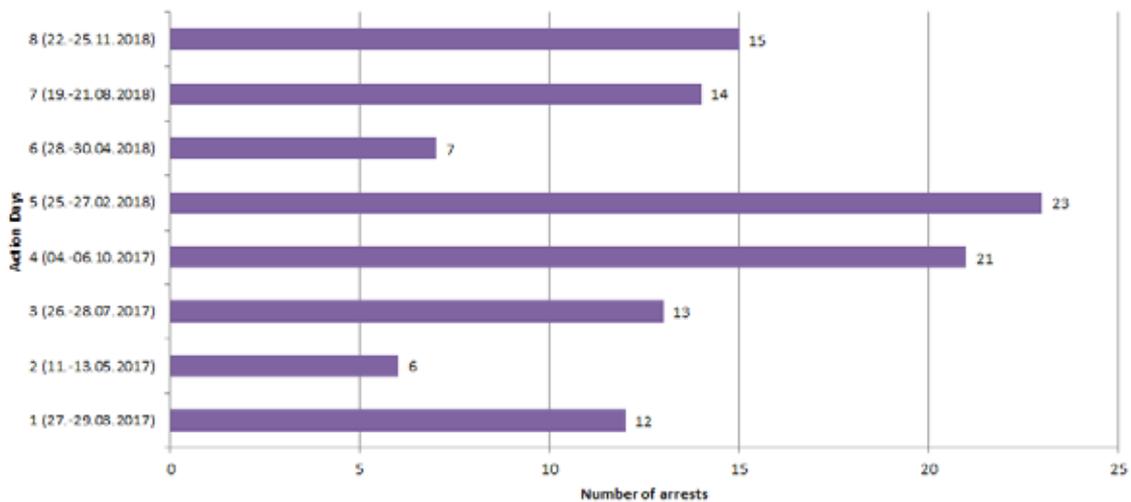
TOP 10 Seizures during the Action Days



TOP 10 Seizures in Austria



Arrests during the Action Days



TOTAL AMOUNT OF SEIZURES AT EDITORIAL DEADLINE

FURTHER SEIZURES IN THE FRAME OF THE JIFTDRUGS/F_AIR PROJECT BY THE CUSTOMS

Summary:

- 211.030 cigarettes
- 331kg tobacco
- 6.668 grams snus
- 359 cactuses alive which are under species protection
- 88 reptiles/snakes alive
- 6.151 pc of medicine goods
- 337 pc of counterfeit designer brands
- 2 silencers



TIMELINE

