

How We Work

Deploy long-term experts



The project is unique in its practical approach. Each country is supported by a prosecutor and a police officer from EU member states as well as lawyers from the respective countries.

Involve international and local short-term experts

The project brings expertise from EU countries to the Western Balkans and facilitates the sharing of knowledge and exchange of experiences and resources within the region.



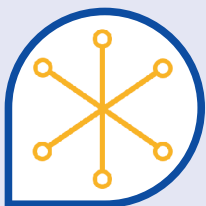
Facilitate networking



The project supports the establishment of and the participation in networks such as the European Network of Fugitive Active Search Teams (ENFAST) and the European Judicial Network (EJN).

Provide permanent administrative support throughout the region

All project experts are administratively and logistically supported by Administrative Officers based at the local GIZ project offices in the six beneficiary countries. They guarantee quick and professional organisation of conferences, workshops and study visits.



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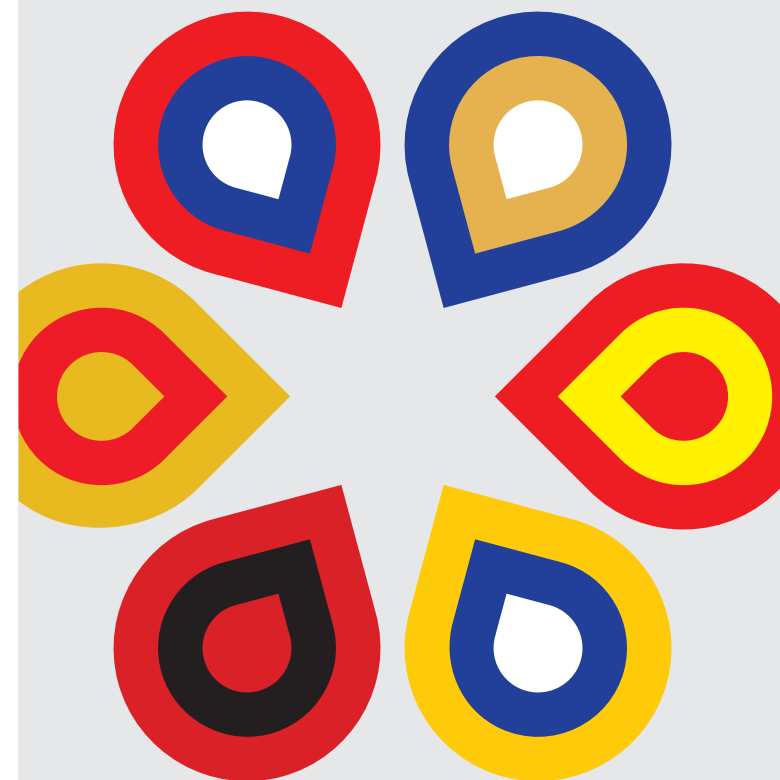
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Project Framework

The project provides permanent support to investigations and prosecutions and contributes significantly to the fight against organised crime in the Western Balkans.

Beneficiary Institutions

- Ministries of Justice
- Ministries of Interior
- Prosecution Offices
- Police



Implementing partners



Objectives

The project's objective is to raise the effectiveness of and the cooperation among regional and national institutions in fighting serious and organised crime. Combatting illegal migrant smuggling and recovering illegal financial gains obtained through diverse criminal acts are two examples on which the project focuses.

Duration

2018 — 2019

Beneficiary Countries



*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

Expected Outcomes

- Strengthened cooperation of the Western Balkan countries and with European and international police and judicial institutions
- An increase in the number of Joint Investigation Teams fighting serious and organised crime
- An increase in the number of relevant investigations leading to prosecutions

Funding



What We Do

Support ongoing cross-border cases and provide real time advice



The project facilitates an integrated approach by supporting real investigations and prosecutions and remaining accessible for timely, individual meetings and case-specific recommendations.

Facilitate cooperation in the region and with European institutions

The project supports either the process of implementing or concluding cooperation agreements between the beneficiaries and Eurojust.



Strengthen operational capacities and close gaps in legislation



The project contributes significantly to the improvement of specific skills and knowledge of beneficiary institutions by organising trainings, study tours and internships.

Enhance information and data exchange

The projects provides support in improving data exchange at national, regional and international levels and with an EU focus. We help relevant law enforcement specialists of police departments conduct strategic and operational criminal analyses.

