

## OUR TEAMS ON THE GROUND...

We are an operational project and support work at the  
frontline!

**6 Embedded Country Teams**  
located at 6 Prosecution and 6 Police-Units  
in 6 Beneficiary Countries



Resident EU Prosecutors



National Legal Advisers



Resident EU Police Officers



National Project Assistants

Provide advice as well as  
financial and organisational support



Ministries of Justice



Public Prosecution Offices



Ministries of Interior/Security



Police

**This project proves the general commitment of the European Union to support the strengthening of the rule of law in the Western Balkans as an essential precondition in the EU accession process.**

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## COUNTERING SERIOUS CRIME IN THE WESTERN BALKANS IPA 2019

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"Reinforced cooperation for fighting organised crime, countering terrorism and violent extremism, border security and migration management is a high priority in the enlargement perspective for EU engagement with the Western Balkans."

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, Brussels 2018

## PROJECT FRAMEWORK

### 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.

### Partner institutions

- Ministries of Justice
- Ministries of Interior/Security
- Public Prosecution Offices
- Police
- Other law enforcement agencies



### Total volume



European Commission (DG NEAR):  
15,800,000 EUR

German Government (BMZ):  
1,215,000 EUR

Italian Ministry of Interior:  
900,000 EUR

### Duration



(07/2020 - 06/2023)

### Continuation of



Mutual trust, institutionalised cooperation and exchange of information remain crucial elements in the further development of the international fight against serious crime and terrorism across the region and with the EU.

## THAT IS WHY WE AIM...



...to strengthen the operational capabilities of Western Balkan law enforcement and security authorities to fight serious and organised crime and terrorism (**operational support**).



...to support the relevant authorities to effectively participate in and contribute to EU and intra-regional cooperation structures and assessments (**strategic cooperation**).



...to strengthen the capabilities of Western Balkan law enforcement and security authorities to exchange information (**interoperability of information systems**).

## OUR KEY ACTIVITIES

### Operational Support

- 1 | Our EU experts work with their colleagues in the Western Balkans on concrete cases, establishing trust and close cooperation between the Western Balkans law enforcement institutions, EU agencies and the Member States.
- 2 | Together with Europol, the Drivers and the Action Leaders we improve the ability of the Western Balkans institutions to actively take part in and contribute to the EU Policy Cycle (EMPACT Priorities).
- 3 | The project offers EU wide expertise to our partner institutions - flexible and on demand: Technical Assistance Facility (TAF).

### Strategic Cooperation

- 4 | The project strengthens the cooperation with relevant EU Justice and Home Affairs agencies (e.g. Europol, Eurojust) & relevant networks (e.g. European Judicial Network).
- 5 | With the Regional CT/ Security advisor we support the functioning of the Regional Network of National Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism (P/CVE) Coordinators.
- 6 | Together with Europol and other partners, our experts support the partner institutions in developing two regional Threat Assessments on SOC and Terrorism.

### Interoperability of Information Systems

- 7 | In synergy with Europol and other partners, the project supports partner institutions' upgrade and extension of information systems and databases.
- 8 | By supporting the implementing of the EU directives 2004/82/EC and 2016/681 (API/PNR) we work on more robust passenger data protection standards within the Western Balkan systems.

