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FIGHTING DRUG-RELATED CRIMES IN EUROPE

The current drug crimes situation is a stumbling block for the progress of European society. Drug dealers can be involved in many crimes, such as murdering, kidnapping, bribery, blackmailing and raping. The reason for this is the competition between drug mafias, which does not follow any laws. The high pay of drug dealers motivates them to continue working despite serious harms customer's health. According to the latest research drug traffic is one of the biggest and global problems in European countries.

Police never stops fighting the drug criminals. Police officers are constantly keeping creating tricky ways to stop these harmful activities. As the routes used for supply are constantly evolving, it is essential for all countries to work together in a united and coordinated way.

Interpol, as the organization which is engaged in resistance of international crimes assists national, regional and international law enforcement bodies to counter the illicit production, trafficking and abuse of drugs in the following ways:

- Global operations against drug trafficking and assistance to ongoing investigations;
- Criminal analysis of intelligence on drug trafficking routes, modus operandi and the criminal networks involved;
- Comprehensive training for police worldwide to better tackle drug trafficking [1].

Interpol together and other international agencies doing their best for disrupting the movement of specific products along routes affecting target regions or international illicit drug flows.

The citizens of European countries do not satisfied with the situation of criminal lawlessness of drug dealers and that is why police must to work properly and effectively to eliminate that kind of crime. Besides citizens' complaints there are a lot of situations which seriously damage wellbeing of European countries. For example, the situation when policemen destroyed huge Balkan drug cartel. Europol, the European Union's police agency, said on September 27 that the cartel had been "flooding Europe with cocaine". The coordinated international operation involved police agencies in Spain, Croatia, Serbia, Germany, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the United States,

and Colombia. “This highly mobile criminal organization had branches active in several European countries and was composed mainly of criminals from Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro, and Slovenia,” Europol said. Over several months, police agencies gathered intelligence that led Spanish authorities in March to raid several cities and arrest 13 individuals, including two kingpins and a police officer working with the cartel as they were preparing to take a shipment of drugs from South America. In another action in May, 48 other members of the organized criminal group were charged in Slovenia for distributing cocaine and marijuana throughout Europe. Ten of the suspects are under arrest. In all, 2.6 tons of cocaine and 324 kilograms of marijuana were seized, as well as luxury cars and nearly \$700,000 in cash. Europol didn't say why news of the operation was being announced months after it took place [2].

Thus, that situation must be solved. The amount of found drugs is horrible I am sure there is a lot of cartels hidden from police and there may be more drugs. I think we must create new ways of solving this problem.

According to statistics of Organization of United Nations 35 million people suffering from disorders that are connected with drug addiction but only one person from seven can receive treatment. That spooky numbers were counted only in 2019 [3]. Unfortunately, that numbers continues to increase. I believe that someday the police will stop the growth of these numbers. It would be easier if with the help of instilling moral norms in society, the demand for drugs is reduced, as a result of which organizational criminal groups will lose the desire to engage in this type of activity. The citizens have to report any information about drug dealers immediately. Such a civic position is very helpful for law enforcement.

According to the mentioned above, it can be said that the drug crime situation is complicated. Every state is trying to stop drug criminals. Selling drugs is the enormous business so criminals earn a lot of money. But it is impossible to buy health for money so we need to eliminate such kind of crime as soon as possible.

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