

IMPEL 4 Networks Conference  
Cooperation in strengthening environmental enforcement

**OLAF and Environment cases.**  
**Enhancing cooperation between administrative and criminal enforcement**



# Legal basis for OLAF investigative activities

- **Parliament and Council Regulation (CE) n° 883/2013:** Empowers OLAF to conduct administrative investigations against fraud affecting the European financial interests.
- **Regulation (EC) No 515/97:** Cooperation between the European Commission (OLAF) and the national Customs services in all Member States (customs matter and agricultural legislation).

For counterfeit goods:

- **Regulation (EU) 608/2013** concerning customs enforcement of intellectual property rights. Special mandate, even if no financial impact on EU budget

# OLAF and Waste traffic

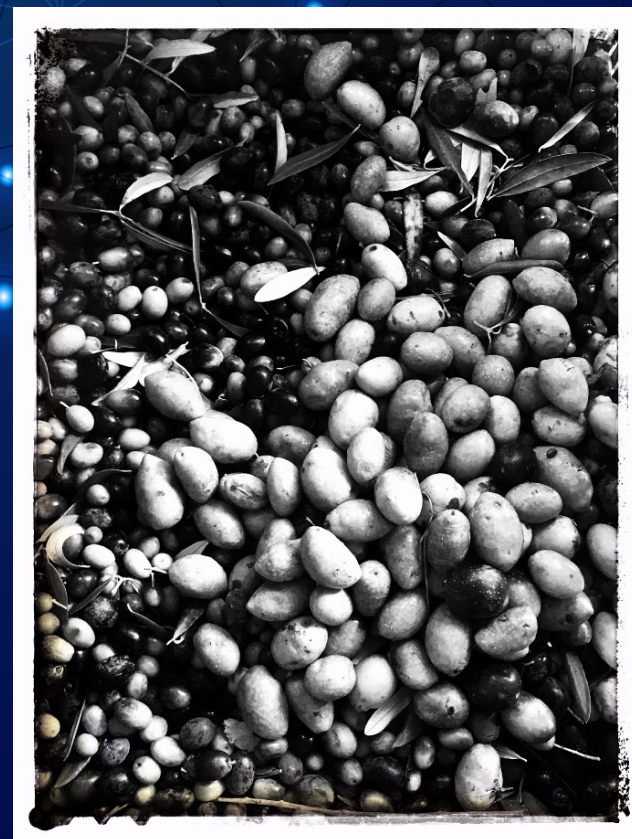
## Legal basis

‘Mutual Assistance case’ on the basis of Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97 (breach of customs or agricultural legislation, as well as any other legislation making reference to said Regulation, whether or not affecting the financial interests of the European Union).

Art. 18 (EU coordination) – Art 19 – 22 (Relations with Third Countries)

# Outcome of OLAF investigation – Complementary investigation

- Final report transmitted to the EU institutions, bodies, agencies or MSs
- According to Art. 11 Reg 883/2013, the report, together with all evidence in support and annexed thereto, shall constitute admissible evidence:
  - (b) *in criminal proceedings of the Member State in which their use proves necessary in the **same way and under the same conditions as administrative reports drawn up by national administrative inspectors {...}***



# International Cooperation

- **Close cooperation with main partners**
- **Bilateral Agreements with Third Countries:** Cooperation between the European Commission (OLAF) and the national Customs services in more than 80 Third Countries
- **OLAF Liaison officers:** China, **Ukraine** and United Arab Emirates





# OLAF added value

Transnational investigation

ENVICRIME

EU

Third countries

Environment  
Authorities  
Inspections and  
plans

Customs

Environment  
Authorities

OLAF

Police forces  
Criminal  
investigations

Police forces

Investigative support to National  
authorities.  
Transnational dimension of the  
criminal group.

# OLAF tools

Anti-Fraud Information System (AFIS) portal

**OLAF** AFIS PORTAL ANTI-FRAUD INFORMATION SYSTEM **AFIS Operations** AFIS Mail Statistics Help English

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**ALIB**  
AFIS Library

**AMS**  
AFIS Mail System

**AREP**  
Afis Reporting

AFIS Business Reports

**ATIS**  
AFIS Transit Information System

**CIS+**  
Customs Information System

**CSM**  
Container Status Messages

Search container  
My bulk searches

**FIDE**  
Customs File Identification Database

Files about to expire	0
Draft files	0
Outgoing pending requests	0
Requests replied	0

Search  
Input a Person file  
Input a Company file  
Transfer  
View Reports

**GTA**  
Global Trade Atlas

**IET**  
Import Export Transit

**MAS**  
Mutual Assistance System

**QUEST**  
QUEST

**VOCU**  
Operations Coordination Unit



# OLAF tools

Virtual Operations Coordination Unit (VOCU)

**OLAF** AFIS PORTAL ANTI-FRAUD INFORMATION SYSTEM **AFIS Operations**  AFIS Mail

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### Operation details

Operation name : S'CARE FACE  
Pre operational phase : 07/01/2021 - 17/01/2021  
Operational phase : 18/01/2021 - 12/03/2021  
Post operational phase 1 : 13/03/2021 - 25/04/2021  
Post operational phase 2 : 26/04/2021 - 01/09/2021

### 25 participants defined for this operation

OLAF INV NCP LU NCP SI NCP IE  
 NCP BE NCP BG NCP CY NCP CZ  
 NCP DK NCP EE NCP GR NCP FI

### My Requested Actions

- NCP IT has added a new requested action to movement report with the following id #[24405]  
19th Feb 2021, 15:02
- NCP IT has added a new requested action to movement report with the following id #[23848]  
15th Feb 2021, 14:11
- NCP ES has added a new requested action to movement report with the following id #[23951]  
9th Feb 2021, 13:00
- NCP SI has added a new requested action to movement report with the following id #[23595]  
21st Jan 2021, 13:32

### Operation News Feed

- NCP DK has added a new comment to the movement report #[24491]  
22nd Apr 2021, 11:54
- NCP DK has added a new comment to the movement report #[23520]  
22nd Apr 2021, 11:49

### Actions shortcuts

- [View operation dashboard](#)
- [See new report](#)
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# ASEM Joint Customs Operation

## Background

- 13th ASia – Europe Meeting of Directors General/Commissioners of Customs in Ha Long, Vietnam from 9 to 10 October 2019
- Call for global action to combat the illicit trade of dangerous substances
- European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) designated as to lead the action and coordinate the efforts of 34 participants (EU and non-EU countries)

Results will be published soon (debriefing meeting in Ischia on 4-5 October 2023)



## OPERATIONAL COOPERATION

European and transnational dimension of wildlife trafficking:  
Glas Eels Smuggling case Operation LAKE:



- Op. LAKE
- Coordination Criminal investigations



Permanent information exchange:

- Update risk profiling at customs level
- Support criminal investigations ongoing



- Joint Custom Operation
- Risk profiling airports control

# Thank you for your attention

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