

## ONLINE FINAL CONFERENCE

# Enhancing operational cooperation in the fight against firearms trafficking – Results of Project ECOFIT

10 May 2021 | 10:30 - 12:00 (CEST)

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The demand for illegal firearms influences the illegal supply of firearms across different routes of trafficking. In order to respond to crime effectively, Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) must improve and adapt their investigative means to the more sophisticated conditions of the firearms trafficking, apply special investigative techniques, and strengthen the international cooperation.

Project ECOFIT, funded by the European Union's Internal Security Fund – Police, DG Migration and Home Affairs (*ISFP-2018-AG-OC-FIRE*), has identified the **best policy options** for enhancing effectiveness and efficiency of the operational cooperation between LEAs in the fight against firearms trafficking. The results are aligned with the **EU Policy Cycle - EMPACT Firearms** and the **2020-2025 EU Action Plan on firearms trafficking priorities**. They could be useful for the future strategies of the European Commission in this field.

This online final conference will be a unique opportunity to:

- Present the key findings of the project, and the best policy options to increase the operational cooperation among European countries and with south-east European countries;
- Provide recommendations and guidelines to better put into action the operational cooperation;
- Discuss with experts in the field future challenges in light of the EMPACT Firearms Operational Action Plans and the priorities of the 2020-2025 EU Action Plan on firearms trafficking.

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