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FOREWORD

The security landscape of Southeast Europe is undergoing a profound transformation. Rapid technological advancements, shifting geopolitical dynamics, and increasingly sophisticated criminal networks are redefining the nature of transnational threats.

In this evolving environment, the need for proactive, intelligence-led, and forward-looking cooperation has never been more acute.

SELEC stands at the heart of this transformation as a hub of operational excellence and a trusted platform for regional and international collaboration.

Over the past year, the Center has sustained its core mission of facilitating information exchange and joint investigations, while also improving its analytical abilities and strategic insight.

Looking ahead, the challenges we face will continue to evolve, and so will our ability to meet them. We remain committed to advancing a shared vision: a region where cooperation is seamless, responses are coordinated, and security institutions are empowered to act with agility and confidence.

I am pleased that 2025 was a very successful year in this regard. The achievements presented in this report reflect the collective commitment of all participating authorities.

Dr. Oğuz Serkant AKIN
Director General of SELEC

WHO ARE WE

SELEC is a treaty-based, law enforcement organization that join synergies of Police and Customs authorities from 11 Member States.

Established in 1999, it supports its Member States by facilitating efficient coordination and cooperation in preventing and fighting transnational serious and organized crime across Southeast Europe.

SELEC has developed significant expertise in coordinating joint investigations and regional operations, facilitating operational meetings, and providing a robust platform for networking and prosecutorial cooperation. It also plays a key role in enabling the rapid exchange of information and in producing high-quality analytical reports.

These are SELEC Member States, signatories to the SELEC Convention and the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities:



Republic of Albania



Bosnia and Herzegovina



Republic of Bulgaria



Hellenic Republic



Hungary



Republic of Moldova



Montenegro



Republic of North Macedonia



Romania



Republic of Serbia



Republic of Türkiye

Cooperation with SELEC is open to any state or international organization/body with an interest in law enforcement collaboration in Southeast Europe.

In addition to full membership, SELEC Convention provides two avenues for establishing partnerships with SELEC, respectively Operational Partner status and Observer status.

As of 2025, SELEC has 8 Operational Partners and 21 Observer countries and organizations worldwide, and also has established other type of partnerships based on agreements, memoranda of understanding, letters of intent a/o.

The **Operational Partners** have the right to participate in operational activities and to exchange personal data. They participate in various operational meetings, joint investigations, Task Force meetings, Council meetings, and have access to all analytical products. They can also decide to post Liaison Officer(s) to the SELEC Headquarters for ensuring a much faster and smoother cooperation at operational level.

SELEC's Operational Partners are:



National Bureau of Investigation



Slovak Republic



United States of America

The **Observers** have the right to get strategic information and to attend certain meetings, trainings and seminars organized by SELEC. They can also post, at their own costs, Liaison Officers to SELEC.

The Observers are:



Austria



Australia



Belgium



Belarus



Czech Republic



France



GCC - Criminal Information
Center to Combat Drugs



Georgia



Germany



EUBAM



International Organization
for Migration (IOM)



Japan



Israel



The Netherlands



Regional Anti-Corruption
Initiative (RAI)



Spain



Switzerland



Ukraine



United Nations Office on
Drugs and Crime (UNODC)



United Nations Mission in
Kosovo*



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION
World Customs
Organization (WCO)

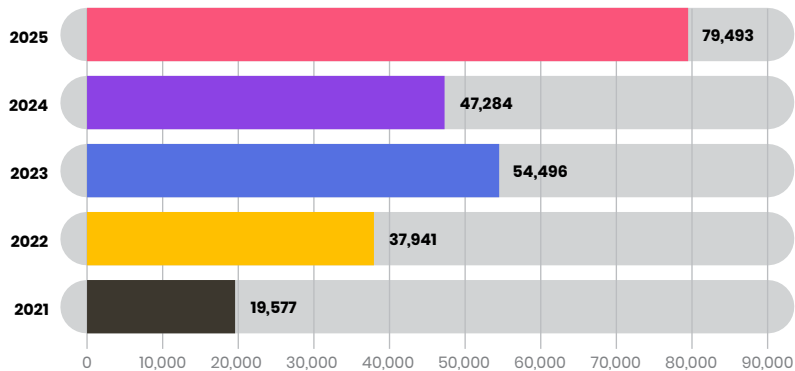
* This designation is without the prejudice to the positions expressed by the EU Member States on Kosovo's status, and is in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1244/1999 and the International Court of Justice Opinion of 22 July 2010 on Kosovo's declaration of independence.

WHAT WE DO

EXCHANGE OF REQUESTS AND INFORMATION

In 2025, the Member States used SELEC channel for a total exchange of 79,493 requests and information. Compared with the previous year, a 68% increase is highlighted by the data, reflecting the rise in the number of operational meetings supported by SELEC, as well as their complexity. Over the past five years, the overall exchange of requests and information remains on an ascending trend.

The topic of the exchange of requests is underlining that law enforcement authorities in the Member States are relying on SELEC information exchange system for operational needs connected primarily to smuggling and customs fraud (31%), drug trafficking (13%) and smuggling of migrants (9%). Similar with the previous year, money laundering remains a relevant topic, ranked 4th in the list of topics for the exchange of requests and information.

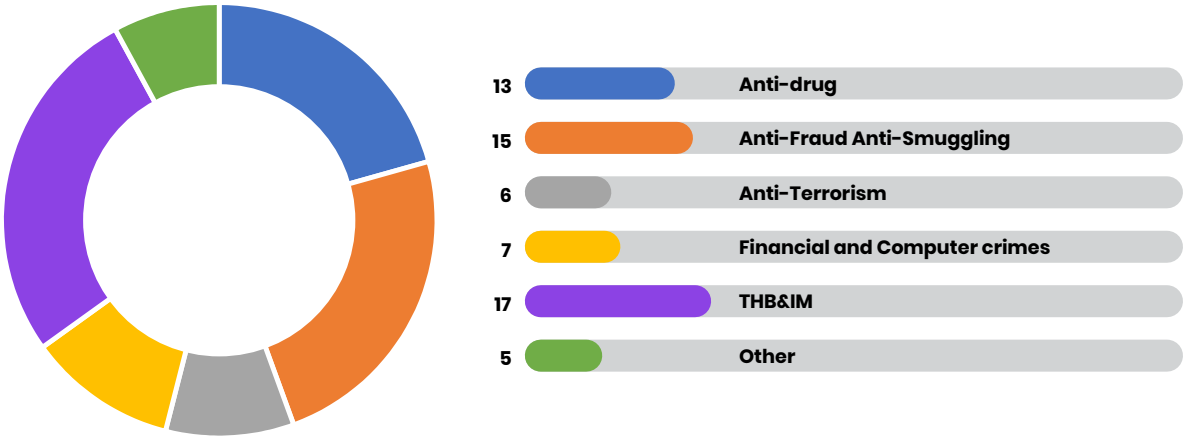


Total exchange of requests and information

OPERATIONAL MEETINGS

63 operational meetings were facilitated by SELEC for the Member States law enforcement authorities in relation with the joint investigations initiated during 2025; an increase of 28,57% compared with the previous year.

As regards the topic of the operational meetings, the prevalent crime areas were illegal migration, fraud and smuggling and drug trafficking, representing more than 71% of the meetings. The other meetings were mainly related to financial and computer crimes, and terrorism.



Operational meetings by Task Forces

TASK FORCES

Task Forces assume joint cooperation and participation of SELEC Member States law enforcement representatives, aiming to share information, best practices and effective crime-fighting and prevention tools in the Southeast European region.

There are 8 Task Forces established in SELEC, namely:

- Countering Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Migration Task Force
- Anti-Drug Trafficking Task Force
- Financial and Computer Crime Task Force
- Anti-Fraud and Anti-Smuggling Task Force
- Anti-Terrorism Task Force
- Container Security Task Force
- Stolen Vehicles Task Force
- Environment and Nature Related Crimes Task Force

Container Security Task Force

As global trade becomes more inter-connected, criminal groups use increasingly clever ways to hide illegal goods in shipping containers and frequently change their trafficking routes. This makes it harder for law enforcement to detect and stop these activities. At the same time, it creates growing risks for regional safety and security.

With a view to tackle this phenomenon, law enforcement authorities 'representatives from member states and strategic partners convened during the Container Security Task Force meeting held on 6 November 2025, to enhance international cooperation and tackle container-based illicit activity.



The meeting focused on addressing the above-mentioned challenges by strengthening joint operational capabilities, sharing emerging threat information, and deepening collaboration on detection and interdiction techniques.

Participants exchanged best practices on profiling high-risk shipments and using data-driven approaches to identify criminal networks. Recent case studies were reviewed, demonstrating how coordinated action across jurisdictions has led to major seizures and the disruption of transnational organized crime groups. The discussions highlighted the ongoing need for closer coordination among customs agencies, police authorities, and port operators to respond effectively to rapidly evolving concealment tactics.

A regional overview of illicit trends was also presented, focusing on emerging threats, the types of commodities most frequently concealed in containers, and the patterns of criminal activity involving container shipments.

Established in 2005, the Container Security Task Force is coordinated by the Hellenic Customs Administration, and continues to play a vital role in strengthening collaboration and building resilience against container-related crime across the region.



Anti-Fraud and Anti-Smuggling Task Force

In the framework of the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Smuggling Task Force was initiated a regional operation with the primary objective of targeting illicit cash flows across borders in Southeast Europe.

A pre-operational meeting took place at SELEC Headquarters on 11 November 2025, with the participation of SELEC Member States and UK HMRC, with the view of drafting an action plan for the regional operation.

Participants agreed that operation should also include gold and other high-value commodities in its objectives, as this could enhance the overall results.

During the operational phase SELEC enables the information exchange and communication among participating Member States.

Lessons learned and addressing challenges met during the operation will be subject of debates during a debriefing meeting organized further on.

JOINT ACTION DAY

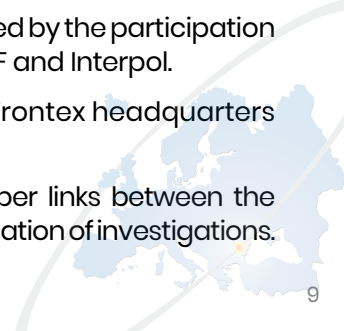
Joint Action Day (JAD) Finestra 5

During 12-19 November 2025, SELEC representative participated operation JAD Finestra 5, an international operation on smuggling tobacco products at selected Eastern and Southeast European land, maritime and air BCPs.

The operation was led by the Romanian authorities jointly with Frontex and Lithuania, supported by the participation of EU Member States, third countries and international organisations, including Europol, OLAF and Interpol.

A cooperation center that gathered officers from participating countries was set up at Frontex headquarters in Warsaw/Poland.

The main goal of the activity was to ensure the inter-agency approach, establishing proper links between the intelligence collection and the detection which shall result in seizures of excise products and initiation of investigations.

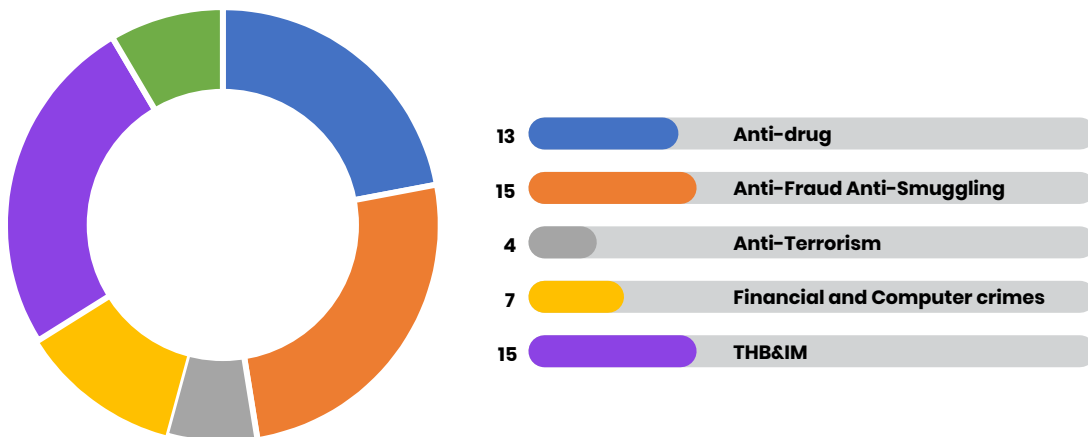


As a result of the operation, authorities seized 11.6 million cigarettes, more than 38,429.2 kg of raw tobacco, 30, 667.5 liters of alcohol, 96.96 kilos of drugs, 8.67 kilos of gold, and the same were detected 61 irregular border crossings cases and 81 illegal migrants.

The action was organized under EMPACT, the European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats, which tackles the most important threats posed by organized and serious international crime affecting the EU.

JOINT INVESTIGATIONS

A total of 193 joint investigations were operational (created, active and/or closed during 2025) out of which 59 joint investigations were initiated in 2025.



Joint Investigations initiated in 2025 by Task Forces

Joint investigation „TRANSIT”

Conducted by the Albanian and Turkish Customs Enforcement Administrations, this operation was related to a transport of medicines containing pseudoephedrine, a drug precursor.

A large quantity of medicines was detected by Turkish Customs Enforcement at Sabiha Gokçen Airport, hidden in the suitcases of 5 passengers coming from Jordan with Albania, as their final destination.

The intelligence regarding those individuals was shared by Directorate General of Customs Enforcement of Türkiye with law enforcement authorities of Albania, via Albanian and Turkish Customs Liaison Officers posted at SELEC.

As a result of the detailed controls conducted by the Albanian law enforcement units at Tirana (Rinas) Airport, 1,057,840 tablets (417.1 kg) containing pseudoephedrine were seized in 14 bags belonging to the aforementioned passengers.

Additionally, the amount of 300,000 € was found in one of the individuals' backpacks.

The drugs, in an approximate value of 1,000,000 €, along with the aforementioned cash, were confiscated.

5 individuals were subsequently taken into custody.



Joint investigation „NOT SO EASY”

This investigation concerned an organized crime group (OCG) operating on the territory of Bulgaria since 2023. The group was suspected of facilitating the illegal stay of migrants within the country and of organizing the transportation of illegal migrants from the border areas with Republic of Türkiye, through Republic of Bulgaria, to the border areas with Republic of Serbia, *en route* to EU member states.

The criminal activity of the OCG, composed of Syrian and Bulgarian nationals, took place from March 2023 to December 2024. The OCG transported mainly Syrian nationals in vehicles carrying groups of 5 to 10 people. So-called ‘scout’ vehicles were used to avoid law enforcement authorities. Initial findings indicate that the main organizers were Syrian nationals residing legally in Bulgaria, assisted by Bulgarian citizens.

The OCG is linked to 15 documented incidents involving over 700 illegal migrants apprehended in Bulgaria. Approximately 1,500,000 € were obtained from these illegal activities, with the *hawala* system being used to transfer the money.

Searches took place on the territory of Bulgaria in 11 locations, 8 individuals being detained, among whom was a fugitive sought by the Bulgarian law enforcement authorities through a Red Notice issued via Interpol.

Joint Investigation „MINSK”

In July 2025, as a result of information sharing between Turkish DG Customs Enforcement and Hellenic Police and Customs authorities, through SELEC corresponding Liaison Officers, 17,320 packages of cigarettes without stamped tax bands were detected in 12 pieces of luggage at Athens International Airport.

The cigarettes were confiscated as objects of smuggling.

The corresponding duties and taxes reach the amount of 70,883.06 €.

2 individuals, who were involved in the case, were arrested.

Joint investigation „NID”

Following the information exchange through SELEC channel, between State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Criminal Police Administration within the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Republic of Serbia, related to operation code-named 'NID', SIPA conducted several house searches on the 12 of November 2025 as part of an investigation targeting to dismantle an OCG dealing with international human trafficking.

During 2024 the suspects recruited, by fraud, deception, threat, use of force and abuse of trust, several persons, citizens of Republic of Türkiye, as well as citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, persons from vulnerable social categories, among whom also minors, for the purpose of labor exploitation in the construction sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The victims were promised work contracts, payment of wages, accommodation and food, but, at their arrival, their travel documents were taken away, and they were forced to work without getting paid.

The police authorities identified so far 11 persons as victims.

Illegally acquired funds were introduced into legal cash flows with the aim of concealing the origin of the money, thus committing the criminal acts of both human trafficking, as well as money laundering.

During the action day, 3 locations owned or used by the suspects were searched, during which items were discovered and temporarily confiscated, as they serve as evidence of the above-mentioned criminal offenses.

As the criminal proceedings continue, by this time 3 persons were already arrested by the Bosnia and Herzegovina authorities.

In addition to the 11 previously identified victims of human trafficking, 4 more victims were identified in the continuation of the investigation.

Joint investigation „PALACE”

In November 2025 a special police operation was carried out by the Bulgarian law enforcement authorities targeting dismantling a transnational high risk OCG that was facilitating illegal migration from Middle East to Europe, through Türkiye, Bulgaria and Romania.

During the investigation it was established that the OCG consists in 10 individuals that were assisting foreign nationals to reside in or transit illegally through the countries mentioned above.

Searches and seizures were made on the territory of Bulgaria in two apartments rented by Syrian nationals, the authorities revealing 25 irregular migrants from Syria, Iran and Iraq, including women and children.

Numerous evidences were seized, including mobile phones, laptops, radio stations, USB drives and approximately 50,000 €.

All 10 suspects are currently detained, while the criminal proceedings are ongoing.



Joint investigation „PILLS”

The investigation, conducted in Romania, was related to an OCG consisting of Romanian, Moldovan, Bulgarian, Ukrainian and other nationals, dealing with creation of websites where various unauthorized food supplements were fraudulently promoted, mainly speculating on serious diseases.

The products, although not authorized by any institution of any state in the European Union, are sold on the territory of several states.

Also, the investigation revealed that some of the call center operators are based in Russia, thus indicating that the cross-border criminal network is covering more countries.

The *modus operandi* used was that the call center operators were pretending to be medical representatives of the pharmaceutical companies and they were trying to manipulate victims to order products from their websites.

At present, a group of 80 individuals employed across 4 call centers has been identified as being linked to online platforms through which the products are sold. The investigation has led to 28 house searches and 6 arrests.

The case remains ongoing to identify all individuals involved in the criminal scheme, their respective roles, as well as all victims and the prejudice.



Joint investigation „BUS”

A criminal network involved in the transportation of irregular migrants across Bulgaria, Romania, and other EU member states was targeted through a Bulgarian–Romanian law enforcement operation code-named ‘BUS’.

The investigation identified a structured criminal scheme primarily involving Turkish nationals working as professional drivers of cargo trucks and buses, operating under the coordination of organizers based in Türkiye, Bulgaria, Romania, and other EU countries.

The criminal group facilitated the movement of migrants from the Bulgarian–Turkish border towards Sofia and further onward to Romania, concealing migrants in specially constructed compartments within buses and cargo vehicles. The drivers, experienced in international transport operations, exploited their familiarity with border-crossing procedures to avoid detection. Evidence also indicated involvement in the smuggling of various illicit goods along the same routes, as well as the recruitment of Bulgarian nationals residing in Romania to support the criminal activities.

As a result of the joint investigative actions, 5 vehicle interceptions were carried out, leading to the detention of 6 drivers and the identification of 49 irregular migrants concealed in the hidden compartments of vehicles.



Joint investigation „KABILE”

Joint investigation code-named ‘KABILE’, conducted by Bulgarian and Turkish police authorities with the involvement of Romanian counterparts, targeted an organized criminal group engaged in the trafficking of cultural heritage items from Türkiye through Bulgaria to Western European countries, particularly the United Kingdom. The criminal network used online platforms to contact potential buyers and advertise illicit cultural property, while other members manage logistics and transportation.

The trafficking activities were carried out using cargo trucks and couriers traveling on international bus routes, enabling the covert cross-border movement of cultural heritage items.



As a result of the joint investigation, 4 operational checks were conducted; 4 individuals being identified as involved in the criminal activity, and 2 pre-trial proceedings were initiated in Republic of Bulgaria.

Law enforcement authorities seized a substantial number of items bearing characteristics of cultural heritage assets, including five sabers, two rifles, and one metal detector.



Joint investigation „CIGARETTES”

Exchange of information was carried out in the framework of SELEC between Moldovan and Romanian authorities regarding a criminal network dealing with smuggling of tobacco products.

Coordinated common investigative and procedural activities were carried out to reveal the modus operandi and arresting the leader and the members of the OCG, the actions concluded with tracking a quantity of 1 million cigarettes that was detained at the BCP Leuseni-Albita.

The success of this joint investigation is due to the rapid communication ensured through SELEC platform between the Liaison Officers posted at SELEC.



Joint investigation „SEVERIN”

This joint investigation, conducted by the Bulgarian and Turkish law enforcement authorities, targeted an organised criminal group involved in the acquisition, sale, and distribution of counterfeit identity documents.

The main suspect acted as an intermediary between document producers and customers across Europe seeking forged identity documents. Personal data, photographs, and biometric information were collected from clients and transmitted to the producers, while the completed counterfeit documents were delivered through courier services and subsequently forwarded to recipients in Germany, France, the Netherlands, and other European countries.

As a result of the joint investigation, the principal intermediary operating in Bulgaria was detained. A search carried out at his residence resulted in the seizure of substantial evidence, including documentation relating to money transfers exceeding 33,000 € received from various European countries during 2025, as well as approximately 6,000 € transferred to members of the OCG.

The forensic examination of the seized electronic devices uncovered extensive photo and video material containing counterfeit identity documents, production templates, and technical data related to document fabrication. The devices additionally contained personal and biometric data of individuals seeking forged identity cards, passports, and driving licenses allegedly issued by several EU Member States. Investigators also identified communications with Bulgarian and foreign nationals involved in the purchase, production, and distribution of counterfeit documents.

Joint investigation „AGISLAOS 2”

An OCG dealing with trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation was the target of an investigation conducted by Moldovan and Greek authorities.

The police investigation established that between 2015 – 2018 the members of the OCG recruited vulnerable women in Republic of Moldova and, using fraudulent means, transported them to Greece. Subsequently, they moved them into apartments, took their documents and, using threats, they forced them to work in brothels in Athens, withholding their income.

Under SELEC’s auspices, several operational meetings were organized between the competent officers involved in the operation, and a large amount of information was exchanged, leading to the identification of the suspects and their activities.

As a result, international arrest warrants were issued and a simultaneous police operation took place in Athens and respectively Rhodes, in the framework of executing a request for judicial assistance issued by the Moldovan authorities.

The operation led to the arrest of 2 internationally wanted persons for participating in a criminal organization with the purpose of human trafficking (sexual exploitation), and the arrest of 7 additional persons for violating seals set by the Hellenic law enforcement authority, after checks were carried out in 3 brothels and a residence in Athens, with the purpose of identifying potential victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

According to the findings of the Moldovan Authorities, assisted by the Hellenic Police, 9 women, victims of human trafficking, have returned to Republic of Moldova. The exact number of victims is still to be determined.

Joint investigation „ELECTRO”

During an operational meeting between officers of the Moldovan and Turkish authorities, a smuggling scheme involving household appliances and electronic items was uncovered.

The goods were originating from The Netherlands and were destined to Georgia, but on the way to the destination, exiting Türkiye, the customs law enforcement officers noticed that in the trailer is found another merchandise (terracotta) than the one officially declared.

Following investigations, it was found out that the merchandise was unloaded in Türkiye with the purpose to be sold there, by this procedure the offenders could recover the VAT.

The Moldovan law enforcement authorities conducted house searches at the 3 suspects, Moldovan nationals, where information relevant to the case, as well as a computer were seized; while the rented trailer was also seized in Türkiye.

The damages recorded are surmounting 300,000 €. It was also revealed that the suspects in this case are involved in other fraud schemes. The criminal proceedings are still ongoing.



Joint investigation „GREEN”

The investigation code-named ‘GREEN’ focused on the trafficking of narcotic substances, primarily marijuana, transported from Bulgaria to Türkiye using cargo vehicles with Bulgarian registration, operating under the cover of legitimate commercial transport.

The criminal network concealed narcotics within shipments of legal goods, specifically pelletized animal feed, in order to facilitate international trafficking activities and avoid detection.



As a result of the effective operational cooperation and information exchange between the Bulgarian and Turkish competent authorities, 279 kg of marijuana were seized at Ambarlı Port in Istanbul. The joint investigative actions enabled the identification of locations, associated persons, intermediaries, companies, vehicles, and communication channels, and supported coordinated measures aimed at documenting, disrupting, and neutralizing the criminal activity.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Visits of Bulgarian law enforcement officials

A delegation headed by the Acting Secretary General of the Ministry of Interior of Bulgaria, accompanied by the Director of General Directorate of National Police, the Director of General Directorate for Combating Organised Crime and the Director of General Directorate of Border Police, paid a visit to SELEC Headquarters on 17 of March 2025, being welcomed by the SELEC Management.

On 6th of November 2025, the Deputy Director of the Bulgarian Border Police visited SELEC and had a working meeting with SELEC's Director for Operations, Mr. Chavdar Georgiev.



Study visit for LEA and prosecutors from Central Asia

On 23 of March, SELEC hosted a study visit organized by UNODC Firearms Trafficking section with participants from Central Asia states on the topic of cooperation in countering trafficking in small arms and light weapons. The activity was addressed to law enforcement officers and prosecutors form Central Asia and Pakistan, with a view to offer a framework for dialogue and exchange of best practices in this field.



Strengthening cooperation with French Republic

A delegation of French Internal Security Attachés led by the Director of International Police Cooperation of the French Ministry of the Interior visited SELEC on 1st of April 2025.

The visit holds significant importance in advancing the existing partnership between the two parties, as currently France has the status of Observer with SELEC.



Visit of Eurodefense delegation

In the context of the 'Digital Innovation Summit' and the 'International Defense Conference on Security and Defense in the New International Geopolitical Environment' both held in Bucharest/Romania, the leadership of Eurodefense paid a visit to SELEC on 9 of April 2025.

SELEC Management had the pleasure of hosting this esteemed delegation. We shared insights into our engagement with various countries and international organizations and highlighted our strategic role in Southeast Europe.



Meeting with the Serbian Police and Customs Authorities

During his official visit in Serbia, SELEC's Director General met the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, H.E Mr. Ivica Dačić, in order to discuss avenues for enhancing regional cross-border cooperation.

Also, Director General Akın, visited the Serbian Customs Administration, being welcomed by its Director General, Mr. Dragiša Petrović.

The meetings, marked by productive dialogue and mutual commitment, focused on strengthening operational capacities and improving the exchange of information and requests of assistance.



Meeting with the Montenegrin Police and Customs Authorities

At the end of April 2025, Director General Akin visited the Montenegrin law enforcement authorities, meeting Mr. Lazar Šćepanović, Acting Police Director and Ms. Maja Vučinić, Acting Director of Customs Administration.

During the meetings, the parties discussed that cooperation with SELEC could be further strengthened through active participation in the upcoming initiatives and operational activities carried out by SELEC in its endeavors of combating all forms of transborder criminality in Southeast Europe.



Turkish Customs officials visit to SELEC

Senior officials from the Ministry of Trade and the General Directorate of Customs Enforcement of the Republic of Türkiye visited SELEC on 30 of April 2025.

The visit aimed to strengthen inter-agency coordination, improve information sharing, and develop joint strategies to combat smuggling, illicit trade, and other cross-border crimes.

The officials discussed current challenges, shared best practices, and explored opportunities for capacity building and joint operations.



Australia

Following granting the Observer status in February 2025, SELEC received the visit of an Australian delegation, as well as the visit of H.E. Ms. Alison Duncan, Australian Ambassador to Greece, Romania and Bulgaria.

The meetings focused on strengthening operational cooperation between SELEC and the Australian Federal Police in preventing and combating all forms of international and cross-border crime in Southeast Europe and beyond.



INTERPOL

The 93rd INTERPOL's General Assembly, attended by Director General Akin, brought together, during 24–27 November 2025, in Marrakech/Morocco, law enforcement leaders from 196 member countries to set global policing priorities such as dismantling transnational crime networks, expanding police capacity, promoting cyber-crime cooperation, a/o.



INTERPOL Partners Conference: Investing in a Safer World, held in July 2025, addressed a broad range of critical issues, with particular emphasis on counterterrorism, the fight against transnational financial crime, and the prevention of cybercrime.

During the bilateral meeting, the leadership of INTERPOL affirmed its readiness to enhance the partnership with SELEC by developing more effective cooperation mechanisms.

CASC Network plenary session

Members of the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and Southern Caucasus (CASC Network) gathered on 11-12 September 2025, in Ashgabat/ Turkmenistan, for the Annual Plenary Meeting.

The event brought together over 50 representatives from Central Asia and Southern Caucasus, including member countries' Central Authorities, senior prosecutors, and international partners such as CARICC, Eurojust, European Judicial Network, Interpol, SEAJust, SELEC.

The plenary discussions focused on enhancing international cooperation in criminal matters with the goal to tackle, among others, the evolving challenges posed by cybercrime and human trafficking.



Meeting with the Minister of Internal Affairs of Republic of Moldova



During a courtesy visit, SELEC Management met on 15 October 2025, in Chisinau, H.E Ms. Daniella Misail-Nichitin, the Minister of Internal Affairs of Republic of Moldova and Mr. Viorel Cernauteanu, Chief of the General Inspectorate of Moldovan Police.

The parties reiterated the commitment in strengthening and enhancing collaboration in addressing transnational and organized crime, which remains a priority area for SELEC.

European Judicial Network plenary

Between 5–7 November 2025, SELEC’s Director for Legal and Internal Affairs, Mr. Jovan Peshevski, participated in the 65th Plenary Meeting of the European Judicial Network (EJN), held under the Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union in Copenhagen/ Denmark.

During the plenary session, Mr. Peshevski highlighted SELEC’s and SEEPAG’s operational frameworks, best practices, and ongoing initiatives, with a particular focus on strengthening future international legal cooperation in combating transnational crime.



SEPCA General Assembly

SELEC Management participated both SEPCA General Assembly meetings held under the Albanian Presidency in June and December 2025.

The events brought together the Police Chiefs of SEPCA Member States, the national coordinators and SEPCA partners, and provided the opportunity to sum up the past conducted activities, to closely discuss the latest developments and cooperation in the field of security in the region, and to discuss about the new challenges.



SEEPAG



The Southeast European Prosecutors Advisory Group (SEEPAG) is a judicial mechanism for international cooperation, founded in 2003, with the mission to facilitate and speed up the cooperation in serious trans-border crime investigations and cases.

SEEPAG is a network of experienced prosecutors functioning under SELEC's umbrella, complementing the work of police and customs law enforcement authorities.

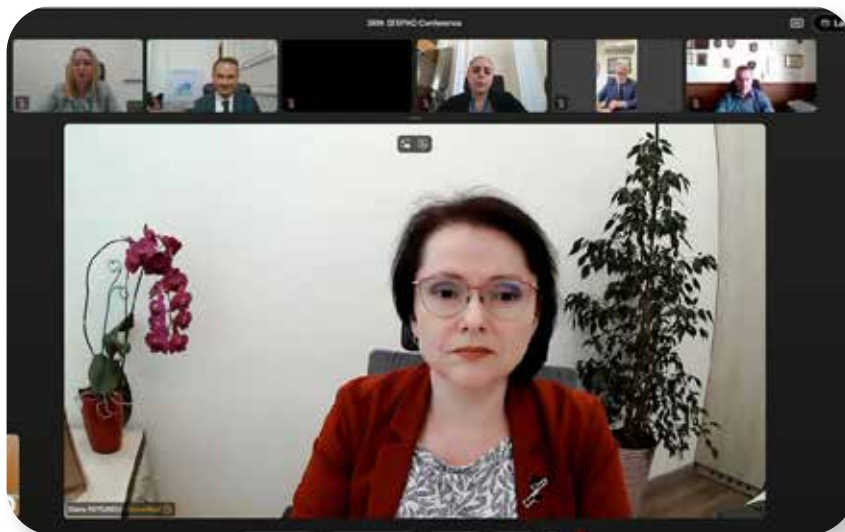
During 2025, two conferences were held in the framework of the Moldovan Chairmanship of SEEPAG, one online and one 'in person'.

'Extradition in the face of emerging transnational threats' was discussed during the 36th SEEPAG Conference held online on the 30 of April 2025.

Discussions focused on the legal, procedural, and practical obstacles prosecutors face when handling extradition requests involving complex and cross-jurisdictional criminal activity.

It was concluded that extradition remains a crucial tool ensuring that offenders cannot evade justice by crossing borders.

However, modern transnational threats such as cybercrime, terrorism, organized crime, corruption, human trafficking, a/o, require to adapt and strengthen international cooperation and collaboration among law enforcement, judiciary, academia, private sector and international organizations.



The 37th SEEPAG Conference, held on 16 of October 2025, in Chisinau/Republic of Moldova, tackled **'The role of corruption in the context of transnational crime expansion'** and gathered the SEEPAG members and the representatives from the British Embassy in Chisinau, European Judicial Network, European Public Prosecution Office, French Republic, Guardia di Finanza (Italy), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Project "Moldova is Europe. Support to European Integration", and SELEC.

The theme of the conference was of major importance, as corruption remains a catalyst for cross-border criminal networks, favoring their infiltration into public institutions, undermining the rule of law, eroding citizens' confidence in the justice system and affecting regional stability and security.



The prosecutors present at the event stressed the importance of international collaboration, proactive use of international cooperation instruments, and exchange of experience between prosecutors in the region in combating the phenomena of organized crime and corruption.

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