



Operation LAKE

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2017 A new European priority Environmental Crime

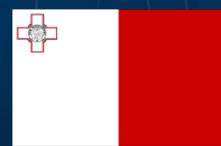
ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME:

Environmental crime covers acts that breach environmental legislation and cause **significant harm or risk** to the **environment and human health.**



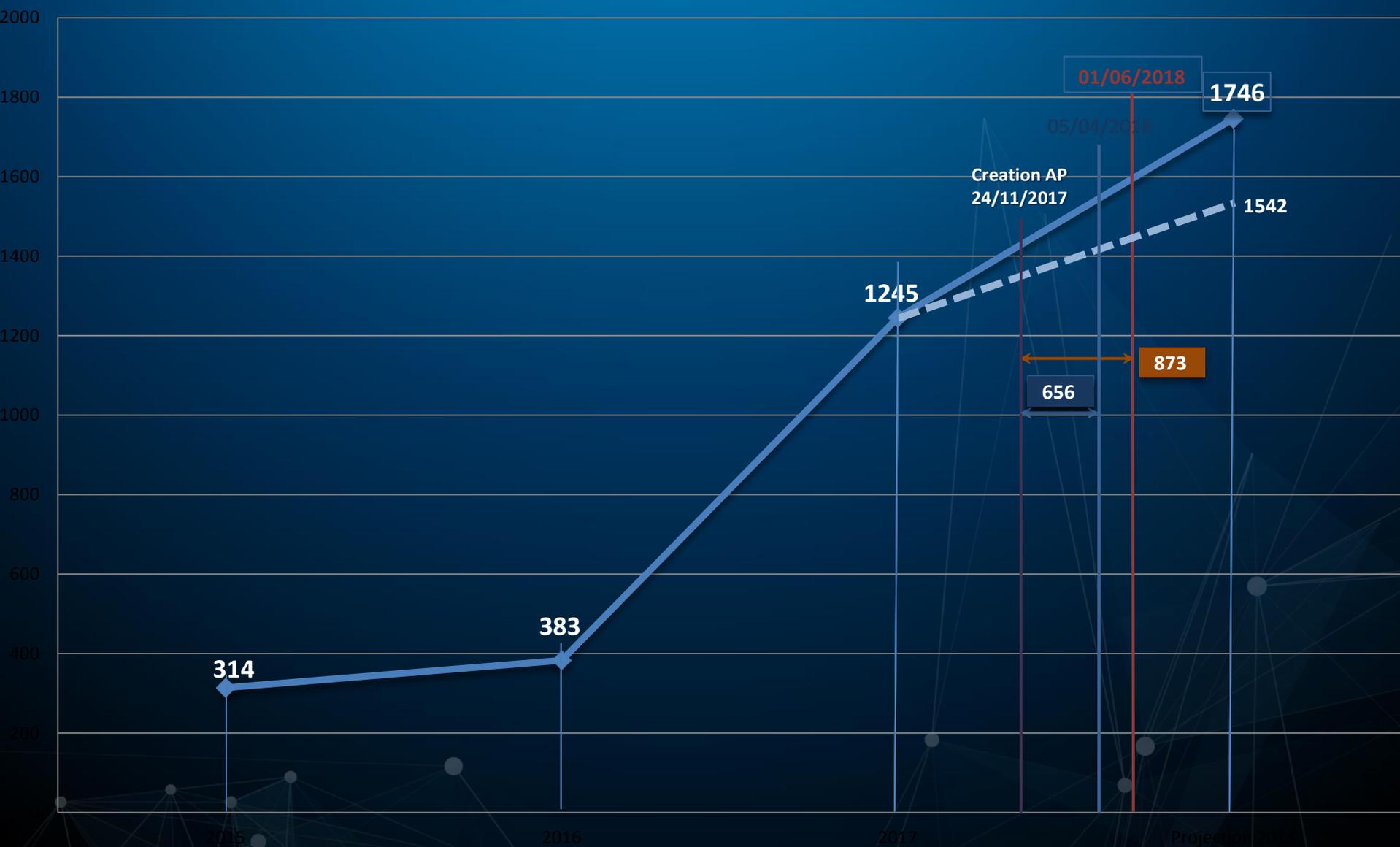
 Opening Order

 Analytical Group: 17 MS (AT, CY, CZ, DE, ES, FI, FR, HU, IT, LT, MT, NL, PT, RO, SK, SI, UK) + Third parties : Swiss, Australia, Albania and Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia)





Environmental Crime + Trade in Endangered Animal and Plant Species



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Operation LAKE Outcomes

Season	MS involved	Glass eels siezed	Persons arrested	Goods value
2016-17	4+2+ Eurojust	4 t	48	€ 6 mil.
2017-18	7+ Interpol+ Europol	3.5 t (all reintroduced to its habitat)	53 177 reported	€ 7 mil.

New criminal tendencies

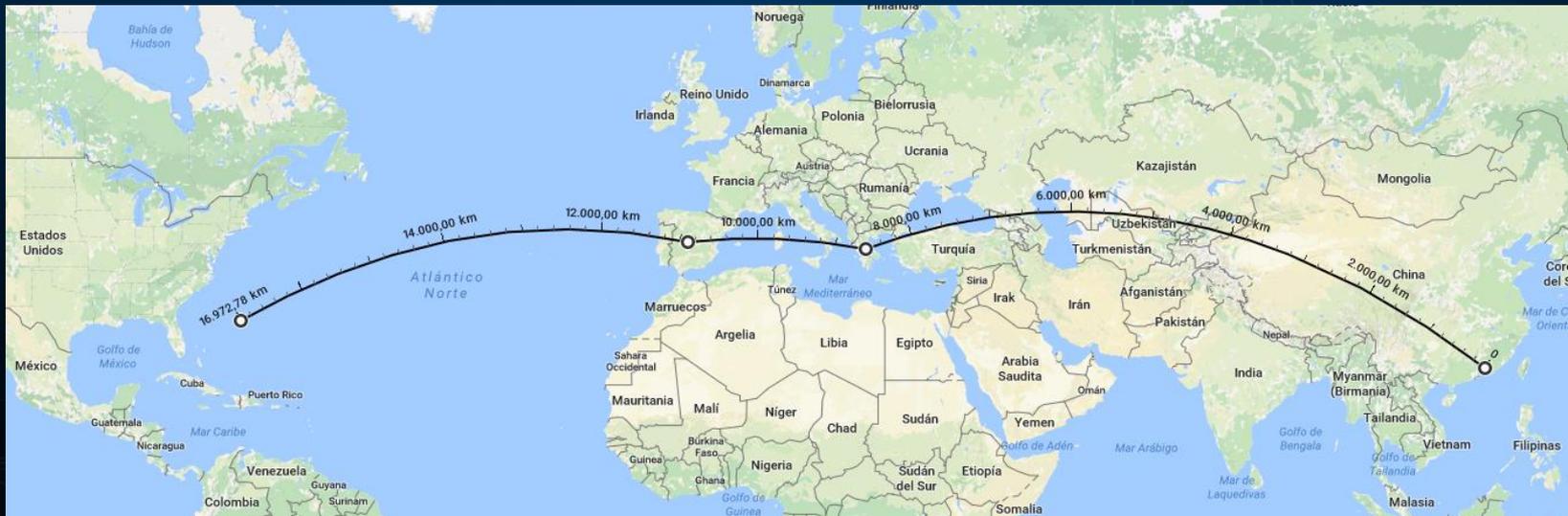
Due to the pressure done during the last years new transit points are being used by the syndicates:

EU: ES, BU, FR, PT, UK, IT, PO, SK, CY, MT...

Beyond the EU: Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey...

Asia: HK, Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia, South Korea.

Final destination: China

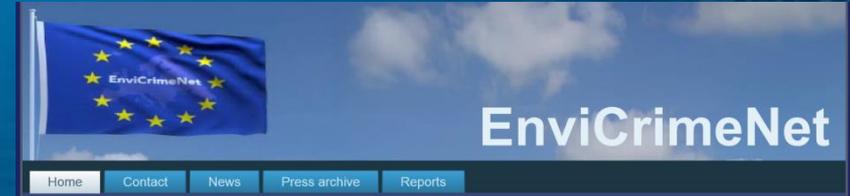
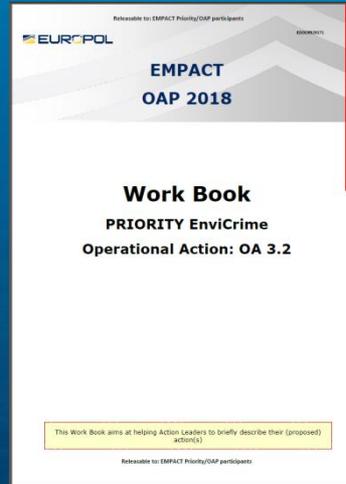


Steps up: strategies

Contac with HK and Chinese authorities through Interpol (first meeting on 2017) planned on March 2018.

Involvement of new allied within the EU...
and beyond: **USA, Canada.**





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