

Vice-President Zoffili visits Europol to strengthen co-operation against organized crime



Vice-President Eugenio Zoffili meeting with Dr. Alfredo Nunzi, Head of the Institutional and Legal Affairs Department, The Hague, 8 July 2026

OSCE PA Vice-President and Special Representative on Countering Organized Crime Eugenio Zoffili visited Europol Headquarters in The Hague on 8 July for high-level discussions on strengthening international co-operation in the fight against transnational organized crime. Held on the margins of the 2026 OSCE PA Annual Session, the visit included meetings with senior Europol officials and an operational briefing by Europol's Italian Desk.

Discussions focused on the evolving threat posed by transnational organized crime, including drug trafficking, one of the most profitable activities for criminal networks, as well as trafficking routes affecting the OSCE region, particularly through the Western Balkans and North Africa. Europol officials also presented the agency's operational tools, including its secure information exchange network (SIENA), analytical capabilities, and joint operational task forces that support cross-border investigations and intelligence-sharing among law enforcement authorities.

The visit followed the Assembly's adoption of Zoffili's resolution on "Strengthening a comprehensive, co-operative and people-centred approach to combating drug trafficking and drug use and fighting organized crime and all forms of mafia in the OSCE area." The resolution calls for enhanced international co-operation and coordinated action to address organized crime and its impact on security, the rule of law and economic stability across the OSCE region.

A key focus of the discussions was the potential for closer co-operation between Europol and OSCE structures. Participants highlighted how the OSCE's broad geographical reach, field operations and political engagement can complement Europol's operational expertise, particularly in partner countries beyond the European Union. The exchange also underscored the importance of strengthening partnerships between parliamentary, political and law enforcement actors to develop more effective responses to increasingly sophisticated transnational criminal threats.

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