Cash in crime – the perspective of Europol
WHY IS CASH STILL KING?

A STRATEGIC REPORT ON THE USE OF CASH BY CRIMINAL GROUPS AS A FACILITATOR FOR MONEY LAUNDERING
Share by denomination of euro banknotes in circulation

(value, share)

Source: ECB Currency Information System.
Note: The latest observations are for 31 December 2017.
Euro banknotes in circulation by denomination

(value, EUR billions)

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All criminals use cash at some stage of the money laundering process
Organised criminal groups

5,000 international groups currently under investigation

>180 nationalities involved

COMPOSITION

76% six or more members
24% up to five members

60% of the suspects involved in serious and organised crime in the EU are EU nationals.

INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION AND MOBILITY

7 out of 10 OCGs are typically active in more than three countries
Use of cash: primary reason for reporting suspicion

In the EU, the use of cash is still the main reason triggering suspicious transaction reports within the financial system, accounting for 34% of all reports.
Operation Collecteurs 13
Operation Kampuzo
Fighting the move of cash

Regulation on controls on cash entering and leaving the EU
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