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# Overview

- **Europol & Focal Point (FP) Copy**

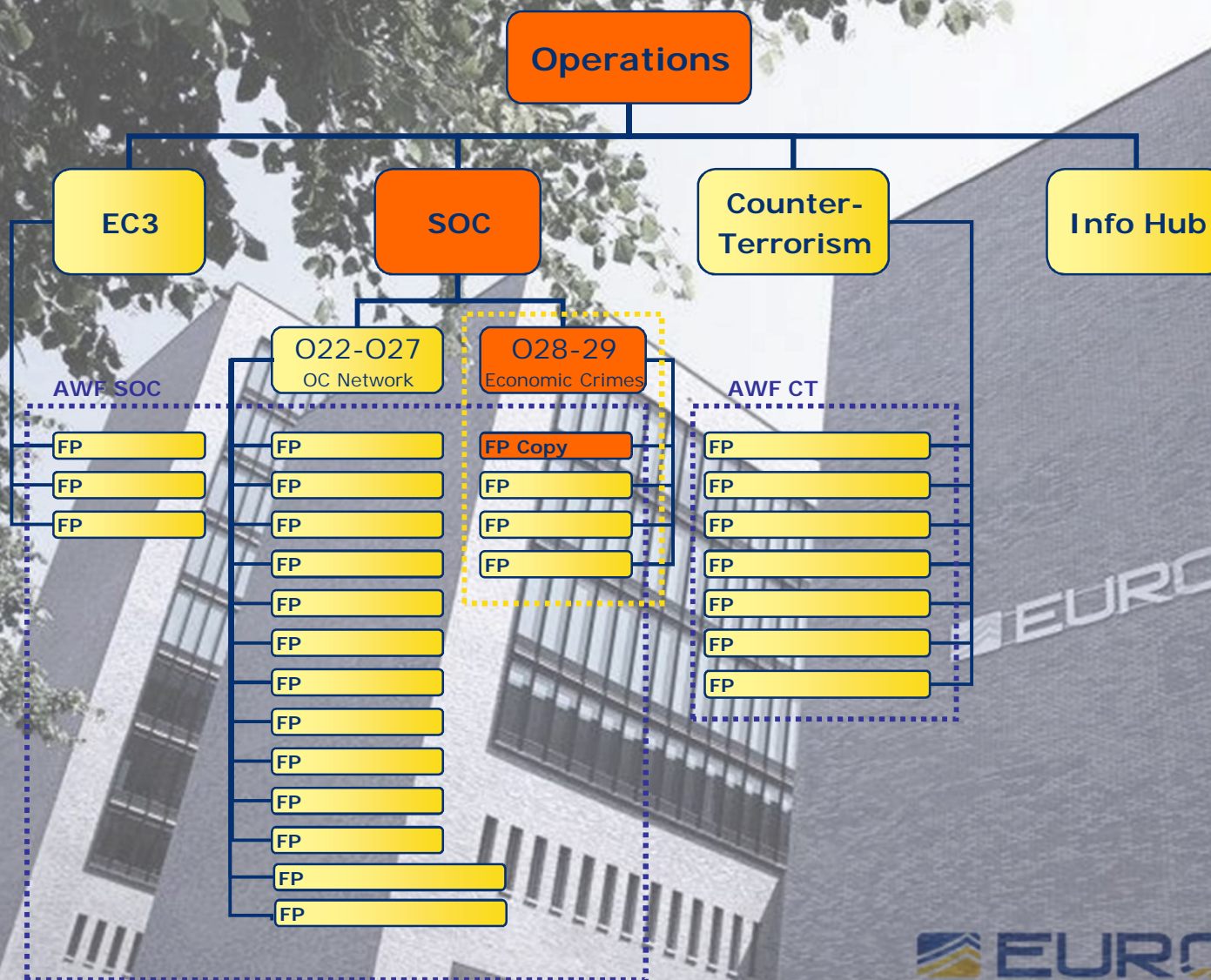
- Tasks & responsibilities
- Support capabilities

- **Operation In Our Sites**

- Partners
- Organisation & planning
- Challenges



# Europol



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## Serious Organised Crime Priorities 2014 - 2017

Counterfeit  
goods

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aiming to:

disrupt the OCGs involved in the production and distribution of counterfeit goods violating health, safety and food regulations and those producing sub-standard goods.



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- **Dedicated team**
  - Analysts & specialists
  - Customs & police
- **In-house expertise**
  - Focus on IP related crimes
  - Analysis and reports
- **Technical support**
  - Lab
  - Special equipment



Source: page 2 on <http://www.pegam.ca/documents/TruScan-RM-Brochure-Pegam.pdf>, retrieved on January 20, 2015

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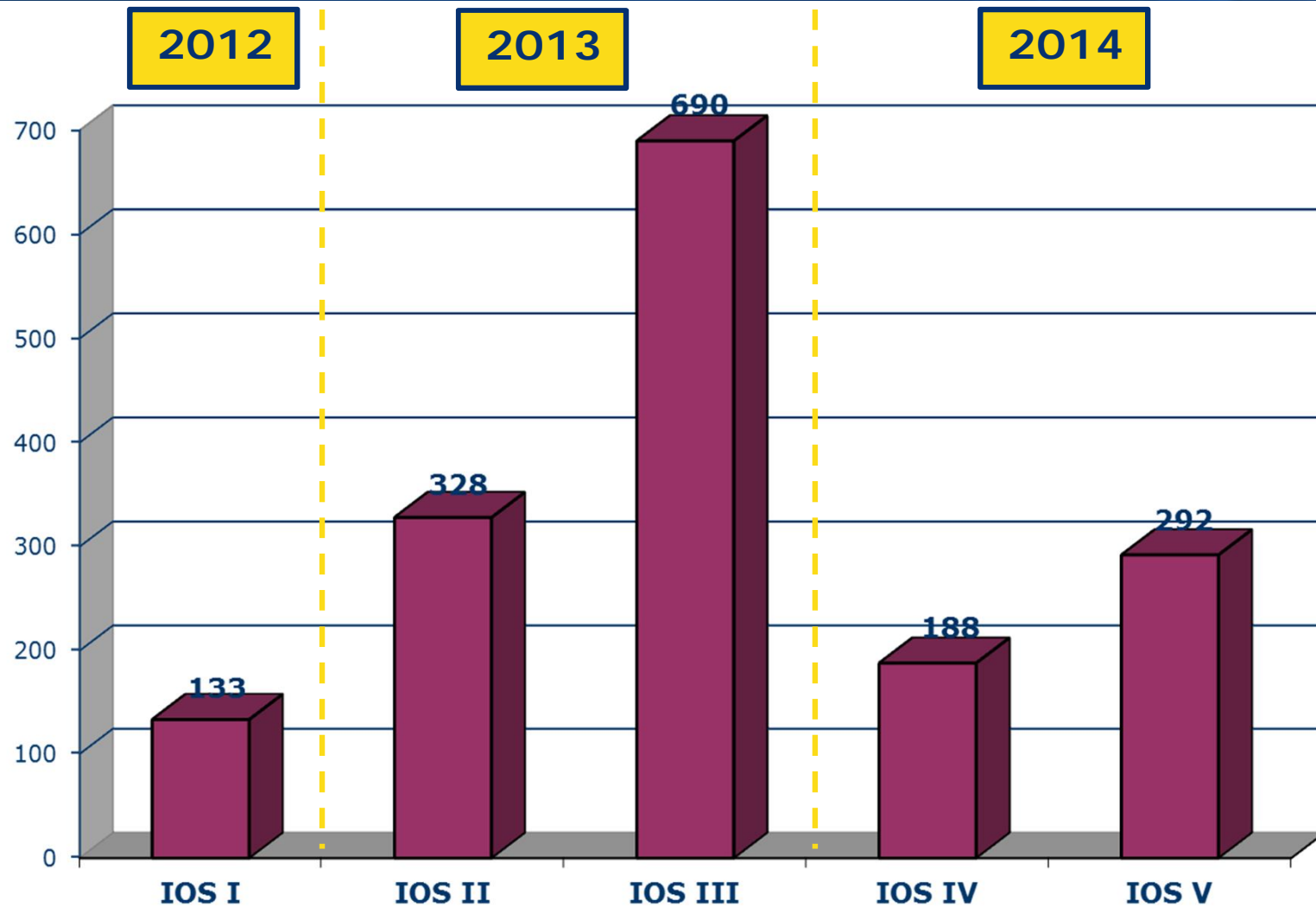
- **Strategic support**
  - Training, lectures, initiation of operations
- **Financial support**
  - Operational meetings
  - "Delegation Agreement"
- **Expert network**
  - EPE



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# Operation In-Our-Sites (IOS)



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- Participating LEAs
- 34 private sector companies
- Timeframe

Subject	1st half year						2nd half year					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Length of the operation												
Kick-off-meeting												
Deadline for submitting referrals												
Intermediate reporting												
Final reporting												
Press release												

- Tier-structured operation





## Operation In Our Sites

**This domain name has been seized by ICE-Homeland Security Investigations, pursuant to a seizure warrant issued by a United States District Court under the authority of 18 U.S.C. §§ 981 and 2323.**

**Intentionally and knowingly trafficking in counterfeit goods is a federal crime that carries penalties for first time offenders of up to ten years in federal prison, a \$2,000,000 fine and restitution ( 18 U.S.C § 2320).**

**Operation In Our Sites-Project TransAtlantic IV is a coordinated effort by U.S. and European law enforcement agencies targeting websites and their operators that sell counterfeit goods.**

# Challenges

- **Denial: "We don't see any problems!"**
- **Co-ordination**
  - Commitment and deadlines
- **Low priority**
  - Not all reported can be seized
- **Legal framework**
  - Cumbersome national procedures
  - No banner

# Victimless crime?

## THE FIGHT AGAINST FAKES

*Child labor, terrorism, human trafficking: Buying counterfeit designer goods is hardly harmless, Dana Thomas reports*

By Dana Thomas on Jan 9, 2009

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*"I remember walking into an assembly plant in Thailand a couple of years ago and seeing six or seven little children, all under 10 years old, sitting on the floor assembling counterfeit leather handbags [...] The owners had broken the children's legs and tied the lower leg to the thigh so the bones wouldn't mend. [They] did it because the children said they wanted to go outside and play."*

Source: [http://www.harpersbazaar.com/culture/features/the-fight-against-fakes-0109\\_](http://www.harpersbazaar.com/culture/features/the-fight-against-fakes-0109_), retrieved September 22, 2014

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