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**CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF THE MARITIME TRANSPORT
CHAIN**

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The Scale of the Problem



Ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp-Bruges **cocaine** seizures :

tons/year	Rotterdam	Antwerp
2020	47,75	65,5
2021	72	92
2022	49	110
2023		25



European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (2023), *European Drug Report 16/6/2023: Trends and Developments*, https://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/european-drug-report/2023_en





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Main countries



Origin:

- Ecuador
- Panama
- Colombia / Brazil / Peru / Dominican Republic
- Chile / Costa Rica / Curacao / Surinam

Destinations Europe:

- Belgium
- Netherlands

Modes of operation (containers)

- Behind the doors (sport bags)
- Between the goods (see next slide)
- Processed in goods such a jeans ('new')
- Outside the cooling engine



Type of cargo in containers



- **Dry boxes**

- Gift boxes
- Raw materials / wood

- **Reefers**

- Bananas / Avocado / Mango
- Fish / meat / birds

Rip crews (terminals)



- Mainly on the site of the terminals
- Entrance to the terminal
 - Illegally obtained entrance card
 - Jumping over the fence / via waterfront by small vessel – swimming / hidden in trucks-cars
 - Trojan / hotel container

Releasing process (ship agents)



- Infiltration of ship agents (*direct access data*)
 - Financial reward
 - Threatening employees
- Contaminated container is collected by a rogue transporter by using an illegally obtained pin code

PROTECT YOUR STAFF !!

Breakout session



- 4 Topics = 4 tables
- Discuss the topic and conclude what we can do as ECASBA
- A 'volunteer' will give short feedback to the audience
 - What has been discussed + actions agreed
 - Discussion with the audience
- Goals: share / learn / implement measurement

Food for thought (1/2)



- Container ships <> other type of ships
- Shipping <> port call
- Systems <> human influence
- Import Department (*pin code*) <> Equipment Department (*hotel container*)
- Existing way of working (*pin code*) <> new way (*double authentication, block chain, etc.*)

Food for thought (2/2)



- Ship agents <> other private stakeholders
- Private sector <> public sector
- Waterbed effect
- Do not ignore this serious situation
- 'Everything' is possible

Four tables

1. Prevention methods:

Jakov Karmelić



2. Impact on ship agents

Antonio Belmar da Costa



3. Cooperation with private stakeholders

Botond Szalma



4. Cooperation with national authorities

Raymond Troch



1. Prevention methods



Which measurements must be taken in order to reduce the negative impact of the criminal activities?

2. Impact on ship agents



Which actions can ship agents take in order to protect their staff?

3. Private stakeholders



On which topics and can we work together
with the other private stakeholders?

4. National authorities



On which topics can we work together
with the national authorities?

Feedback

1. Prevention methods:
2. Impact on ship agents
3. Cooperation with private stakeholders
4. Cooperation with national authorities



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- Any questions?

Thank you.