



## Coalition European countries against organized crime

## STATEMENT

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**On 7 December 2025, in the margins of the JHA Council meeting of 8 and 9 December, the ministers responsible for HOME Affairs of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden had a fruitful meeting to initiate the next steps for the Coalition of seven countries against organised crime (the 'C7') in the valued presence of EU Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration Affairs Magnus Brunner.**

The Members of the C7 and Commissioner Brunner reiterated the continued threat posed by serious and organised crime on the values and functioning of our society, the safety, well-being and fundamental rights of our citizens and the preservation and functioning of the rule of law and of our economies. Throughout Europe organised crime remains a major concern especially as some of its aspects become more visible. Lawyers, judges, journalists, politicians, and other protectors of the rule of law are under threats in the exercise of their professions in some of our countries. Criminal networks operate cross-border, attempt infiltrate legal business structures, set up parallel financial systems and exploit our youth for criminal activities.

In the past years the Members of the C7 joined forces in the fight against organised crime and strengthened cooperation with the multiannual action plan adopted on 7 October 2022. This cooperation has proven very valuable to strengthen the fight against organised crime, on political, policy, strategical and operational levels. The Commission also took important steps in an EU-wide approach to fight organised crime with e.g. the EU Internal Security Strategy, the EU Roadmap to fight drug trafficking and organised crime and setting up the European Ports Alliance.

The Members of the C7 and Commissioner Brunner confirmed the need to step up efforts against organised crime and align our fight against organised crime with the most recent developments of this threat. This is a fight on many fronts. Commissioner Brunner referred to the EU Drugs strategy and EU Drugs Action plan published on 4 December 2025 to enable a stronger EU approach against organised crime.

The Members of the C7 decided to establish a new multiannual action plan to be adopted at the next ministerial meeting in France in 2026. The new multiannual action plan should have maximum impact by focussing on (1) dismantling international criminal networks and their enablers, including by lawful access to data; (2) resilient logistical hubs and maritime security; (3) targeting illicit financial flows and assets, including combatting parallel financial systems; (4) prevention to protect our youth by preventing recruitment and violence and by developing the administrative approach, and (5) strengthening international cooperation with countries in Latin-America, the Western Balkan region, the MENA-region and West-Africa.

The Members of the C7 concluded by expressing their deep appreciation for the close cooperation with and support of the European Commission, Eurojust, Europol, EUDA, AMLA and EUCAB and important partners, networks and programmes such as MAOC-N, EL PACCTO, EJOEN and AMON.