

## Lecture 2

### Outline

INTERPOL as a tool for police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters: the Databases, the Notices and Diffusions System

Summary: This lecture will introduce the tools developed and implemented by INTERPOL to facilitate international police cooperation. It will also describe how the international community has endorsed the international cooperation through INTERPOL.

Related documents: Fact sheets on I-24/7, Notices, Databases, Multilateral Judicial Cooperation Instruments mentioning INTERPOL

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#### 1. Presentation of the Notices system

The INTERPOL notice system was created in 1946. It has since become the flag tool for international police cooperation.

What notices for what purpose?

- The red notice
- The blue notice
- The green notice
- The yellow notice
- The black notice
- The orange notice

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#### 2. Diffusions

Notices are only a small part of information exchanged through INTERPOL and diffusions are the most used tool to exchange information and cooperate.

#### 3. Databases

INTERPOL has developed a number of databases to facilitate information sharing:

- Nominal database
- Stolen Travel Documents database
- Fingerprints and DNA databases
- Stolen vehicles
- Stolen Work of Arts

Child pornography  
Counterfeit credit cards  
Fusion Group  
Firearms and ammunitions

#### 4. The Telecommunication Network

INTERPOL has developed a comprehensive, global and secure telecommunication network called I-24/7 that connects all INTERPOL member countries through their National Central Bureaus and even beyond.

#### 5. International Instruments referring to INTERPOL cooperation tools

Many international instruments make reference to INTERPOL as a cooperation tool to exchange information and to enter into judicial cooperation:

European Convention on Extradition (1957)  
European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (1959)  
Rome Statute on the International Criminal Court (1998)  
United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (2000)  
Inter-American Convention against the illicit manufacturing and of trafficking in firearms, ammunition, explosives and other related materials (1997)