

# Do we have a sufficient European Security Architecture?

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What does a EU Security Architecture consist of?

Various tools, e.g.

- **“The Hague Programme”**
  - Now under discussion: “Post-Hague Programme”
- **Council Conclusions**
- **Action Plans concluded by the Council**
  - E.g. Drugs, Western Balkans
- **Legislative instruments by the Council**
  - E.g. Framework decision on JITs
- **Principle of convergence**

## How are the activities interlinked?

- EU Council
  - JHA Council
  - COM
  - EU agencies
  - EU MS
    - Competent authorities
- **Necessity for good governance**
- Organisation
  - Rules and procedures
  - Standards and training

## COM communication to EP and Council suggests (2008)

- No overall architecture in place
  - Only fragments
  - No structural governance among agencies
- Europol shares this view

## Example

- 2005: Closer cooperation Europol-SECI agreed
  - 2009
    - No legal personality
    - No agreement between Europol and SECI
- Distinction of roles between Europol and SECI still unclear

- No overall security architecture that ensures consistent
  - Policy planning
  - Implementation
  - Review
  - Re-planning

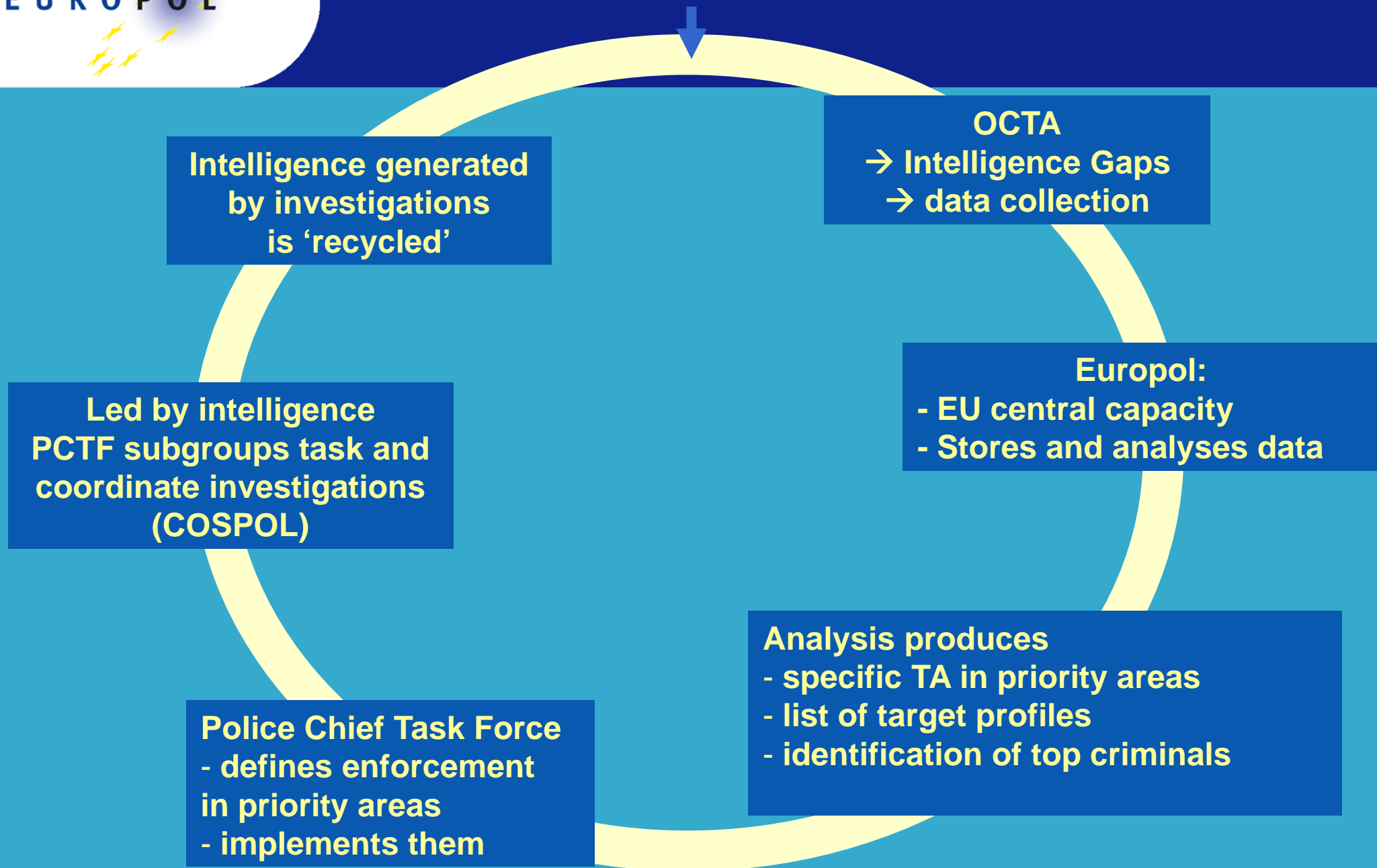
## Positive approach

- JHA Council, EP and COM interested in improving
- Europol involved in the discussions
- To be addressed in the Post-Hague Programme discussions

Example for functioning tool: Intelligence-Led Law Enforcement

- 1998 Intelligence Model Framework
- 2004 The Hague Programme
- 03/2005 1st proposal for an ECIM
- 11/2005 UK Presidency
- 12/2007 Final report on ECIM

# European Criminal Intelligence Model



- **Methodology**

- Developed over many years in some Member States
- Further strengthened in the “Hague Programme” to be implemented across the EU

- **Status of implementation**

- Only in some MS successfully implemented
- Lack of awareness and readiness

# Organised Crime Threat Assessment (OCTA)

- **Cornerstone of intelligence-led law enforcement**
- **Integrated in the ECIM**
- **Identify priorities**
  - Operational cooperation
  - Dismantle and disrupt OCGs
- **Priorities**
  - Member States
  - EU agencies
  - Regional cooperation frameworks
- **Strengthen the area of JLS**

- Awareness not yet fully raised
- Still in embryonic status
- Only partial implementation

## Post-Hague programme

→ Europol's proposal: "EU Internal Security Plan"

- Fragmentation to be avoided
  - Complementation of existing strategic and operational planning in the MS
  - Vertical links between EU agencies and MS
  - Horizontal links between EU agencies
- Holistic approach

## Europol's support

- OCTA
- Working priorities
- Criminal analysis
- Operational support (e.g. JITs)

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