



SECI
CENTER

South-East European Cooperative Initiative (S.E.C.I.)
Regional Center for Combating Trans-border Crime

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Achievements and Perspectives

SECI Center – as Regional Organization

- 1999 SECI Agreement signed
- 2001 SECI Center set up and became functional
- 2007 started negotiations for a new SELEC Convention
- 2009 negotiations of the SELEC Convention finished



Membership

13 MEMBERS

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Greece
Hungary
Moldova
Former Yugoslav Republic
of Macedonia
Montenegro (2008)
Romania
Serbia
Slovenia
Turkey

1 APPLICATION

Georgia



23 Strategic Partners

2 PERMANENT ADVISORS

Interpol

World Customs Organization

2 OBSERVER MISSIONS

EUBAM

UNMiK

19 OBSERVER STATES

Austria

Germany

Portugal

Azerbaijan

Israel

Spain

Belgium

Italy

Slovakia

Canada

Japan

Ukraine

Czech Rep(2008) The Netherlands

United Kingdom

France

Poland

United States of America

Georgia



Unique Law Enforcement Cooperation

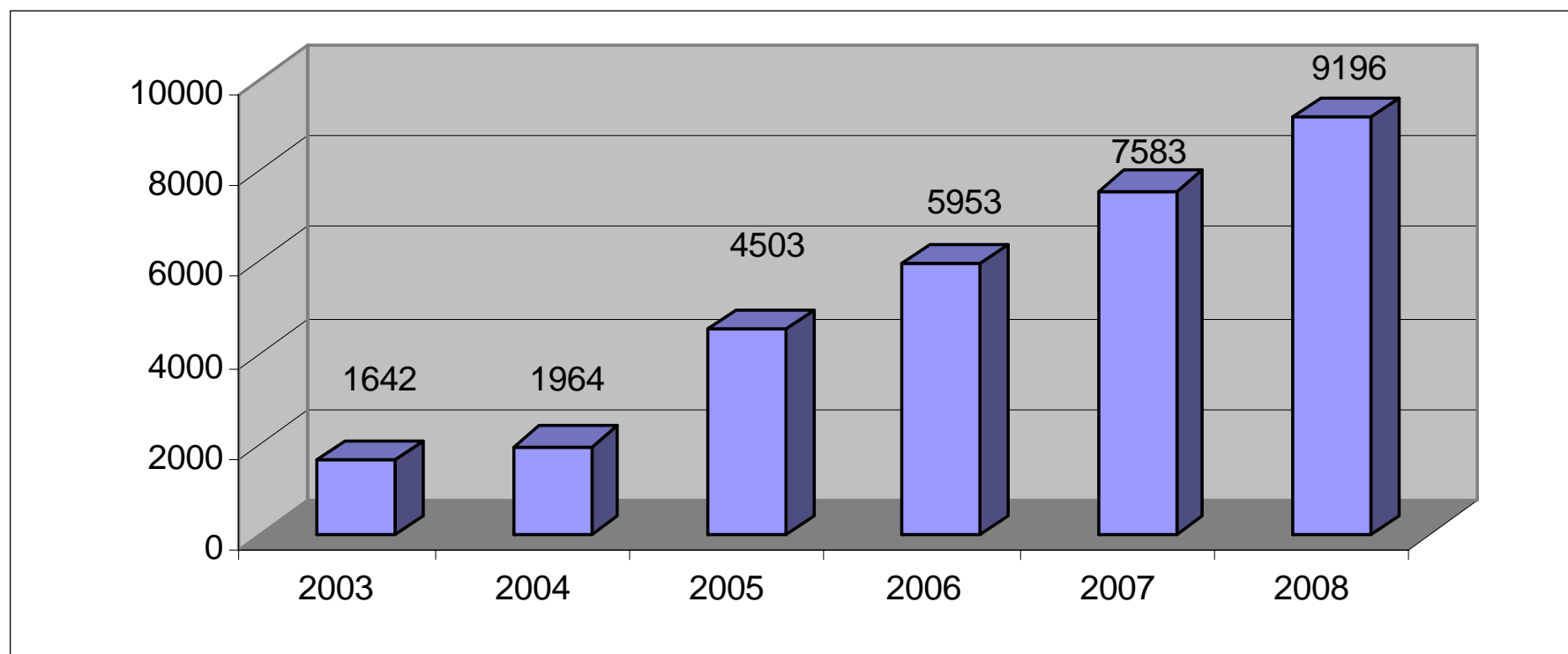
- 26 national Customs and Police agencies represented
- Network of National Focal Points in member countries
- Prosecutors involved (SEE Prosecutors Advisory Group)
- Analytical Capabilities



Advantages

- Cost effective information clearinghouse (26 customs and police Liaison Officers together)
- Support for operation coordination and trainings
- Secure and modern communications network
 - Video conference system
- Flexible operating framework (EU and non-EU countries)

Constantly increase of the Total Exchanges along the years



Total Exchanges

Total Exchanges	2006	2007	2008
Among Members (Daily Exchanges)	4,334	6,561	8,323
Among Members (Regional Operations)	1,069	532	495
Between Members and Observers (Daily Exchanges)	550	490	378
Total	5,953	7,583	9,196





Requests and Information Exchanges

(initiated by SECI countries / 2008)

Type of Crime	Requests	Information exchanges
Human Trafficking (THB)	58	8
Illegal Immigration (Migrant Smuggling)	92	87
Drug Trafficking	112	1352
Smuggling and Customs Fraud	274	6,061
Counterfeit Currency	11	39
Money Laundering	29	26
Stolen Vehicles	40	13
Terrorism	5	1
Container Security	3	1
Economic crimes	52	4

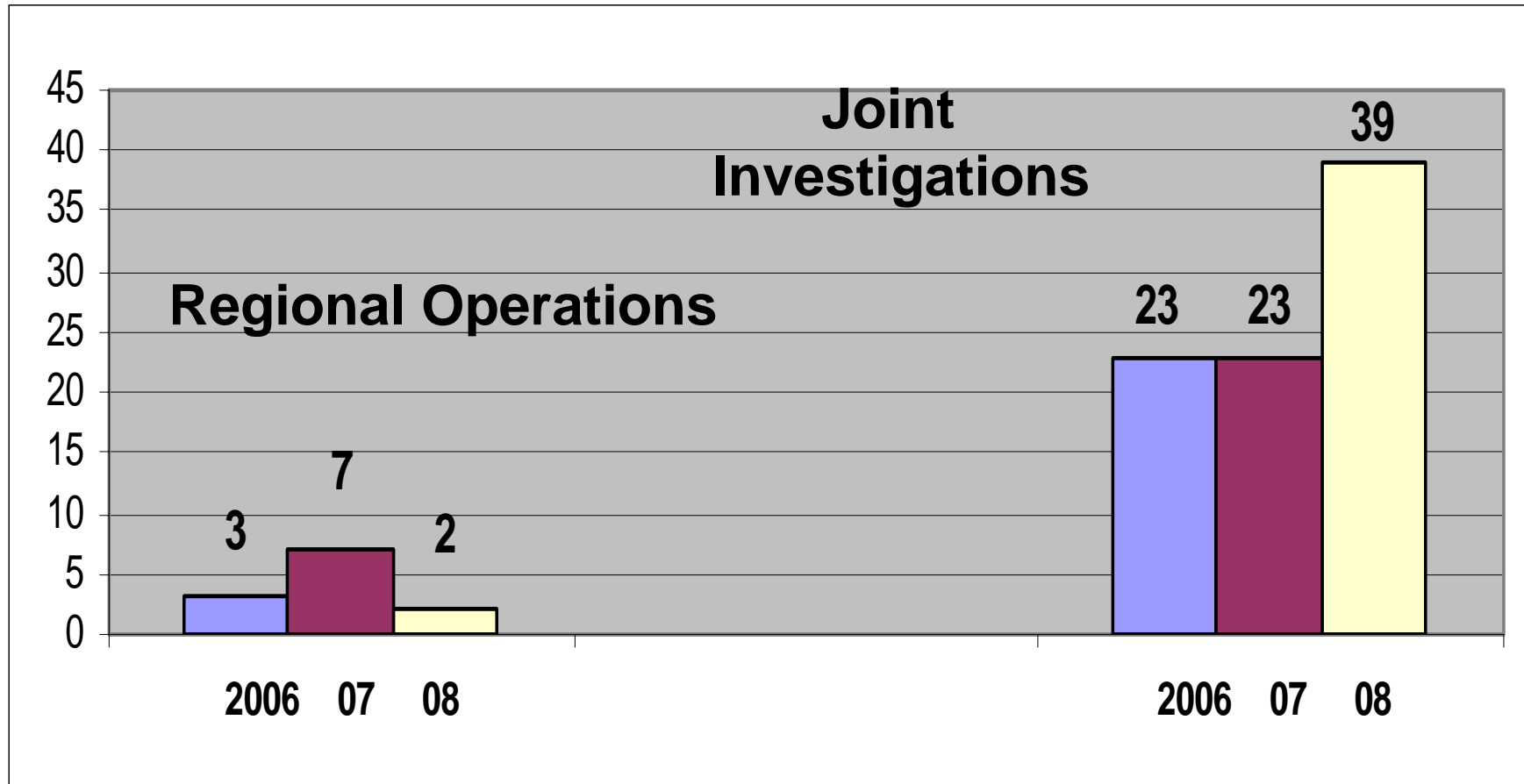


Working Areas

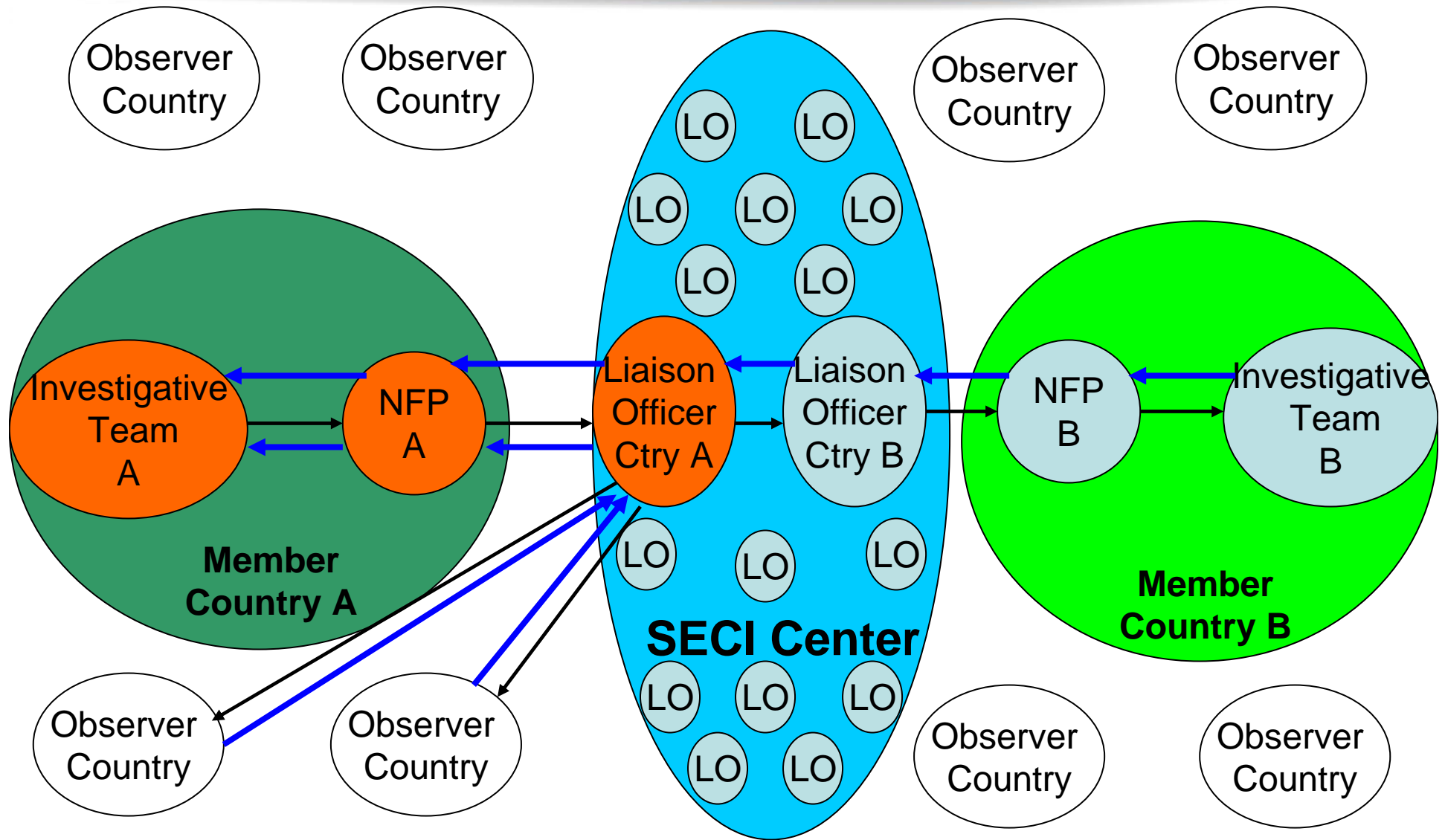
- 8 specialized Task Forces focused on:
 - Drug Trafficking
 - Human Trafficking and Illegal Immigration
 - Smuggling and Customs Frauds
 - Stolen Vehicles
 - Financial and Computer Crime
 - Terrorism
 - Container Security
 - Environment and Nature



Trends on Task-Forces Activity



Intelligence Flow





41 Joint Investigations and Operations/2008

- **1 joint investigation** on Human Trafficking (MD,RO,HU)
- **1 joint investigation** on kidnappings (Op. “Arkadas”/RO-TR/5 arrestees)
- **9 joint investigations** on Illegal Migration (Op. “Dora”/ SR-MK-AL/25 arrestees)
- **8 joint investigations** on Drug Trafficking (Op. “Rotus”/RO-BG-TR-UK-US/10arrestees)
- **14 joint investigations** on Credit Card Frauds (Op.“Bankomat”/BG-MK-MN/4 arrestees)
- **2 joint investigations** on Money Laundering (Op. “Flash”/MK-BG/1arrestee)
- **3 joint investigations** on Smuggling and Customs Frauds (Op. “Cotton”/SR-HU/1,600,000 Euro tax shortage)
- **1 joint investigation** on Stolen Vehicles/RO-HU-IT/ongoing
- **2 Regional Operations** (Hurricane II and Shadow III)



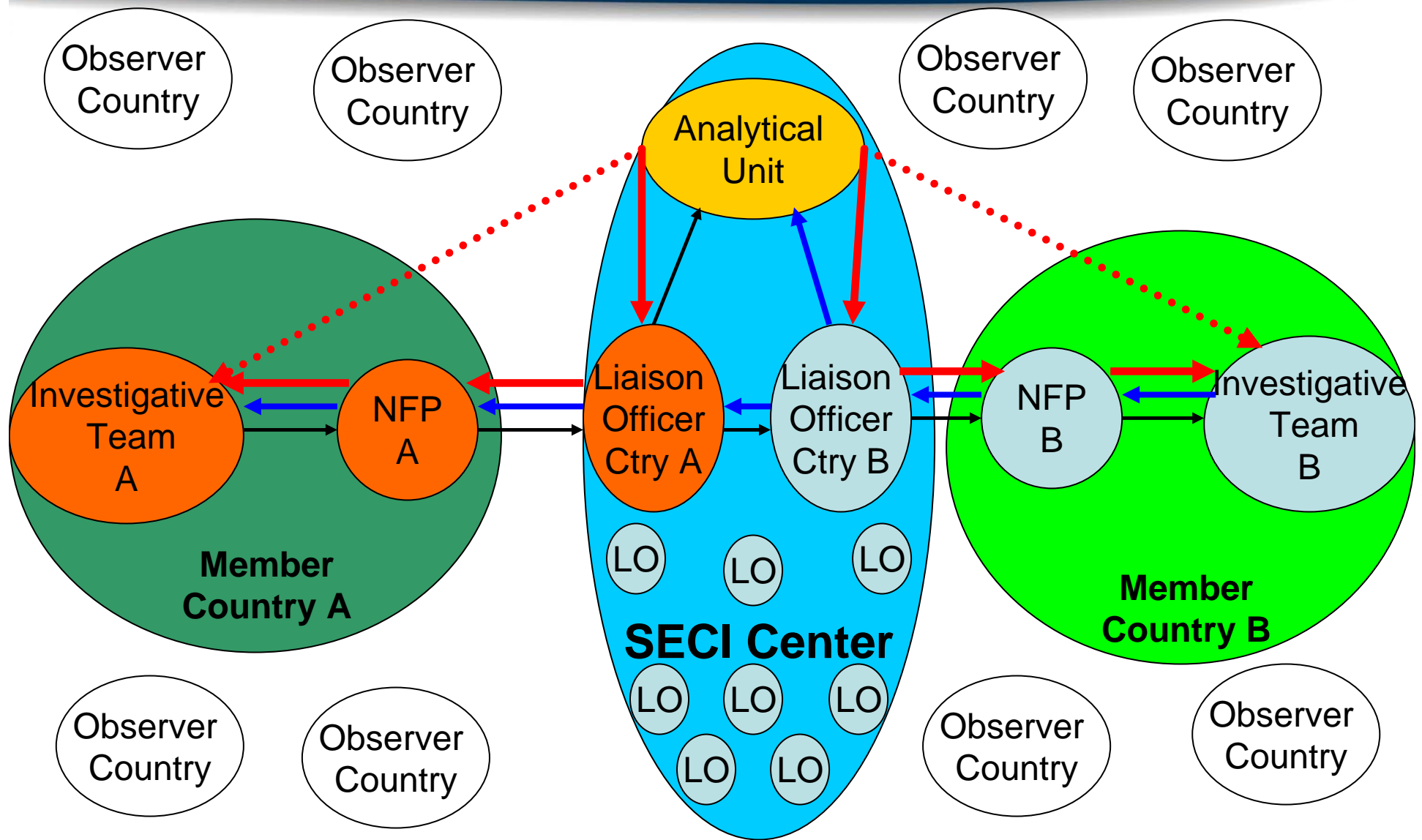
Joint Investigations involving US or EU countries

2008

New approach of SECI Center in 2008:

- Increased analytical capabilities
- Involvement of Operational Analysis in supporting Joint Investigations (upon countries' request)
- 2 Joint investigations so far involving SECI Center Operational Analysis
 - Joint Investigation “Dora” (AL-SR-FYROM) on illegal migration of Chinese nationals to Greece; “one time action” in SR and FYROM; 25 arrestees
 - Joint Investigation “Tara” (FYROM-SR-BiH-HR-SLO-MN-TR) on illegal migration of Turkish nationals to AT; “one time action” in HR, BiH, SLO, AT; 68 arrestees, still ongoing

Intelligence Flow



Case Study - Operation “Tara”

- Operational team in BiH investigated an OCG dealing with facilitation of illegal migration (Turkish nationals to EU)
- Links of OCG were identified also in TR, HR, MN, MK, SR, SLO, AT
- Intelligence passed through SECI Center
- Positive feedback



Op. “Tara” - Regional efforts

- On 11th-12th of November 2008 operational meeting held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Participants: from Police authorities in BiH, TR, HR, MN, MK, SR, SLO, AT

 - from Public Prosecutor's in BiH and HR

 - from EUPM Mission in BiH

- The SECI Center was represented by liaison officers of the involved countries and criminal analyst

It was decided that:

 - intelligence to be exchanged using SECI channel

 - criminal analyst to be involved

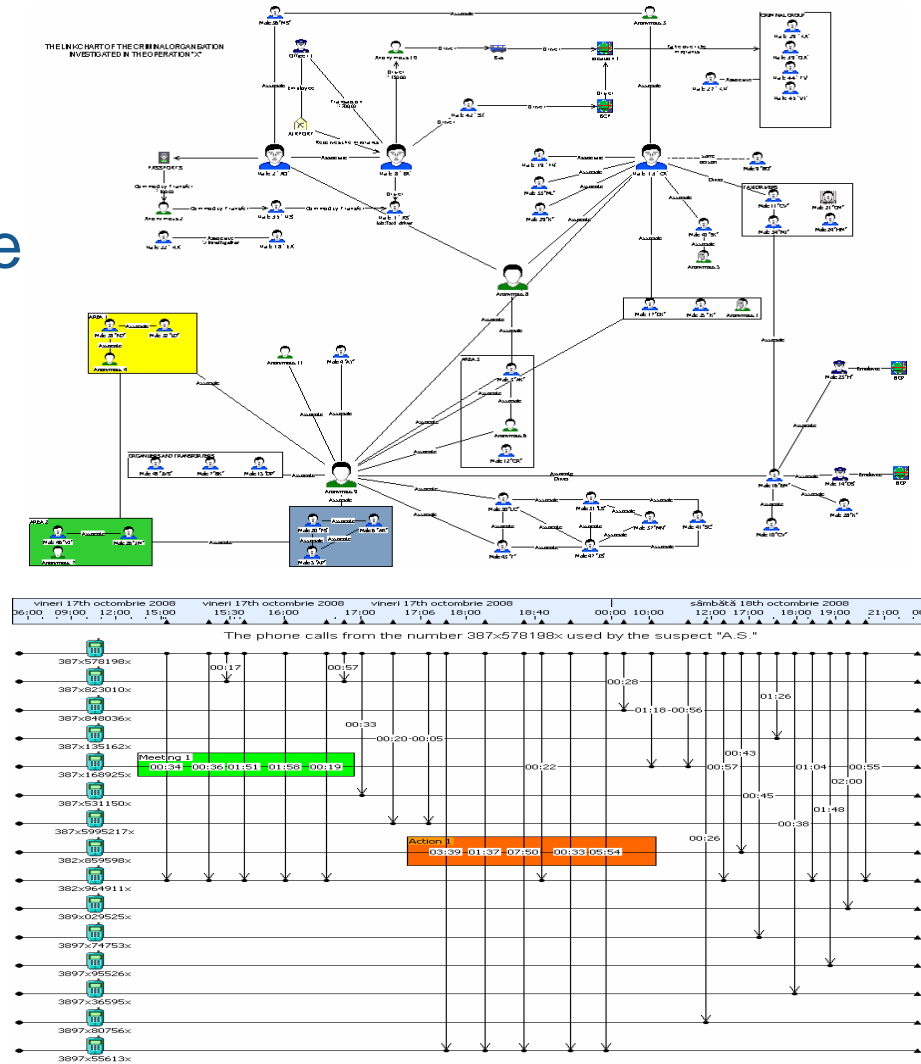
 - second operational meeting for analytical conclusions to be held in December 2008, at SECI Center HQ in Bucharest



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Operation “Tara” – Op meeting 2

- 12 Dec. 2008 / SECI Center
- Investigative officers and criminal analysts attended the meeting
- SECI Center supported all logistics
- SECI Criminal Analyst provided the regional perspective of OCG and the links between suspects
- Recommendations for investigative officers
- Common agreement for “one time action” operation



Operation “Tara” - Results

Decision for “one time action”, taken at the “Working Consultative Meeting” in Sarajevo, on 24 March 2009

- **In Bosnia and Herzegovina:**
 - 7 persons arrested; one vehicle seized
- **the Croatia:**
 - 46 persons arrested; pistols, rifles, hand-grenades, ammunitions seized
- **In Slovenia:**
 - 13 persons arrested; vehicles used for transport of migrants were identified
- **In Austria:**
 - 2 persons arrested.

SECI Center involvement:

Criminal Analysis Unit of the SECI Center provided operational analysis in addition to the SECI Center’s traditional coordination in exchanging information and the logistical support offered for operational meetings.



Conclusions:

- Improved expertise
(Operational Analytical Support)
- Facilitation of the judicial co-operation
- Enhancement of the co-operation between law enforcement and judicial system
- Available on request, at any time for assisting the member countries

Reform of the SECI Center

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- New SELEC Convention
 - Upgrade of coordination/analytical capabilities
 - Focus on joint investigations / regional operations
 - Involvement in international partnerships



Involvement in international partnerships

- OCTA-SEE
- Police Cooperation Convention for SEE
- Controlled Delivery Manual for SEE



Reform of the SECI Center

New SELEC Convention

A step forward:

- Information system of personal data
- Data collected in and outside concrete cases
- Analyse and process of personal data
- Processing data - subject to limitations imposed by the provider and subject to the data protection



Reform of the SECI Center

New SELEC Convention (SEE Law Enforcement Centre)

Establishments and tasks (1)

- Support investigations and crime prevention activity in SECI (SELEC) member countries
- Facilitate the exchange of information for operational assistance
- Notify the NFPs of member states about connections between suspects or crimes related to SELEC mandate
- Collect, collate, analyze, process and disseminate information



Reform of the SECI Center

New SECI (SELEC) Convention

Establishments and tasks (2)

- Establish, operate and maintain a computerized system of information
- Provide strategic analysis and threats assessments related to the SECI (SELEC) Objective
- Depository of good practices in law enforcement methods and techniques
- Promote good practices through multi-national trainings and conferences for the benefit of SECI (SELEC) Member States



Reform of the SECI Center

New SELEC Convention

Compile of a full-service law enforcement information system:

- SELEC will establish and maintain an information system of personal data involving crime subjects.
- Data will be collected in the concrete cases SECI (SELEC) is involved and also outside them, as provided by Participating States, Operational Partners, Observers and others.
- SELEC shall analyse and process such personal data in an effort to prevent, detect and investigate serious trans-border crimes.
- SELEC processing of data - subject to limitations imposed by the provider and subject to the data protection procedures.



Conclusions

- Increase of operational output
- Important contribution to the judicial process in SEE
- Recognition as the leading law enforcement cooperation organization in South East Europe





Thank You for Attention!

