



Cultural Property Crimes



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Threat of crime against cultural property

**EU Member States
and selected countries of the Eastern Partnership
analysis 2007-2010**



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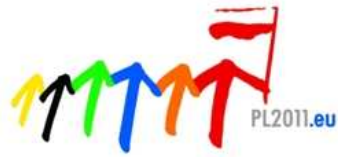


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Project objectives

- develop a common risk analysis;
- create a practical handbook;
- improve the cooperation of Member States
with Interpol, Europol and Cefpol;





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Questionnaire objectives

- diagnose the phenomenon of crime against cultural property in Member States;
- determine routes and methods of smuggling cultural goods;
- modus operandi of perpetrators;
- assess the potential risks related to the organisation of large-scale events.



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Respondents

➤ Questionnaire:

- 27 EU Member States;
- 3 countries of the Eastern Partnership Programme (Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine).

➤ Answers:

- 23 EU Member States;
- 3 countries of the Eastern Partnership Programme (Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine).





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The number of offences in EU Member States:



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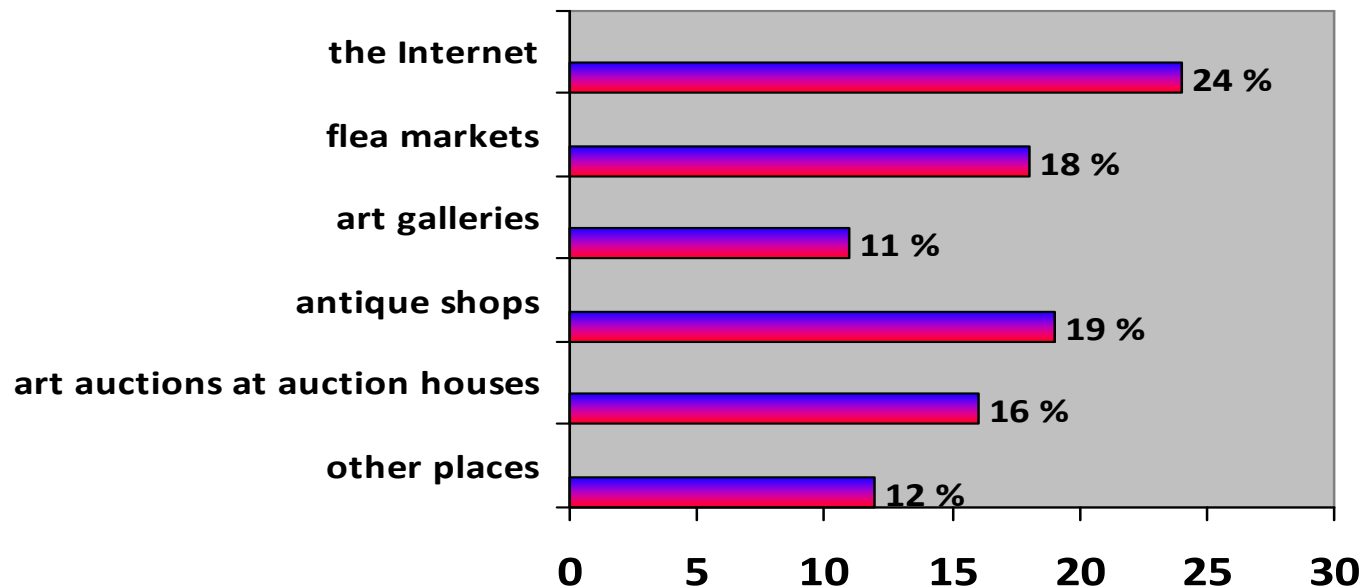
| Year EU Member State | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Austria | 131 | 125 | 113 | missing data |
| Belgium | 229 | 223 | 252 | 175 |
| Bulgaria | 206 | 164 | 204 | 191 |
| Cyprus | 8 | 7 | 10 | 14 |
| Czech Republic | 370 | 639 | 1527 | 954 |
| Denmark | 57 | 62 | 50 | 82 |
| Estonia | 8 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| France | 2714 | 2223 | 1751 | 1442 |
| Greece | 75 | 87 | 72 | 91 |
| Spain | 443 | 432 | 489 | 543 |
| Netherlands | missing data | missing data | missing data | 831 |
| Lithuania | 15 | 13 | 14 | 12 |
| Latvia | 46 (171 items stolen) | 94 (222 items stolen) | 79 (204 items stolen) | 100 (318 items stolen) |
| Malta | 9 | 8 | 9 | 6 |
| Germany | 2003 | 2265 | 2055 | missing data |
| Poland | 1132 | 776 | 814 | 804 |
| Portugal | 164 | 233 | 200 | 159 |
| Slovakia | 24 | 25 | 26 | 29 |
| Slovenia | 28 | 55 | 42 | 66 |
| Italy | 1085 | 1031 | 882 | 817 |
| TOTAL | 8747 | 8471 | 8597 | 6323 |

*** Italy – number of thefts of works of art

Crime characteristics

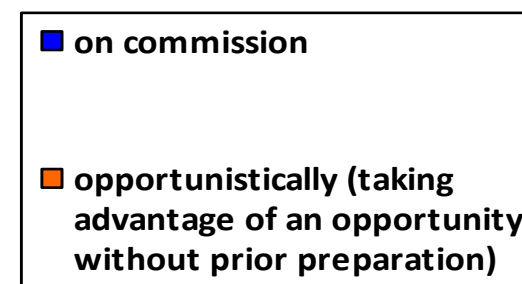
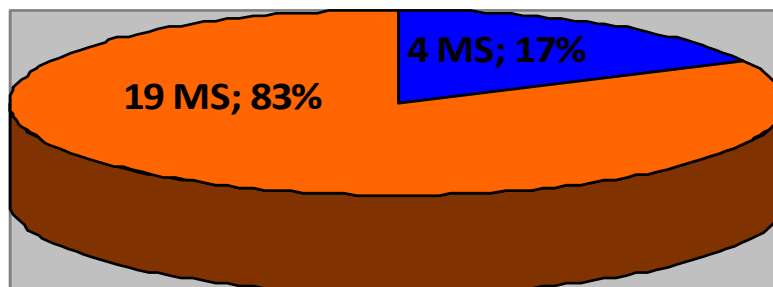
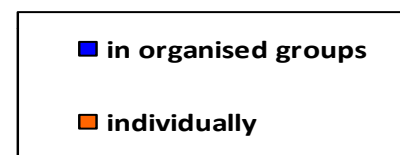
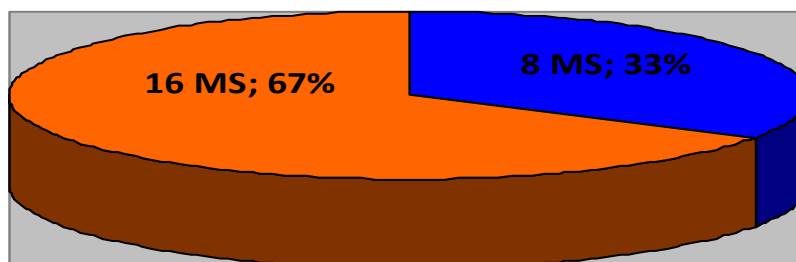
Place of trade in cultural property from illegal sources

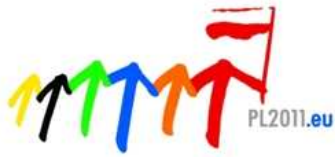
(statistics from 20 EU Member States):



Crime characteristics

How perpetrators act?





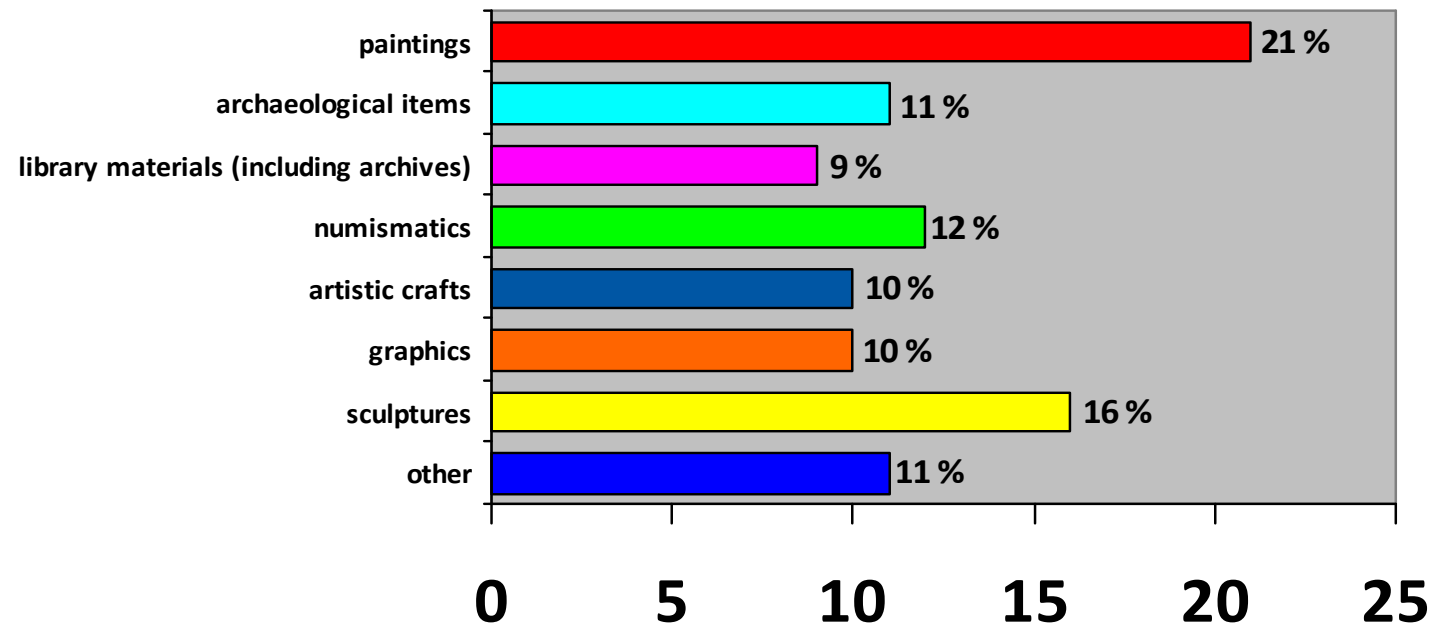
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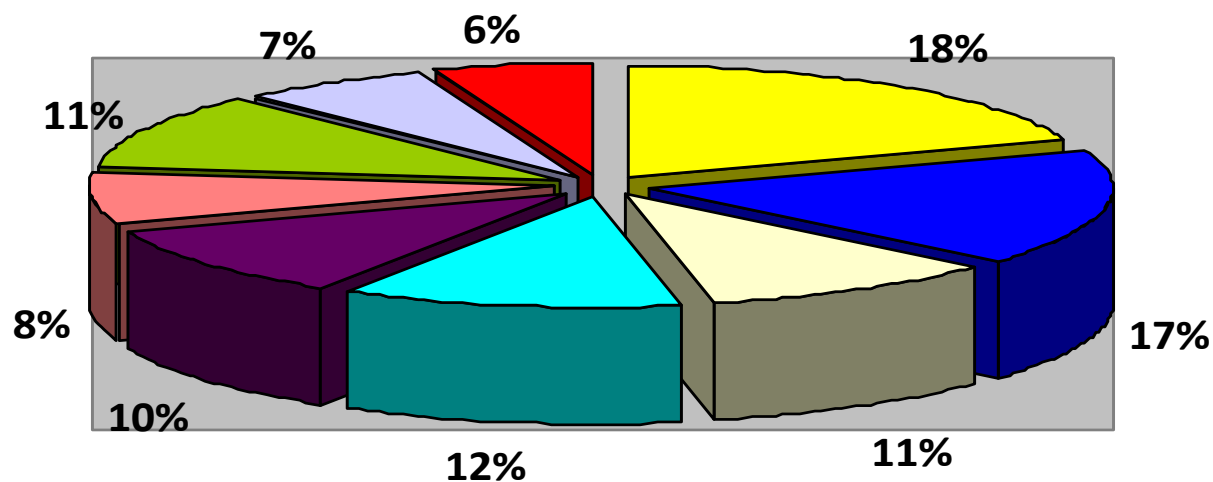
The most common objects of crime
(statistics from 21 EU Member States):












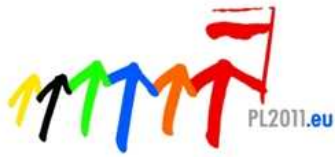
Crime characteristics

Places where crimes against cultural property are committed

(statistics from 23 EU Member States):



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|  private flats/homes |  religious buildings |  museums |
|  antique shops |  art galleries |  cemeteries |
|  archaeological sites |  palaces and castles |  other |



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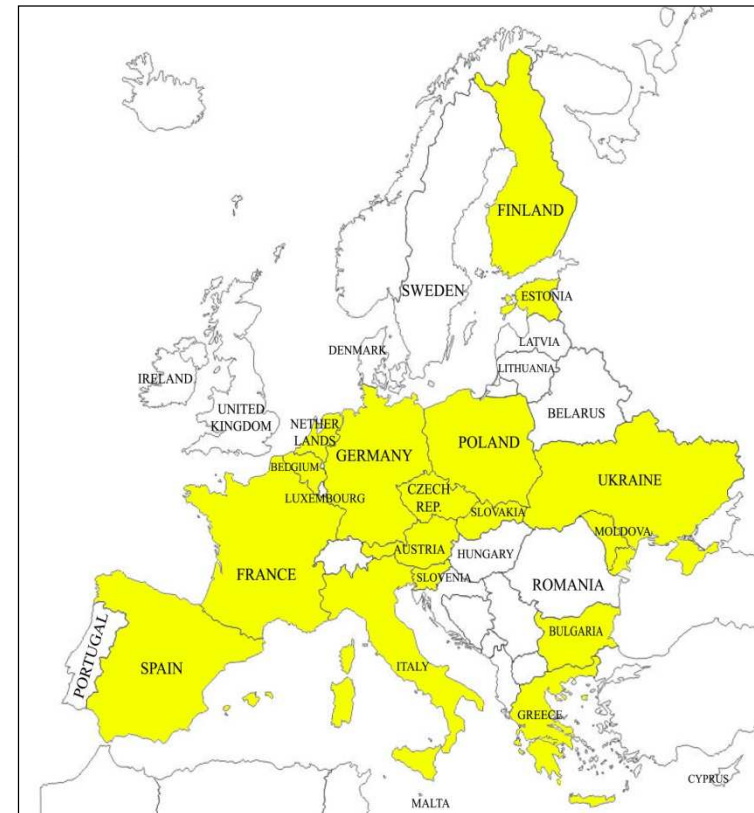


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Destination countries – 11 MS

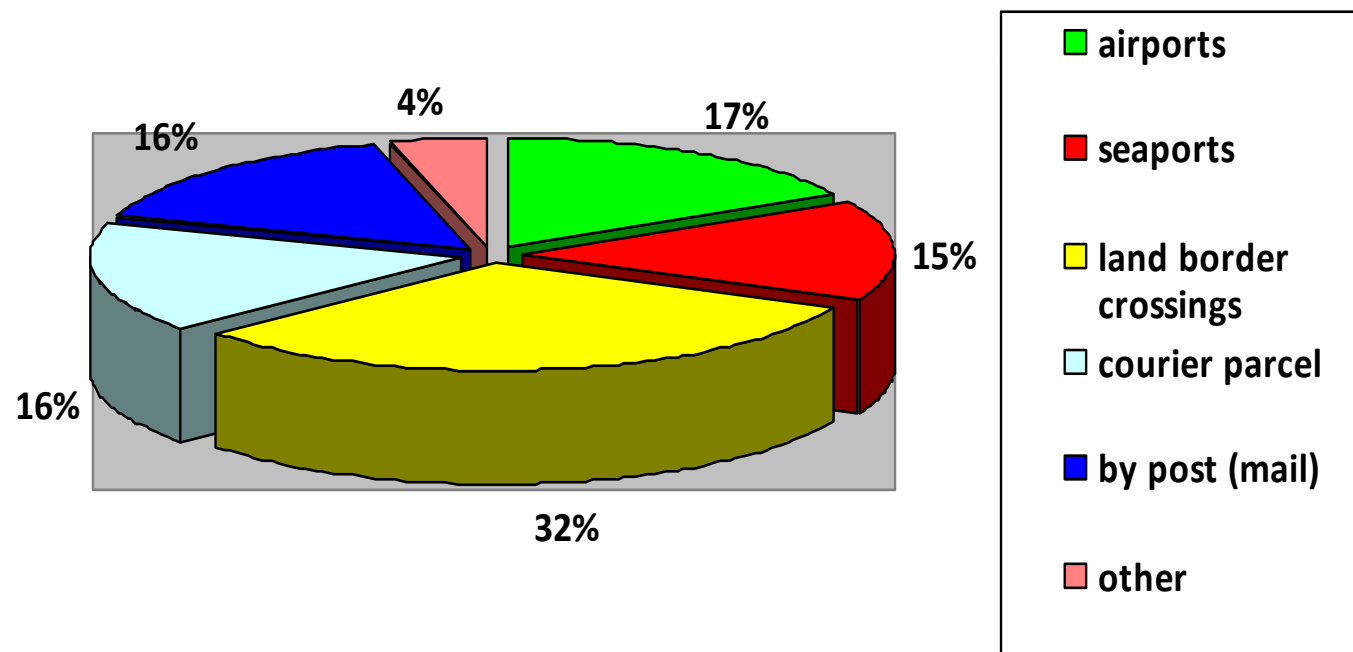
Transit countries – 15 MS



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The route of illegal transportation of cultural assets
(statistics from 17 EU Member States):

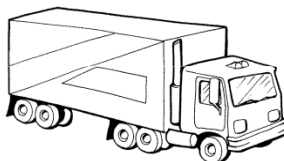


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The means of transport
used for the purposes of illegal transport of cultural property
(statistics from 15 EU Member States):



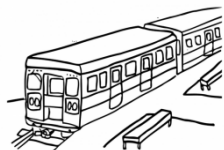
motor cars – 29 %



trucks – 20 %



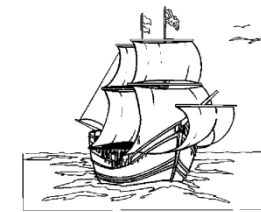
buses/coaches – 15 %



trains – 13 %



aeroplanes – 13 %



water transport – 9 %

*** other – 1 %

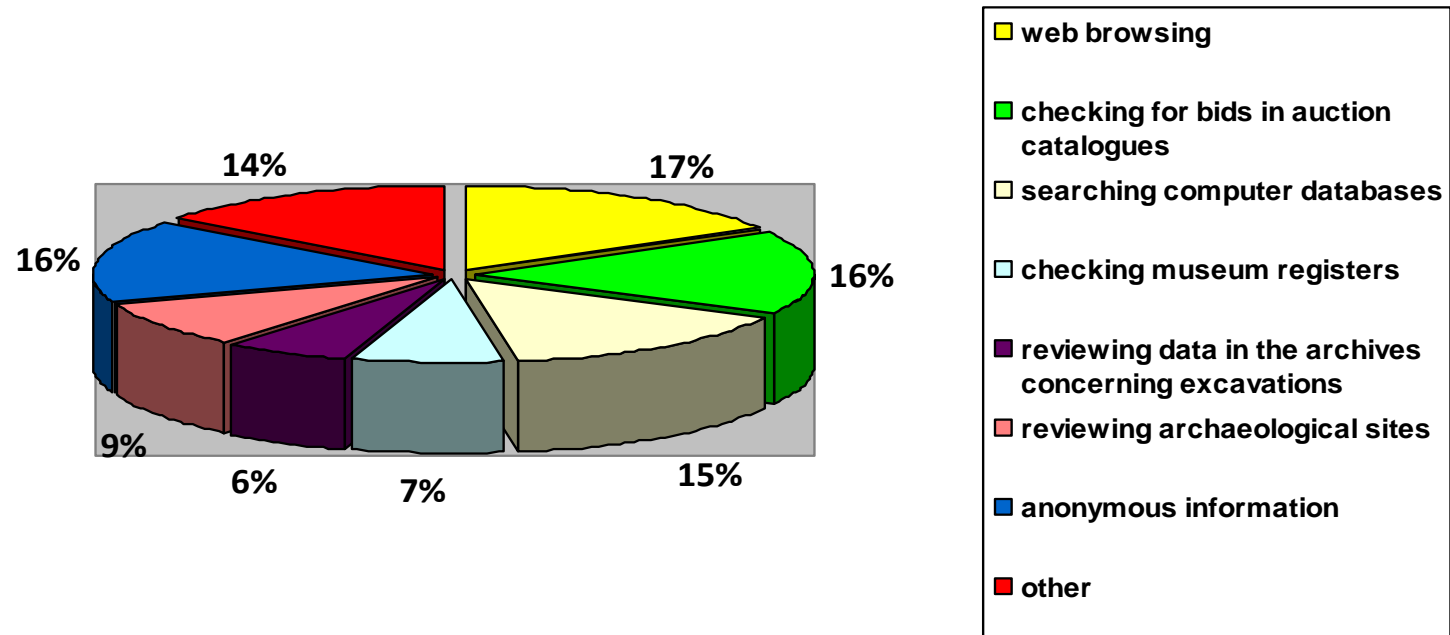
Current status

- Units to fight crime against cultural property: **16** Member States
(**9 MS** have regional sections);
- Databases containing information on stolen/lost goods as a result of cultural property crime: **21** Member States;
- Storage facilities meant for protecting cultural property from crime: **7** Member States.



Current status

Steps used in EU Members States to detect property crime perpetrators
(statistics from 20 EU Member States):





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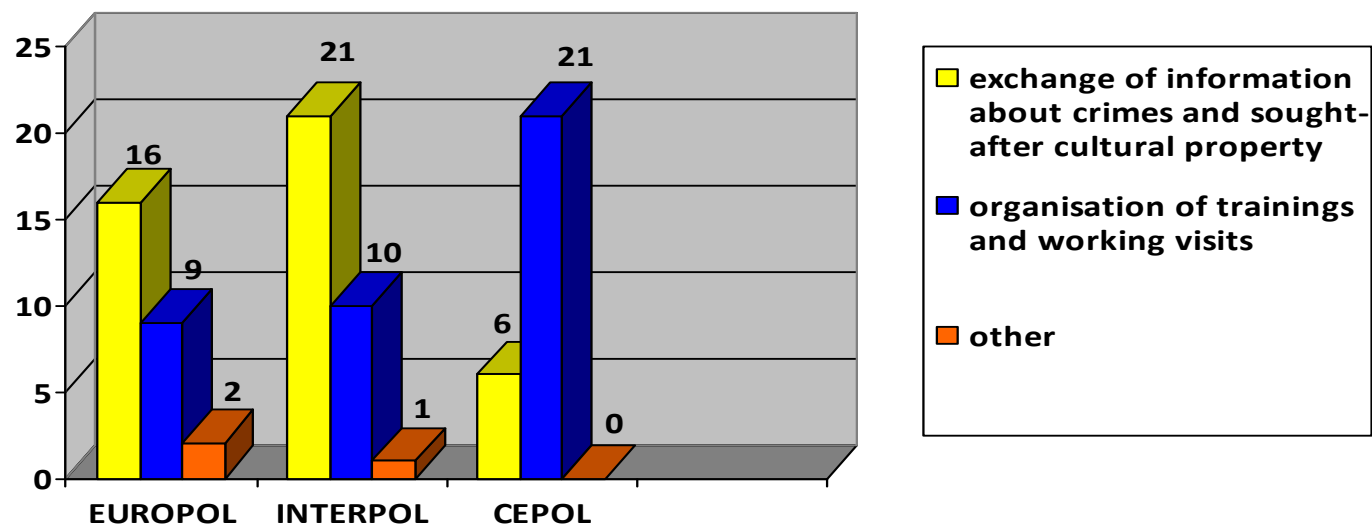
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Future perspectives

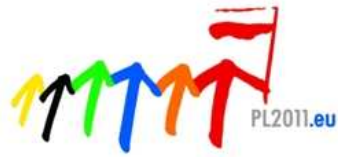
- Improvement of cooperation between the Member States and:
 - **CEPOL – 20 MS**
 - **EUROPOL – 16 MS**
 - **INTERPOL – 20 MS**
- (answers from 23 EU Member States)

Future perspectives

- Preferred range of the improvement of cooperation with EUROPOL, INTERPOL and CEPOL



*** answers from 21 EU Member States



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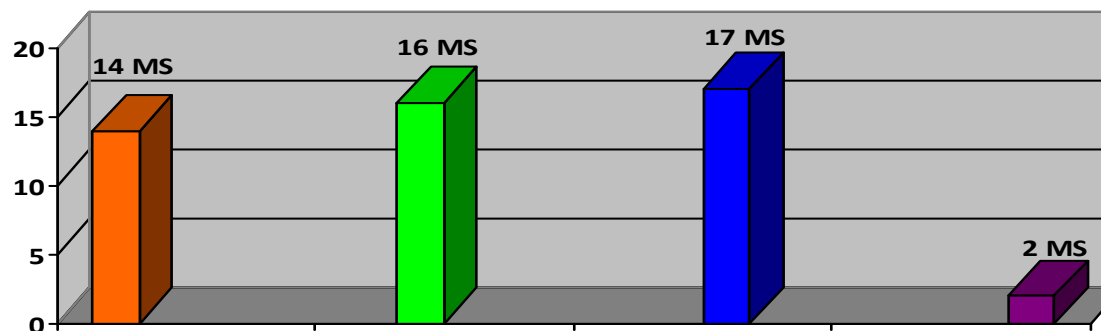
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Future perspectives

- Has a MS already implemented a uniform system of marking cultural property items?
 - **Yes - 7 MS**
 - **No - 14 MS**
- **14 MS see the need to introduce such a system.**
- There is a need to create a practical handbook on crime against cultural property:
 - **Yes - 17 MS**
 - **No - 3 MS**

Future perspectives

- The range of subjects in the handbook should include :



- binding legislation
- the nature and scope of national law enforcement authorities involved in combating and preventing the above-mentioned crimes
- base of contacts
- other



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Summary and proposals:

- **introduce a uniform system of marking of cultural property** in the EU Member States and selected countries of Eastern Partnership program (such as the Object ID Standard);
- **develop and implement a standard form** of describing the crime and stolen/lost items;
- **possibility of including** the problems of combating the illicit trafficking in cultural property **in the existing multilateral exchange programmes;**
- **develop a practical handbook;**
- **create** of thematic platform concerning crimes against cultural property in the Europol Platform for Experts (EPE);



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Draft Council Conclusions on preventing and combating crime against cultural property (15236/11 ENFOPOL 342):

- document is based on the results of the questionnaire on the cultural property crimes (CM 1927/11), included in the “*Analysis of the scale of the crime threat against cultural property in the Member States and the selected countries of the Eastern Partnership*” (13867/2/11 REV 2 ENFOPOL 285);
- document includes the recommendations of the “*Study on preventing and combating trafficking in cultural goods in the European Union*” (CECOJI-CNRS UMR 6224 Contract n° Home/2009/ISEC/PR/019-A2);
- document is an attempt to involve all the institutions in actions aimed at preventing and combating crime against cultural property (Europol, Interpol, Cepol, Unesco, Eurojust).



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Thank you !

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