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Europol's Functions

The European Union's law enforcement agency

Collect, analyse and disseminate criminal intelligence

Facilitate the information exchange between MSs

Provide operational and analytical support to law enforcement investigations

Remit includes organised crime, serious international crime and terrorism, when 2 or more MSs are affected

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Analysts,
Specialists and
Liaison Officers

LB Network:
• 200 ELOs
• 41 Countries
• 85 Agencies



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International Law Enforcement Cooperation

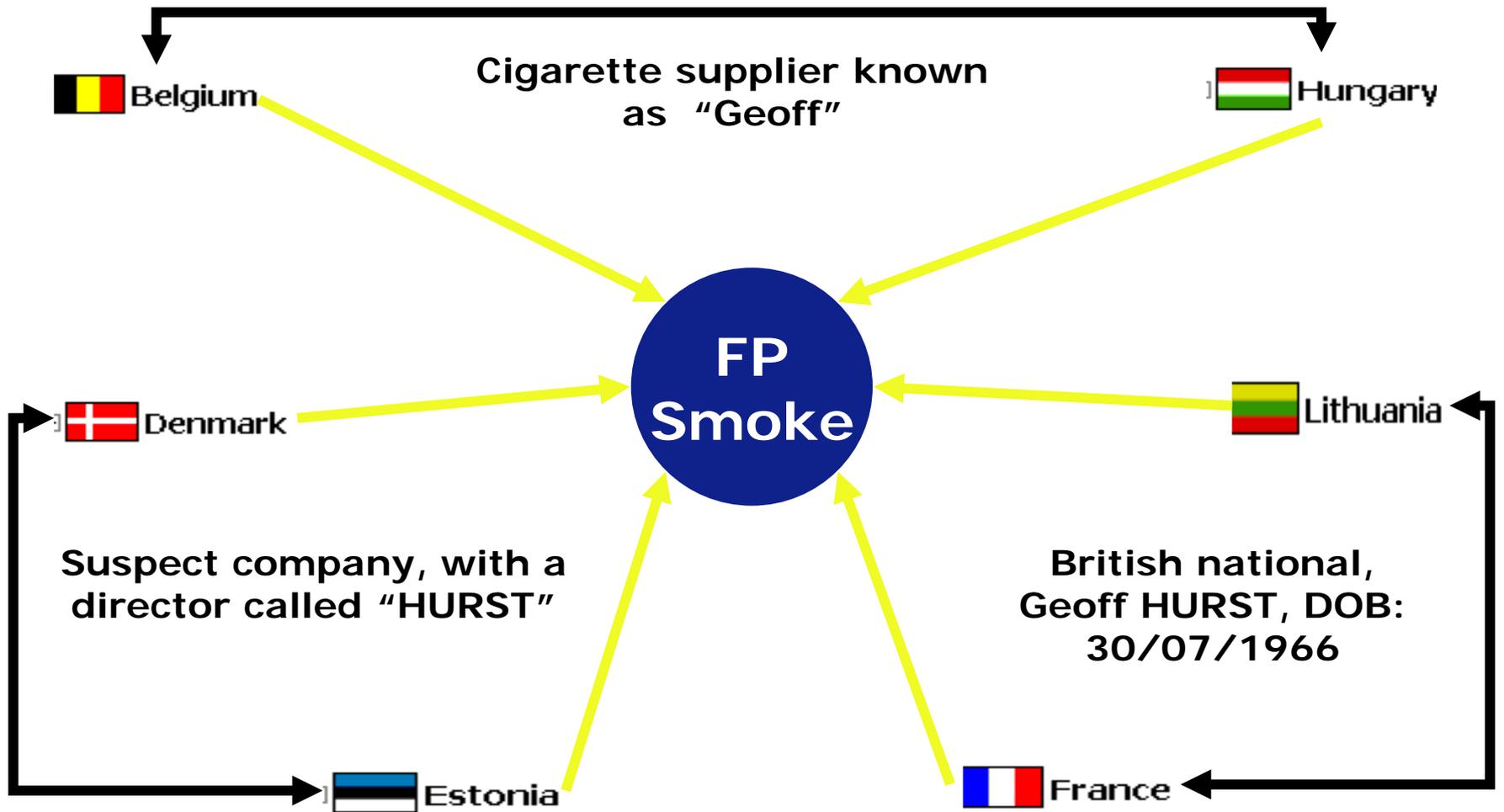


- 28 Member States LBs
- 12 Third Party LBs
- 22 Operational Agreements
- 14 Strategic Agreements

- Police
- Customs
- Gendarmerie
- Financial Police
- Tax and Revenue
- Border Guard
- Coast Guard
- Immigration
- Security Services

Albania	Australia	Canada	Columbia
FYROM	Iceland	Interpol	Moldova
Montenegro	Norway	Switzerland	US Agencies

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The Illicit Tobacco Trade

- Counterfeit cigarettes (China & CIS)



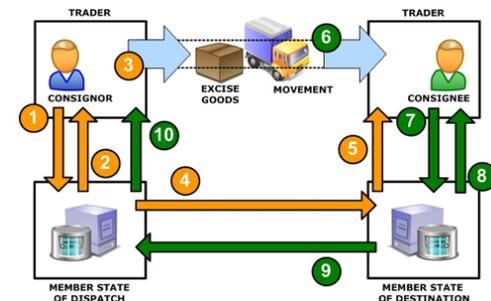
- Cheap whites (Middle East, CIS, GR & CY)



- Illegal manufacturing (PL, CZ, SK, RO & BG)



- Excise duty suspension abuse (Union Transit T1 & T2)



Best Practice/Recommendations

- **Intelligence led policing**
Clear and accurate intelligence pictures should drive the operational work
- **Multi-disciplinary approach**
Combined units of different law enforcement agencies
- **Parallel financial investigations**
Aim to detect criminal money flows and proceeds
- **Private/public partnerships and cooperation**
Cooperation between law enforcement and the private sector
- **Public, judicial and political awareness**
Political will to tackle the illicit tobacco trade and reducing public demand is vital

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**Thank you for your time,
any questions?**