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"Pericles & Protection of the EURO"

# Objectives

- General objective:
  - to prevent and combat counterfeiting and related fraud thus enhancing the competitiveness of the Union's economy and securing the sustainability of public finances
- Specific objective:
  - to protect the euro banknotes and coins against counterfeiting and related fraud, by
    - supporting and supplementing the measures undertaken by MS;
    - assisting the competent authorities in developing a close and regular cooperation and an exchange of best practices, also where appropriate including third countries and international organisations

## Eligible actions (I)

- **Exchange and dissemination of information**, in particular through organising workshops, meetings and seminars including training, targeted placements and exchanges of staff of competent national authorities and other similar actions

The exchange of information will inter alia be targeted at:

- methodologies for monitoring and analysing the economic and financial impact of counterfeiting;
- operation of databases and early warning systems;
- use of detection tools with computer back-up;
- enquiry and investigation methods;
- scientific assistance (in particular scientific databases and technology watch/monitoring of new developments);
- protection of the euro outside the Union;
- research activities;
- provision of specific operational expertise.

## Eligible actions (II)

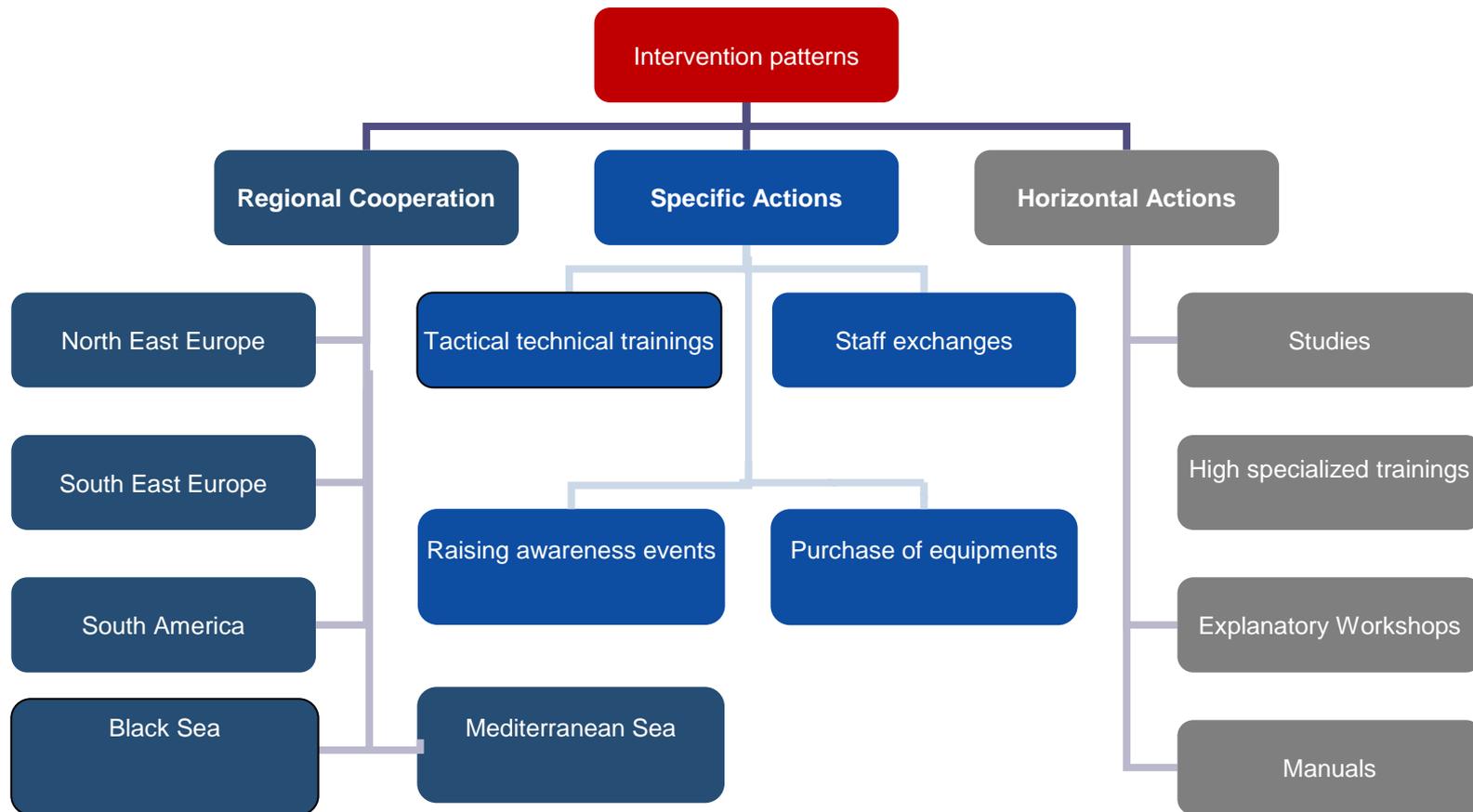
- **Technical, scientific and operational assistance**, including in particular:
  - any appropriate measure which establishes teaching resources at Union level (*handbook of Union legislation, information bulletins, practical manuals, glossaries and lexicons, databases, especially in the area of scientific assistance or technology watch*) or computer support applications (*such as software*);
  - relevant studies with a multidisciplinary and transnational dimension;
  - development of technical support instruments and methods to facilitate detection actions at Union level;
  - financial support for cooperation in operations involving at least two states when such support is not available from other programmes of European institutions and bodies.

## Eligible actions (III)

- Grants to finance the **purchase of equipment** to be used by specialised anti-counterfeiting authorities for protecting the euro against counterfeiting

*e.g.: purchase of tracking devices for specialised anti-counterfeiting groups in third countries to be used in euro anti-counterfeiting investigations + relevant training*

# Examples of activities



# Eligibility criteria

- Grants:
  - ▶ Co-funding up to 75% of the action (and 90% in exceptional and duly justified cases)
  - ▶ Beneficiaries:
    - Competent National Authorities in the EU Member States, as defined in art.2(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001
- Procurement: Relevant procurement directives applicable

# Participation

- staff of agencies engaged in detecting and combating counterfeiting (in particular police forces and financial administrations, depending on their specific functions at national level)
- intelligence personnel
- representatives of the national central banks, the mints, commercial banks and other financial intermediaries (particularly as regards the obligations of financial institutions)
- judicial officers, specialist lawyers and members of the judiciary in this field
- any other group of specialists concerned (such as chambers of commerce and industry or comparable structures capable of providing access to small and medium-sized enterprises, retailers and cash-in-transit companies)



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