



The UNITE project aims to disrupt criminals and organised crime networks trafficking in wildlife, timber, and waste in and via the EU, and to recover the assets generated from these illegal activities. It will unite efforts between Law Enforcement Authorities, EU and international agencies, the financial and private sector as well as civil society to defeat environmental crime. The project will promote the use of financial investigations and state of the art cyberinvestigation techniques.

The action will gather strategic intelligence to strengthen the understanding of trends and financial flows related to wildlife, timber and waste trafficking. It will be shared with the law enforcement community in all EU Member States and targeted third countries to inform their intelligence strategies.

The action will train over 230 law enforcement agents across the EU in financial investigations related to wildlife, timber, and waste trafficking through CEPOL online modules, a manual, and a train-the-trainer workshop. An additional 50 agents will receive pre-operational training in cyberpatrolling and ivory trafficking.

Several intelligence-led transnational operations, with an emphasis on conducting financial investigations, will take place in the field of waste, wildlife, and timber trafficking in at least 10 EU MS including France, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia, and Spain. Such operations will foster cooperation between agencies and with EU agencies (EUROPOL, Frontex) and international organisations (e.g. INTERPOL, WCO). Cooperation with non-EU countries from Southeast Europe and Asia will be strengthened.

The project will outreach to at least 10 online companies, 5 transport companies, 10 financial institutions and 3 waste companies to secure their commitment to fight wildlife and waste trafficking. Finally, the project will be made widely visible and intends to raise awareness of 600 000 EU citizens on EU wildlife trade rules and waste trafficking through social media outreach.

