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INTRODUCING THE SIRACUSA GUIDELINES ON ILLICIT TRADE

THE MECHANISM FOR COMBATING
ILLICIT TRADE (M-CIT)

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Strengthening the Fight Against Illicit Trade in South Eastern Europe (SEE-IMPACT)

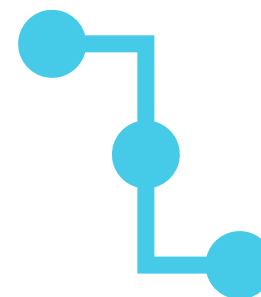
Mechanism for Combating Illicit Trade (M-CIT)

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WHERE DO WE START?



Countries (and businesses) are presented with an overwhelming task in navigating legal and regulatory frameworks, other policy guidance



Connect the dots, don't reinvent the wheel

National strategies, action plans, policies, etc.
organized crime, illicit financial flows, specific illicit trade sectors

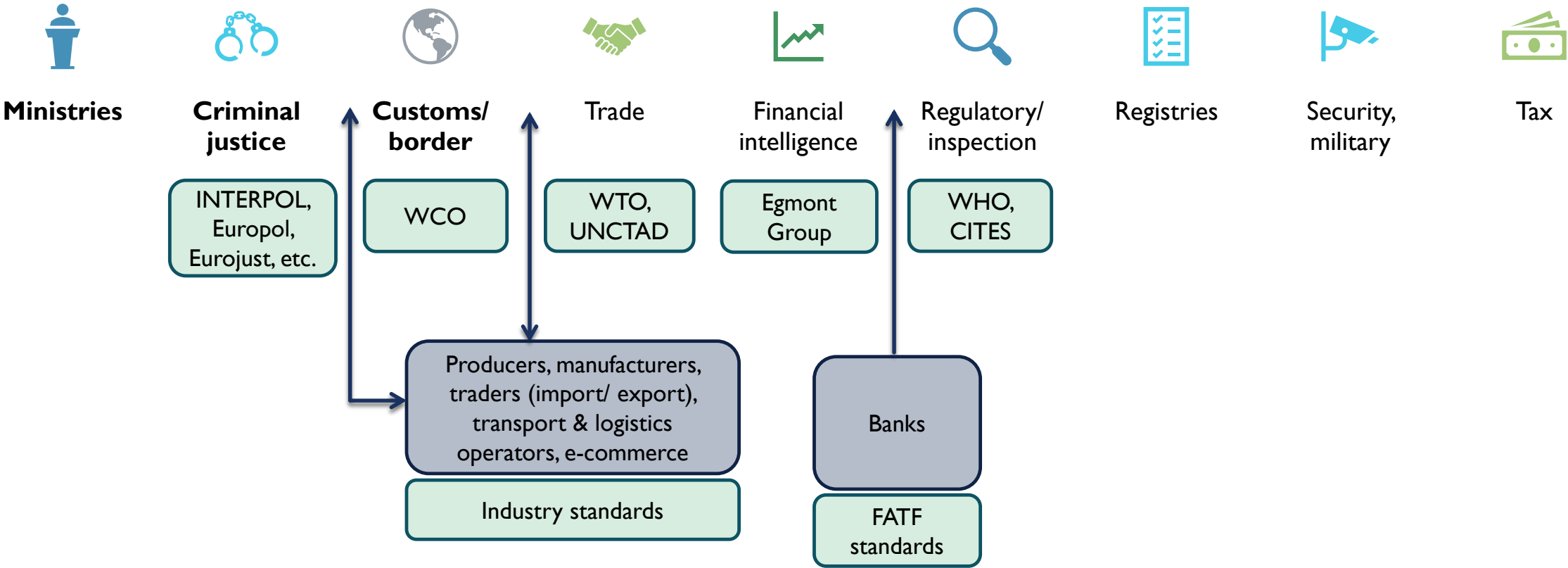
Regional strategies, initiatives, etc.

International legal frameworks
Patchwork of international treaties, UNSC resolutions

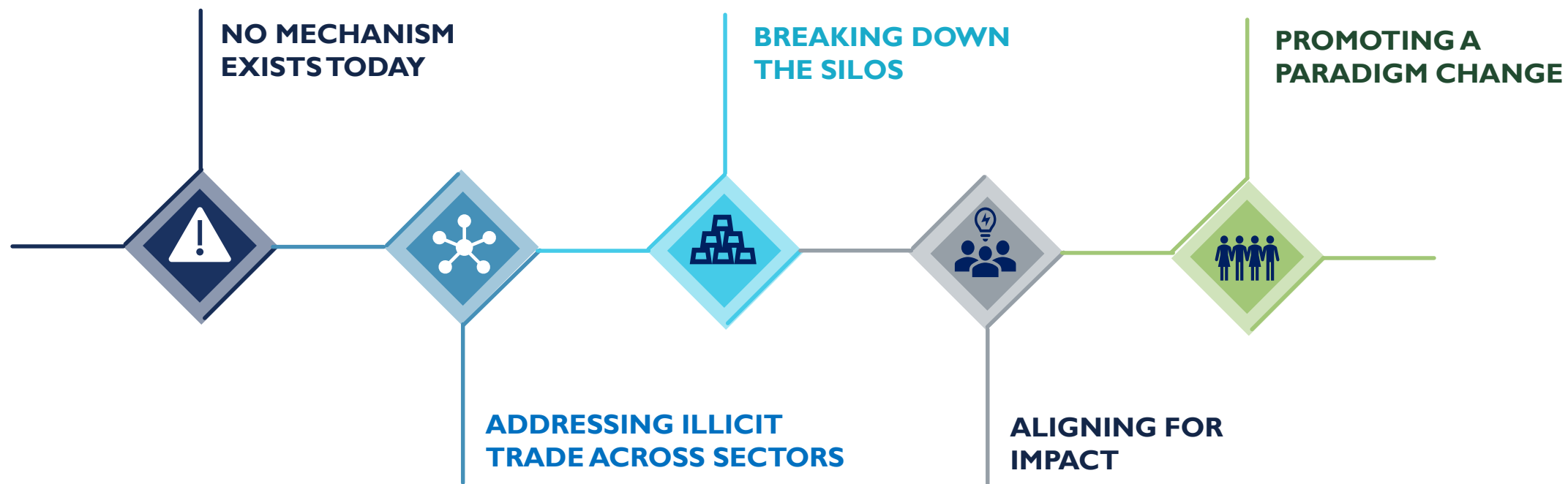
National law & regulations

Non-binding guidance
UNGA, G20, World Economic Forum, OECD, etc.

Sector-specific guidance
Human trafficking, weapons, cultural property, wildlife, etc.



WHAT ARE WE WORKING TOWARDS?



BUILDING A MECHANISM TO TAKE US FORWARD



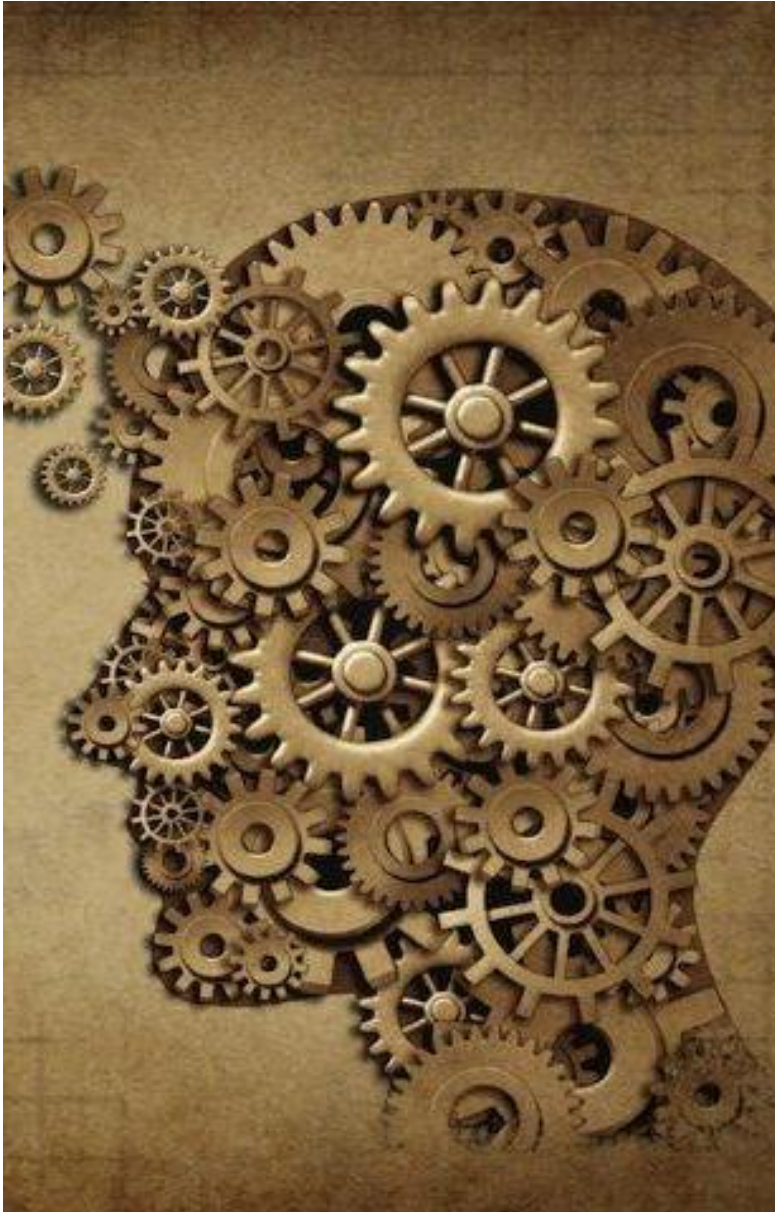
ASSESSING READINESS TO
STAND UP TO ILLICIT TRADE



INFORMING POLICY, LEGAL
& INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE



BUILDING CAPACITY TO
APPLY NEW ENFORCEMENT
APPROACHES

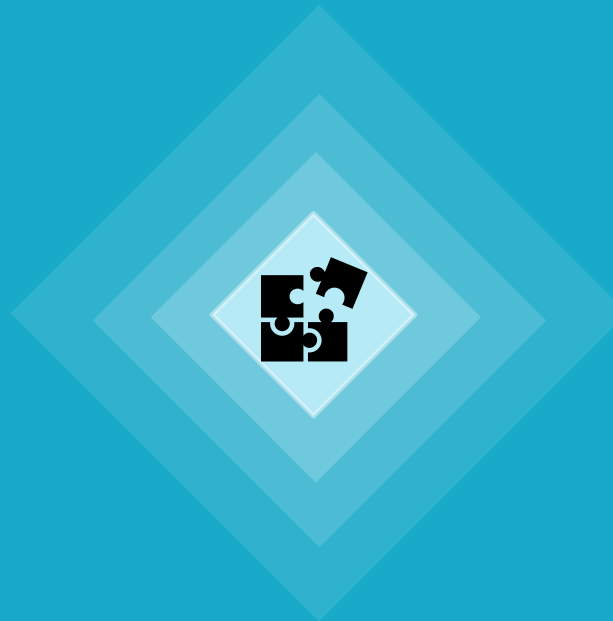


WE'RE NAVIGATING THE LEGAL AND REGULATORY MAZE

Global mapping exercise

What's the state-of-play in terms of existing legal, regulatory, policy and enforcement guidance?

- International treaties
- UN Security Council resolutions
- Standards
- Guidelines and recommendations
- Best practices in investigations, prosecutions and cooperation
- Available tools, databases, networks, platforms, etc.
- Effective mechanisms for communication and cooperation



TO LAY THE GROUND FOR A REVIEW MECHANISM



Guidelines

Specific, actionable, measurable



Methodology

Assessing where we stand today,
in five years, etc.

TO BETTER SUPPORT COUNTRIES AND BUSINESSES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT TRADE

Technical cooperation

- Tailored assessments
- Strategic reviews
- Development of strategies and action plans
- Capacity-building and training
- Cross-institutional dialogue, etc.



WHAT DOES A WHOLE-GOVERNMENT APPROACH LOOK LIKE?

01

Reinforcing national leadership, strategies & coordination

02

Addressing root causes & drivers

03

Disabling perpetrators

04

Enhancing detection & interdiction

05

Tackling cyber-enabled illicit trade

06

Tracing the origin & movement of goods through supply chains



National leadership

- Whole-Government strategic review
- Lead authority
- National strategy
- Coordination mechanism
- Regional governance bodies
- Trade-related mechanisms



Root causes, drivers

- Evidence-based policy & awareness campaigns
- Reinvesting confiscated criminal assets in affected communities
- Reviewing post-seizure procedures
- Peace operations, state-building & development



Disabling perpetrators

- Criminalisation & effective penalties
- Money laundering including trade-based
- Financial investigations & criminal asset recovery
- Special investigative techniques
- Inter-agency task forces & joint investigations
- Two-way cooperation with private sector
- Targeting corruption links



Detection & interdiction

- Targeting high-risk consignments
- Empowering & properly resourcing Customs
- Cooperation between Customs and other enforcement agencies
- Transparency & oversight in FTZs
- Emerging technologies?



Online intermediaries & cryptomarkets

- Engaging & defining responsibilities of online intermediaries
- Regulating cryptoexchanges, miners, etc.
- Addressing capacity needs to investigate Dark Web and cryptomarkets
- Monitoring data and traffic on Dark Web



Provenance & supply chain traceability

- Licensing & import/ export controls
- Industry-wide due diligence standards
- Authentication, tracking & tracing mechanisms
- Distributed ledger technologies?

SIX TRACKS FOR CONCRETE & COORDINATED ACTION



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WHERE TO FROM HERE?

- Refine the Siracusa Guidelines through inclusive and participatory consultations
 - UN Crime Congress, Kyoto, 20-27 April 2020
- Consider the most effective and feasible approach for reviewing compliance on-the-ground



- Identify countries (or regions) and businesses willing to pilot-test the concept



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