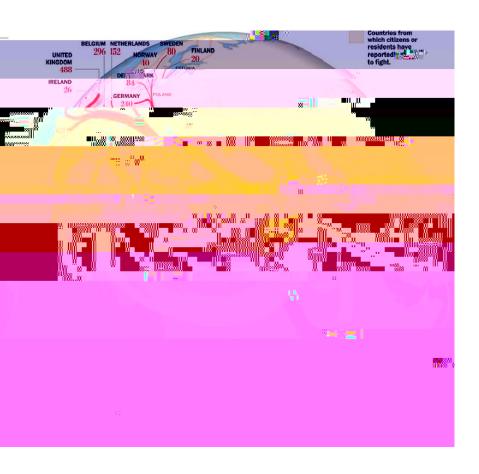




The threat posed by the funding of FTFs and returnees and their possible involvement in supporting dormant cells and the current efforts to develop more effective strategies for sharing of information by FIUs and security services

UN Headquarters New York 12-13 December 2016

First Advocate General
Director Belgian Financial Intelligence Unit



The issue of FTFs is a new phenomenon

FTFs are considered one of the main forms of material support to terrorist groups

FTFs-> (where?)

Daesh-> affiliates?





## 1. Self-funding

Social

Revenues from professional activities

Savings accounts

Fraudulently obtained consumer

## Kouachi brothers

20 % of smuggling or contraband of cigarettes finance terrorist activities

Case study of the Moroccan authorities

BE Case study



Donations
Oil and gas revenues
Local taxes
Extortion of local population
Iraqi Bank looting
Kidnapping for ransom
Human trafficking (slaves)



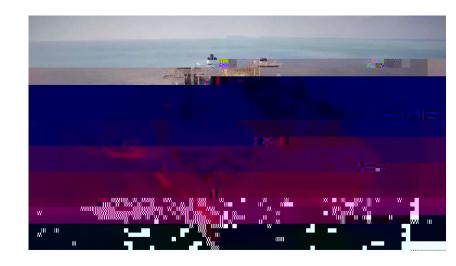
STS transfer of oil

Each oil field has a unique
, which can be used to identify the source of oil.

Creation of a database of oil

Creation of a database of oil samples (or chemical footprints) from the oil fields in the conflict areas

Relevant (oil versus migrants)?



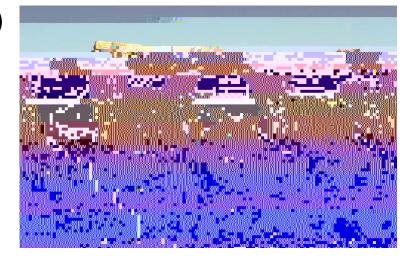
Link between terrorism and organized crime structures

Produced (and used by FTF) in Syria

ULB Conference (Brussels, 29/11/2016)

a new phenomenon

Extent of the problem:



Source of TF

Links with criminal activity (organised crime)

: Role of art dealers in the AML/OFT?
Role of FTZ?

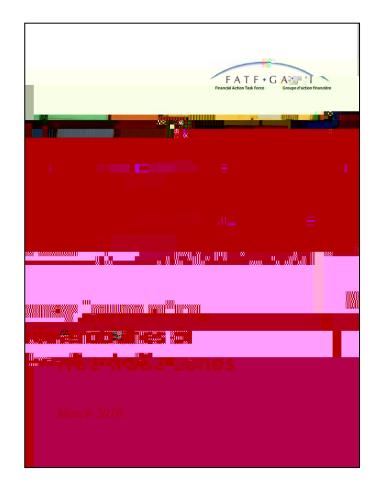
2010: FATF study on FTZ led by BE and US

FTZ or customs warehouses used for trafficking in Syrian cultural artefacts

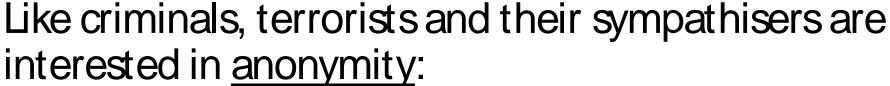
Panama Papers help to find back a Modigliani stolen during the second world war (in a FTZ in Switzerland)

Looted Palmyra treasures discovered in Geneva warehouse

More TF links



<u>Update</u> of the FTZ ATF Study?



Physical movement of cash

Prepaid cards

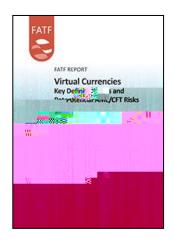
Crowdfunding

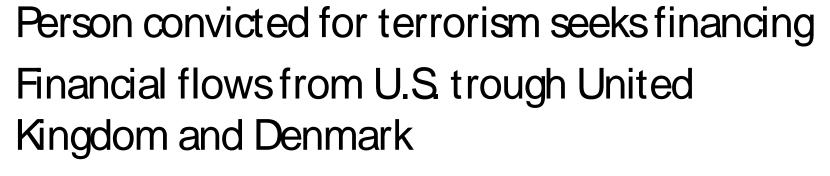
## Virtual currencies

While transactions may be traceable, it proves difficult to identify the actual end-user or beneficiary

Cryptocurrencies







Crowdfunding vs crowdlending legal framework?

Cooperation with Financial Services and Markets Authority and National Bank

Infantile pornography (80%) but also drugs, weapons

Information from foreign counterpart on possible terrorism financing using Bitcoin

Bit coinaddress IP-address?

Use of Tor?

Reaction FIU??

What about the physical person who is behind these technological veils?

New technology (decentralized ledger of encrypted transactions)

Reactive by nature: reception of SARs

Fight against TF requires proactive, even preemptive approach

FlUs part of the intelligence community



Strategic intelligence











## is shared with the right people at the

right time

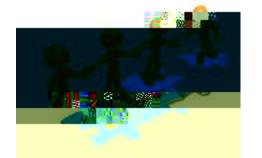
information is counter-productive

information sharing is risky, especially in the context of terrorism and terrorist financing activities

Could I have be useful to someone else?

Information has when exchanged with others





Have to exchange information with law enforcement, intelligence services on cases of ML or TF

: FIU, law enforcement, intelligence

services

Common (FIU, law enforcement, intelligence services) and

Information flow from FlUs to intelligence services ( of the Belgian AML/OFT law)

CT Infobox, Belgian dynamic FTF database

Specific TF working groups or task forces between public and private sector

Compliance officers with security clearances

**JMUT** 

Regular meetings with compliance officers of major banks

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Terrorism and terrorist financing are cross-border activities

FIU analysis showed that several of those suspected of the Paris attacks travelled all around Europe, using prepaid credit cards, spending money in airports, on motorways, in

Investigations into the terrorist attacks: increased information sharing with neighbouring countries (mainly France and Luxembourg)

Created a new dynamic in the exchange of information with these two FlUs



