

10 arrests following a controlled delivery of drugs across Europe



November 2021 – The Romanian prosecutor in charge of the case issues an **indictment**.



14-19 May 2021 – Following the Romanian authorities' historical drugs seizure on 10 May, a **controlled delivery** is swiftly arranged through Eurojust, with Europol providing analytical support and also facilitating information exchange. The operation involves **Romania, Belgium, the Netherlands, Hungary, Austria, Germany, Slovakia, Slovenia** and the **Czech Republic**.

Ten arrests are made – one in Romania, two in the Netherlands, including of the suspected ring leader, and seven in Belgium. Several properties are searched to secure evidence for the judicial follow-up. Eurojust supports the transmission and implementation of numerous **European Investigation Orders** and **European Arrest Warrants** during the operation.



I am delighted that Eurojust has been able to provide swift and professional support to this investigation and contribute to the success of taking down this criminal network. Without the timely, professional and coordinated intervention of the competent national authorities involved in this operation, the drugs would have reached the market and created serious consequences for people's lives.

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12 May 2021 – At the initiative of the Romanian Desk at Eurojust, a **coordination meeting** is organised via videoconference to prepare for a controlled delivery operation.



10 May 2021 – Romanian authorities detect and **seize 1 452 kilos of heroin**, with a **street value of EU 45 million**, in the port of Constanta.



July 2020 – the Romanian authorities launch an investigation into a complex logistical and legal trade infrastructure established by an organised crime group earlier the same year. A number of companies across the EU are used by the criminal network to organise and conceal its distribution of large quantities of drugs behind a facade of legal trade.

