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The aim of this project is to enhance international police cooperation to effectively fight against mafia-type organizations and disrupt 'Ndrangheta global networks.

Situation

The 'Ndrangheta is one of the most extensive and powerful criminal organizations in the world. Its roots are in the Italian region of Calabria but it has now expanded to 32 countries worldwide and continues to grow at a steady rate.

The insidious spread of mafia-type crime poses an urgent threat to international peace and security, due to its penetration into political and economic environments and the widespread corruption associated with it.



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Response

The I-CAN initiative works with selected countries to combat the growing mafia phenomenon. It coordinates a global law enforcement approach through the exchange of expertise, intelligence and best practices.

Funded by the Italian Department of Public Security, the project will raise global awareness and understanding about the 'Ndrangheta and their modus operandi to more effectively identify and arrest suspects.

I-CAN will be developed across three key pillars:

- **Content** – Building on Italy's direct experience and knowledge of the threat posed by 'Ndrangheta, its structure and how it operates.
- **Access** – Making this vital policing information available to the targeted countries, in order to identify patterns, trends and potential targets for law enforcement.
- **Action** – Coordination of joint investigations with national law enforcement agencies to identify and arrest individuals wanted in connection with 'Ndrangheta-linked activities.

The project will maximize the exploitation of criminal information by using INTERPOL's global architecture to enhance the exchange of data between law enforcement services and specialized units. In addition, I-CAN will explore the use of advanced criminal intelligence analysis, such as predictive technologies, to further investigations.

Participating countries

In addition to Italy, I-CAN will focus its activities in 10 countries at the forefront of the fight against 'Ndrangheta from Europe, the Americas and the Pacific. The initiative will develop a framework for multilateral cooperation involving National Central Bureaus, special investigation units, prosecutors, and police liaison officers.



How the 'Ndrangheta works

The 'Ndrangheta is supported by its enormous financial power built mainly on drug trafficking, corruption and the diversion of public funds through fraud and rigged contracts.

Profits are reinvested using sophisticated money laundering techniques. In many countries, what appears to be 'clean' funding eventually has the effect of polluting, corrupting and strangling the economy as it changes the mechanisms of competition and drives honest entrepreneurs out of the market.

The control of public procurement does not usually involve violence or intimidation but is through the establishment of companies which use collusion and corruption.

The 'Ndrangheta has acquired direct or indirect control of companies operating across all areas of society including the construction, catering, import and export, transport, gaming and betting, waste collection and disposal businesses.

Taking advantage of advances in technology, the 'Ndrangheta also uses the deepweb and Darknet to carry out illicit commerce.



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