

Europol Enhances Law Enforcement Cooperation with the Gulf States



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With the objective of enhancing cooperation between the Gulf Cooperation Council Police (GCCPOL) and Europol in the fight against organised crime and terrorism, the **first meeting** of senior law enforcement officials took place in Abu Dhabi on 5 and 6 February 2025. GCCPOL is a regional law enforcement organisation established by the member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC): Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. It acts as a hub for police cooperation and criminal intelligence sharing between these countries.

The first meeting was attended by law enforcement officials from the above-mentioned countries, law enforcement officials from EU Member States, and representatives from GCCPOL and Europol. Both organisations reaffirmed their commitment to enhance cooperation on the basis of a Letter of Intent signed in 2017. The following common security threats are to be tackled in the future:

- Cybercrime;
- Financial crime;
- Money laundering;
- Online child exploitation;
- Human trafficking;
- Environmental crime.

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