Project title:
Professional Training and Expert Knowledge Expansion in the Field of Criminal Data Exchange
Project ID: BBA Plusz 1.2.1-24-2024-00001

In response to the call for proposals titled "Professional Training and Expert Knowledge Expansion in the Field of Criminal Data Exchange," the International Training Centre submitted a grant application, which was approved for funding by the Managing Authority of the Internal Security Fund in October 2024.

Beneficiary	International Training Centre
Project title	: Professional Training and Expert Knowledge Expansion in the Field of Criminal Data Exchange
Project ID	BBA Plusz-24-2024-00001
Implementation period	1 July 2024 – 31 December 2027
Grant amount	HUF 330,703,700
Funding source	Internal Security Fund Plus (ISF+)

The project aims to enhance cross-border criminal data and information exchange, thereby supporting the fight against and prevention of serious and organized cross-border crime. This will be achieved through the delivery of practice-oriented professional trainings and the promotion of the expansion and exchange of expert knowledge for members of the law enforcement sector and other relevant stakeholders.

Through the development and dissemination of knowledge supporting data exchange, the project activities will contribute to improving the efficiency of information-sharing processes. This, in turn, will strengthen criminal information exchange concerning passenger name record (PNR) data for international air travel, as well as the Schengen Information System (SIS), which was established to guarantee freedom, security, and justice and enhanced with new functions as of March 2023.

The project also supports the exploitation of synergies by sharing resources, knowledge, and practices — for instance, building on the results and experiences of the national PNR counter-terrorism program — and by fostering enhanced cooperation between national and foreign authorities, including through joint training sessions involving police officers, National Tax and Customs Administration (NAV) officials, prosecutors, and judges.

During the project implementation period (from 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2027), the project will facilitate the training of a total of 887 individuals, the organization of 17 exchange programs/workshops, and the purchase of 32 pieces of equipment.

In addition to the specific capacity-building activities in the above-mentioned professional areas, the project will broaden professional knowledge in the priority fields of criminal data exchange within the law enforcement sector (PNR, SIS) and strengthen networks among experts. The mid-term unification of training programs will help rationalize administrative burdens and avoid redundancies. Furthermore, by planning specific training programs for each priority area of criminal data exchange and integrating these programs into the law enforcement continuing education system, the project will also offer opportunities for the domestic target group to earn continuing education credits.

To ensure the efficient use of BBA Plusz resources, professional concepts aligned with the objectives of the BBA — including implementation frameworks, timelines, and the range of equipment to be procured — were developed within professional working groups involving partner organizations and experts in adult education, training, and human resources management. During this process, we identified and considered the target group's current short- and medium-term workload, training obligations, and the findings of CEPOL's latest "EU Strategic Training Needs Assessment."

Utilizing the free capacities of the International Training Centre, efforts will be made to organize trainings and exchanges of experience at its own facilities or those of its partner institutions. This will ensure a reduction in unit costs and maximize the number of training programs delivered.

Project Title:
Competence Development for the Effective Combat against Cross-Border Crime
Project ID: BBA Plus-3.1.1-24-2024-00001

In response to the call for proposals titled *"Competence Development for the Effective Combat against Cross-Border Crime"*, the International Training Centre (ITC) submitted a funding application, which was approved for support by the Managing Authority for the Internal Security Funds in August 2024.

Beneficiary	International Training Centre
Project Title	Competence Development for the Effective Combat against Cross-Border Crime
Project ID	BBA Plus-3.1.1-24-2024-00001
Project Implementation Period	1 September 2024 – 31 December 2027
Amount of Funding	HUF 1,229,440,259
Funding Source	Internal Security Fund Plus (ISF+)

The project aims to support the fight against serious and organised cross-border crime and its prevention by implementing targeted training programs and facilitating knowledge exchanges for the law enforcement sector and other relevant stakeholders.

Throughout the project implementation period (from 1 September 2024 to 31 December 2027), the project will enable the training of a total of 2,459 participants, the execution of five exchange programs/workshops/study visits, and the acquisition of 195 items of equipment/devices.

To ensure the effective use of ISF+ resources, professional concepts aligned with the ISF objectives—covering implementation frameworks, timelines, and the range of equipment to be procured—were developed within professional working groups involving partner organizations as well as experts in adult education, training, and human resources management. During this process, the current, short- and medium-term workloads and training obligations of the target groups were also taken into account.

The main thematic focus of the training programs and exchanges reflects certain EMPACT 2022–2025 priorities, such as trafficking in human beings, migrant smuggling, drug and firearms trafficking, cybercrime, and environmental crimes. This core focus is complemented by additional knowledge expansion and dissemination activities relating to other EMPACT thematic areas, such as counter-corruption, combating the sexual exploitation of children, and counter-terrorism (including CBRN/E issues and victim identification).

The training programs will place special emphasis on analytical and assessment activities—including criminal, financial, operational, and OSINT analysis, risk assessment, and internal threat surveys—as well as on practical, hands-on training related to laboratory and forensic services and tasks arising during criminal asset recovery operations.

Given that EMPACT cooperation, which ensures a complex criminal justice response to key crime areas, involves the tasks and competencies of several Hungarian institutions, the project is implemented through the collaboration of nine cooperating organizations:

- Constitution Protection Office (AH)
- Information Office (IH)
- Office of the Prosecutor General
- Rapid Response Police (KR)
- National Tax and Customs Administration (NAV)
- National Information Centre (NIK)
- National Bureau of Investigation (NNI)
- National Protective Service (NVSZ)
- National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (OIF)

The implementation builds upon the organizational elements and supporting functions created along EMPACT priorities, as well as the relevant EU-level training achievements and experiences of the National Bureau of Investigation and the National Protective Service.

As a result of the project, there will be a specific capacity strengthening across the aforementioned (mostly EMPACT-related) professional fields. Furthermore, the medium-term formalization of the multidisciplinary training programs, under the guidance of the national EMPACT coordinator, will contribute to the rationalization of administrative burdens and the avoidance of redundancies.

The project will also facilitate the involvement of both domestic and foreign experts participating in the implementation and forming the target groups of the trainings, by enabling forward planning of training programs in each priority crime area. Moreover, through the integration of these training programs into the national law enforcement continuing education system, participants will have the opportunity to earn continuing education credits.