

Fighting illicit trade in tobacco through cooperation with Law Enforcement

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- **The illicit trade in tobacco products is amongst the most lucrative source of revenue, anywhere; and with the least risk.**
 - **BAT (and Industry) fully supports the EU Commission's Serious & Organised Crime Priorities 2013 – 2017, and are active within them...**
 - **... as we support EU Commission initiatives to control our supply chains.**
 - **We work closely with a number of EU and Member States' Law Enforcement on Intelligence & Enforcement; and can facilitate wider cooperation.**
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- **Industry support can be a ‘force multiplier’**
 - Quantifying the problem
 - Critical/actionable intelligence
 - Facilitate support
 - **‘public-private’ cooperation is occurring elsewhere; it can be improved in the EU.**
 - **Tobacco Industry cooperation with EU agencies as well as Member States’ Police & Customs agencies needs to progress.**
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