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EUROPOL'S COOPERATION WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN THE SECURITY FIELD

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Outline

- ❑ Overview of cooperation frameworks
- ❑ Bilateral cooperation prospects
- ❑ Regional cooperation prospects
- ❑ Way forward: strategic and operational considerations

Overview of cooperation frameworks

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Operational Agreements: Colombia (2010)

- Exchanges of personal data
- Liaison Bureau at Europol, SIENA, EIS



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Strategic Agreements: Brazil (2017)

- Exchanges of non-personal data
- Liaison Bureau at Europol, SIENA



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Working Arrangements: exchanges of non-personal data

Mexico (2020) – Liaison Bureau, SIENA

Chile (2021) – pending SIENA and Liaison Bureau



Operational successes

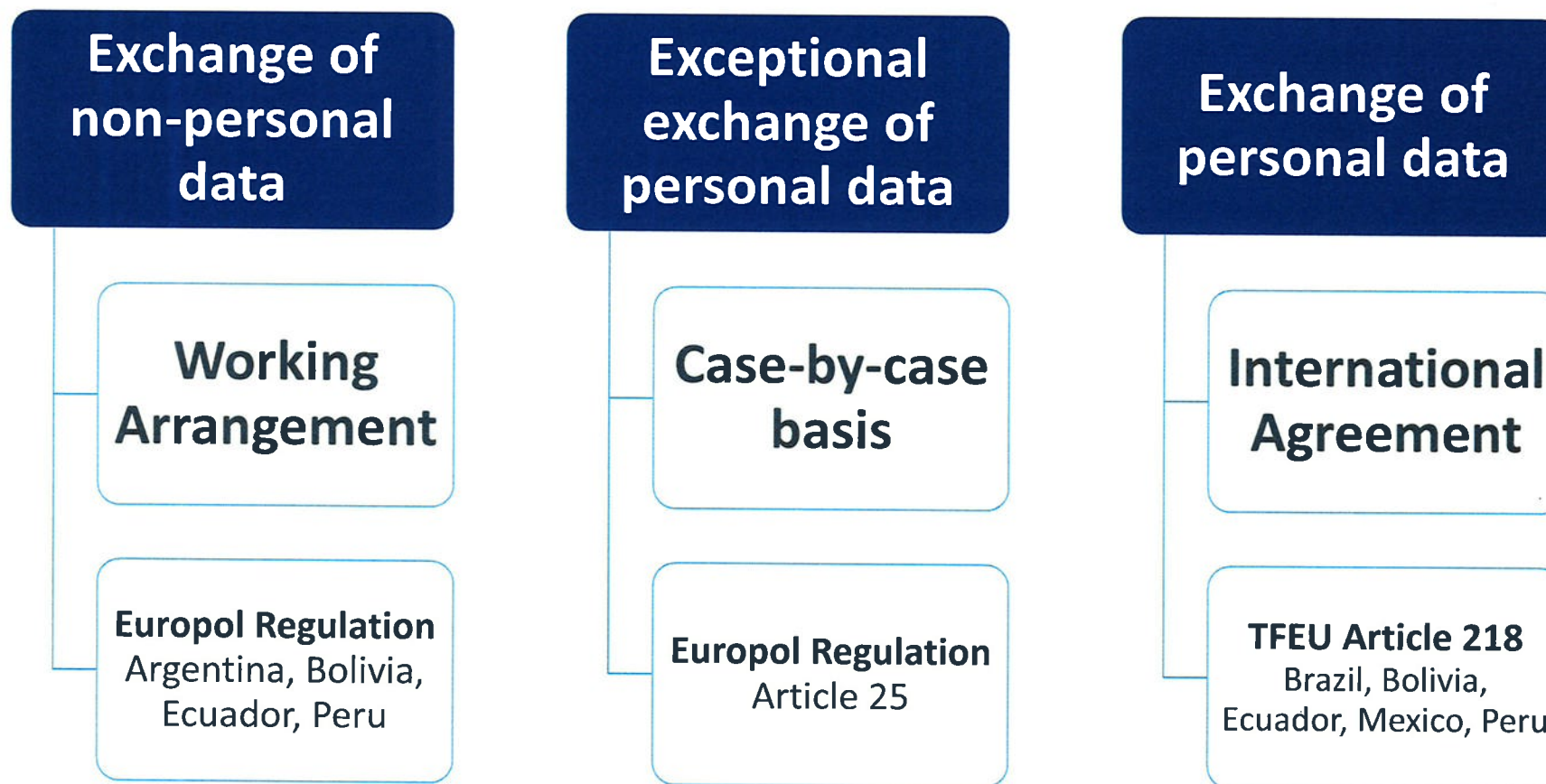
Colombia

- **Operation TAYRONA** (ongoing)
 - [REDACTED]
- **Operation SQUID**
 - ES, CO, LV
 - 13 arrests
 - 6.5 tonnes of cocaine = EUR 223 million
 - EUR 1.5 mln in cash
 - vehicles, electronics, etc.

Brazil

- **Operation HINTERLAND**
 - BR, FR, DE, ES
 - 15 arrests
 - 17 tonnes of cocaine = billions of EUR
 - EUR 80 mln in frozen assets
 - seizure of 173 vehicles, 1 aircraft
 - freezing of bank accounts: 147 individuals & 66 companies

Europol's cooperation frameworks



Regional cooperation prospects



EL PACCTO = technical assistance programme against transnational organised crime between Latin America and the EU



Jaguar Network = network of police specialised in environmental crimes in Latin America and the EU

Way forward: strategic and operational considerations



- Maintain **strategic engagement** via the Latin America Internal Security Committee (CLASI), the Police Community of the Americas (Ameripol), EU-CELAC framework (Community of Latin American and Caribbean States)
- Continue **bi-regional cooperation** via International Agreements and/or Working Arrangements, incl. via EMPACT
- Build on **existing and future programmes** in the region
 - EL PAcCTO 2.0
 - Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre – Narcotics (MAOC-N)
 - Cooperation Programme between Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union on drug policy (COPOLAD)

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