9 million fake sedative pills removed from circulation by Hungarian and Norwegian Police



Over 9 million counterfeit sedative tablets have been seized as a result of a joint operation between the Hungarian National Police (Magyar Rendőrség) and the Norwegian Police (Politi) with the support of Europol and Eurojust.

The two leaders of this criminal network were arrested in Hungary, alongside three of their accomplices, as a result of house searches carried out on 24-25 March.

The criminals were producing counterfeit Clonazepam tablets in an underground laboratory. Some 250 kilos and 300 litres of various precursors were found on-the-spot.

Clonazepam is prescribed for a range of health issues, including panic disorders and seizures.

The counterfeit pills produced by this criminal network were made to look identical to legitimate medication, but failed to meet the quality requirements of their pharmaceutical counterparts.

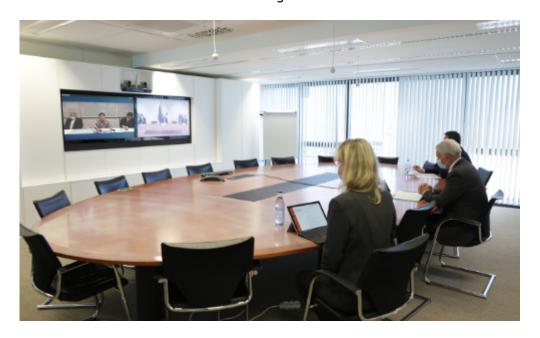
The counterfeit pills were sold across Europe, with Norway being one of the main destinations.

Europol's Analysis Project COPY falling under Europol's European Economic and Financial Crime Centre (EFECC) was central in this investigation. Its analysts helped identify the country in which the underground laboratory was located. During the action day, Europol also provided to the investigators in the field remote access to its databases, allowing for the cross-check of information in real-time.

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Today, 29 March 2021, the Executive Director of the EUIPO, Christian Archambeau, had a first virtual meeting withthe new Director General, Mr Vuttikrai Leewiraphan, of the <u>Department of Intellectual Property in Thailand (DIP)</u>.

The objective of the meeting was to discuss the EUIPO-DIP ongoing cooperation activities and identify future priorities, as defined by the technical bilateral cooperation framework and the <u>IP Key South-East Asia (SEA)</u> and <u>ARISE+ IPR</u> projects.

In the introduction, Mr Archambeau expressed gratitude for all the support the DIP has given in accomplishing the EU-funded projects running in the region, in particular, the IP Key SEA which is in its 4th year of implementation, as well as for the DIP's key participation in the ARISE+ IPR activities. The DIP has also been a very active office as regards the integration of tools for the benefit of the IP community, such as TMview in 2019 and DesignView and TMclass, which are soon to come.

This <u>EUIPO</u> international cooperation activity falls under Strategic Driver 1 – Interconnected, Effective and Reliable IP System of the EUIPO's Strategic Plan 2020-2025. It contributes to Strategic Goal 1.1 – Matching tools and practices with users' needs with Key Initiative 3 – Enhanced engagement with

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