The latest WCO’s Illicit Trade Reports show a steady growth in the volume of cocaine seized yearly.

The UN WDR 2018 highlights that the range of drugs as well as drug markets are expanding and diversifying as never before.

Only enhanced international cooperation can enable enforcement agencies to rise to the challenge imposed by drug trafficking, as well as to improve global security and promote the rule of law.

This project is being implemented as part of the WCO Strategic Plan: “Protect society, public health and safety, and contribute to combating crime and terrorism” (Compliance and Enforcement Package), and in line with the role of Customs in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015, in particular SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.
What we know about GENERAL AVIATION (GA)

Covers all civil aviation activities except commercial transport.

Uses many secondary aerodromes where there are few, if any, administrative controls.

Is subject to less stringent security measures, and inspection mechanisms.

**GA represents an opportunity for organized crime**

A fast and effective mode of transport, that can cover long distances, and can use small airports where monitoring is limited.

Potential for clandestine activities, without transponders and with a high payload capacity.

An exclusive means of conveyance with less rigorous controls at international airports.

**OUR AIM**

To meet the challenge of improving security in this sensitive sector by stepping up international coordination between enforcement agencies.
Colibri Project

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Three Objectives

1. Capacity building for national administrations through train-the-trainers events and tutoring
2. Creation of a worldwide database on general aviation as well as a geoportal which will incorporate dynamic technical data
3. Organization of coordinated international operations targeting private, business and leisure aviation

The Colibri Project follows the Cocaine Route
A COMPREHENSIVE, INNOVATIVE PROJECT

A unique, long-term project that addresses GA as a whole: private international business aviation, regional and national leisure aviation, and clandestine private flights.

A project that supports modern targeting and control techniques by national enforcement agencies.

An innovative project that aims to promote coordination and intelligence sharing through a multidisciplinary approach.

As close to production as possible

In cooperation with countries in destination zones

In transit zones

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The WCO
DRUGS AND PRECURSORS PROGRAMME

The COLIBRI Project falls under the Drugs and Precursors Programme of the WCO Secretariat.

Drug trafficking has an enormous negative impact on public health and safety in our societies and jeopardizes the economic development of States. It is closely linked to other illegal activities, and its proceeds are used by organized criminal groups with possible links to terrorist organizations.

The WCO Drugs and Precursors Programme is aimed at countering global illegal trade covering the cultivation, manufacturing, distribution and sale of substances which are subject to drug restriction and prohibition laws.

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