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The European Drug Report 2025¹ points to high availability of cocaine in the EU. As announced in ProtectEU², the Commission adopted an EU action plan against drug trafficking³ and a new EU drugs strategy⁴ in 2025. The strategy seeks to address the drug situation in a balanced, comprehensive approach; the action plan will promote targeted activities addressing drug trafficking routes, enhancing crime prevention and international cooperation.

In 2026, the Commission will propose new rules on organised crime to dismantle criminal networks more effectively. The Commission encourages Member States to transpose as a matter of priority the 2024 asset recovery and confiscation rules should be transposed to strengthen the follow the money approach⁵. Moreover, through the European Ports Alliance and upcoming Ports Strategy, the Commission is reinforcing public-private security cooperation across all ports.

Half of the EU's most dangerous criminal networks are involved in drug trafficking⁶, which is and will remain a key threat to internal security⁷. The new action plan against drug trafficking aims to strengthen law enforcement and judicial cooperation efforts. The Commission has started negotiations to increase Eurojust operational cooperation with key third countries through cooperation agreements, notably with Latin America.

There is no evidence highlighting a specific link between migration and cocaine trafficking in Europe.

¹ https://www.euda.europa.eu/publications/european-drug-report/2025_en.

² COM(2025) 148 final.

³ COM(2025) 744 final.

⁴ COM(2025) 743 final.

⁵ Directive (EU) 2024/1260 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 April 2024 on asset recovery and confiscation, OJ L, 2024/1260, 2 May 2024.

⁶ Europol (2024), Decoding the EU's most threatening criminal networks.

⁷ Europol (2025), EU Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment, <https://www.europol.europa.eu/cms/sites/default/files/documents/EU-SOCTA-2025.pdf>.