

Jury report of the Expert Committee Anti Fraud Award 2021

The Anti Fraud Award is intended as a token of appreciation for a person, an organisation or an initiative that has demonstrably distinguished itself in the fight against fraud or corruption and is therefore a shining example and a source of inspiration for others.

The Expert Committee chose 3 out of 20 promising candidates and initiatives that, in their opinion are eligible for the Anti Fraud Award 2021.

In the selection procedure the Expert Committee was guided by fraud and corruption in a broad sense of the word.

With regard to the qualification distinguished, consideration is given to whether the person or initiative:

- has been effective and proactive in combatting fraud or corruption;
- has been an influencer and shining example for a broad audience;
- has visibly contributed to the resilience of society.

Undoubtedly operation OTF Greenlight/Trojan Shield meets this criteria.

Why OTF Greenlight/Trojan Shield?

Because this international operation has been one of the most advanced successes in the battle against criminal activities in 16 countries. Among other things, undercover actions were used to convince more than 300 crime syndicates in more than 100 countries to use encrypted communication, that was bugged from the 1st minute by police.

The Expert Committee judged as follows:

One of the biggest and most unique law enforcement operations ever, that's how to describe this project best. Europol, in close cooperation with the FBI, made a significant contribution to this operation by providing operational support and acting as a focal point for central intelligence and information exchange. Daring and innovative. It shows that law enforcement move with time and pro-actively looking for new methods to remain relevant in a digitizing world, according to the Expert Committee.

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