

SPANISH ANTICOUNTERFEITING FRAMEWORK. CASE STUDY: DISMANTLING 500€ PRINTSHOP

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- **SUMMARY**





Link to video:

<https://www.bde.es/wbe/es/noticias-eventos/recursos-informativos/videos/la-organizacion-de-la-lucha-contra-la-falsificacion-df8dd0196f64781.html>

The Criminal Code (Article 386)



8 to 12 years

and



x 10

- Those who **counterfeit** or **alter** it.
- Those who **import** it into Spain or any other EU Member State.
- Those who **export, transport, spend or distribute** it while knowing that it is counterfeit.



3 to 6 months

and



6 to 24 months

- Those who **spending or distributing** it, **after discovering that it is counterfeit**, despite having received it in good faith.

BIBE (Spain NCO): Main functions and obligations



- The gathering and analysis of data relating to euro counterfeiting.
- Coordination with any law enforcement agencies.
- Transmit suspected counterfeit euro banknotes and coins to the NAC/CNAC.
- The investigation and prosecution of offences related to the counterfeiting.
- Information sharing between the NCO and the Europol National Unit.
- The implementation of the rapid alert and coordination procedures.
- Cooperation in order to protect the euro against counterfeiting.

NAC /CNAC: Main functions and obligations



- The gathering and analysis of technical and statistical data relating to counterfeit euro banknotes and coins.
- The analysis and identification of suspected counterfeit euro banknotes.
- The issue of technical reports at the request of the judicial or police authorities.
- Cooperation in order to protect the euro against counterfeiting.

ORGANIZATION OF FIGHT AGAINST COUNTERFEITING



BANK OF SPAIN

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR



Directorate General
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Directorate General of
Police

Double Dependency

CNA - CNAM



- Specialists
- Technical Resources
- Technical Data Bases

- Police force
- Police Data Bases

INTRODUCTION: TIMELINE

Dismantling a printshop of 500€ counterfeits

08/2019
First
detection



11/2019
Starting to share
statistical
information



03/2020
First variant
detection



09/2022
Operation day:
dismantling



10/2019
Police
operation
“Las vegas”



02/2020
NAC alert of
possible relation
with a previous
counterfeit



08/2021
More than 4
million euro
seizure



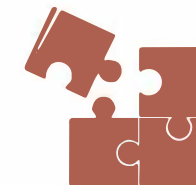
10/2022
Looking for
evidence



BACKGROUND OF THE POLICE OPERATION

Possible relation with a previous dismantling

**Former
seizure 2009**



Indicative 2019



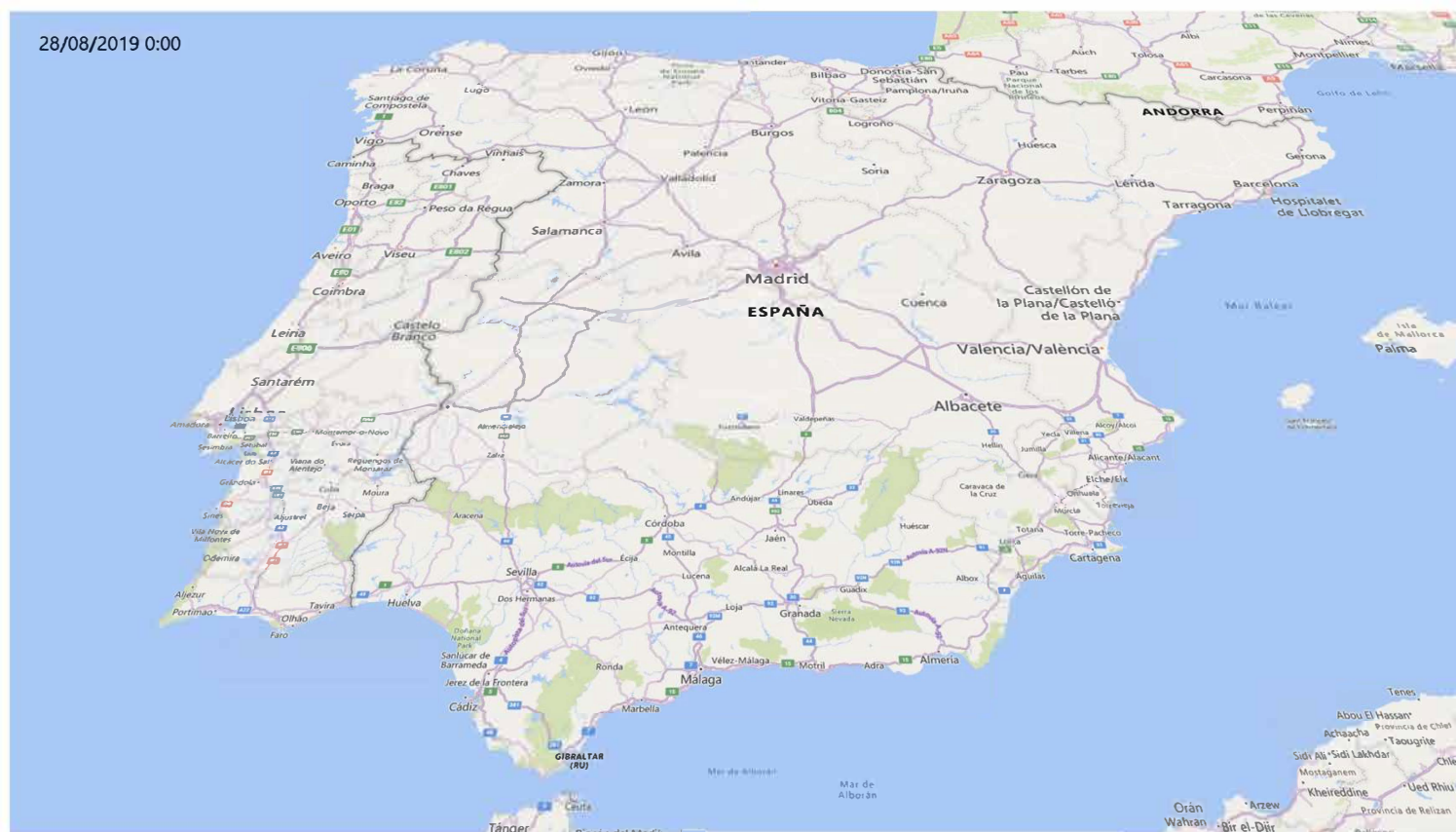


- **Printing methods:**
 - Offset printing on both sides (linework).
 - Silkscreen printing of color-changing number.
 - Letterpress printing of serial numbers.
- **Embossing** to simulate the intaglio printing.
- Offset-printed **watermark** (back side).
- **Physical security thread** without micro-text.
- High-quality **hologram** applied by hot foil stamping.
- **Color-changing number** with colour shift similar to the genuine.
- **Fluorescent fibres** and inks.
- Well-imitated **IR properties**.
- Imitation of **magnetic properties**.

CLASSES DISTRIBUTION

Statistical information. New indicative 2019 and its variant 2020

Evolution over time of classes **New indicative 2019** and **Variant 2020** in Spain
(Number of counterfeits detected in circulation per month and year)



POLICE OPERATION DETAILS

Casino operation



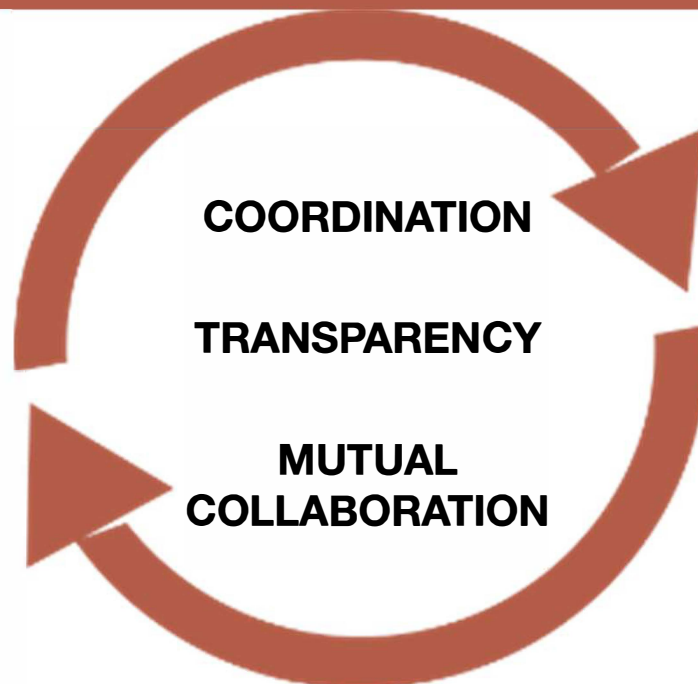
- **Action day:** 21/09/2022
- **Main participation of:** BIBE, National Police, Mossos d'Esquadra (in total, 10 units were involved).
Coordination by Europol
- **Simultaneous police actions** in five Spanish provinces: Alicante, Valencia, Málaga, Barcelona and Teruel
- **10 searches** led to the detention of 12 people
- **Searches:** seven houses, one caravan and two warehouses

EQUIPMENT SEIZED IN “LA NUCIA”

Industrial warehouse in “La Nucia” (Alicante): professional printing presses and products used in the printing industry were seized.



BANCODE **ESPAÑA**
Eurosistema
CNA / CNAM



DURING THE INVESTIGATION

Technical and statistical information

ACTION DAY OF THE POLICE OPERATION

Physical presence on action day

AFTER THE DISMANTLING

Analysis of seized materials and technical reports

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

