

A joint European website to locate fugitives

Europol, the EU law enforcement agency, launched the first European website containing a list of Europe's most wanted fugitives. The dedicated website was created by the European Network of Fugitive Active (ENFAST), made up of police officers from the 28 EU Member States.

Through this website anyone can provide useful information - also anonymously - on high-profile-internationally-wanted criminals, convicted of or suspected of having committed serious crimes or terror attacks in Europe. The website contents will be managed and published by ENFAST national teams.

The decision was made to present a compact list with a restricted number of fugitives, which will be selected and updated by each country based on their national priorities. Italy currently entered two fugitives: Matteo Messina Denaro, a Cosa Nostra mafia boss, and Ernesto Fazzalari, a 'Ndrangheta multiple murderer, who was sentenced to life.

In Italy the International Police Cooperation Service (SCIP) of the Criminal Police Directorate is in charge of updating the website and coordinating the activity with the other teams. The SCIP's director, Gennaro Capoluongo, commenting on the initiative, said: "Combating crime requires cooperation and real-time sharing of any useful information for apprehending fugitives, and in this respect Europol's website is an important investigative tool".

Italian version

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