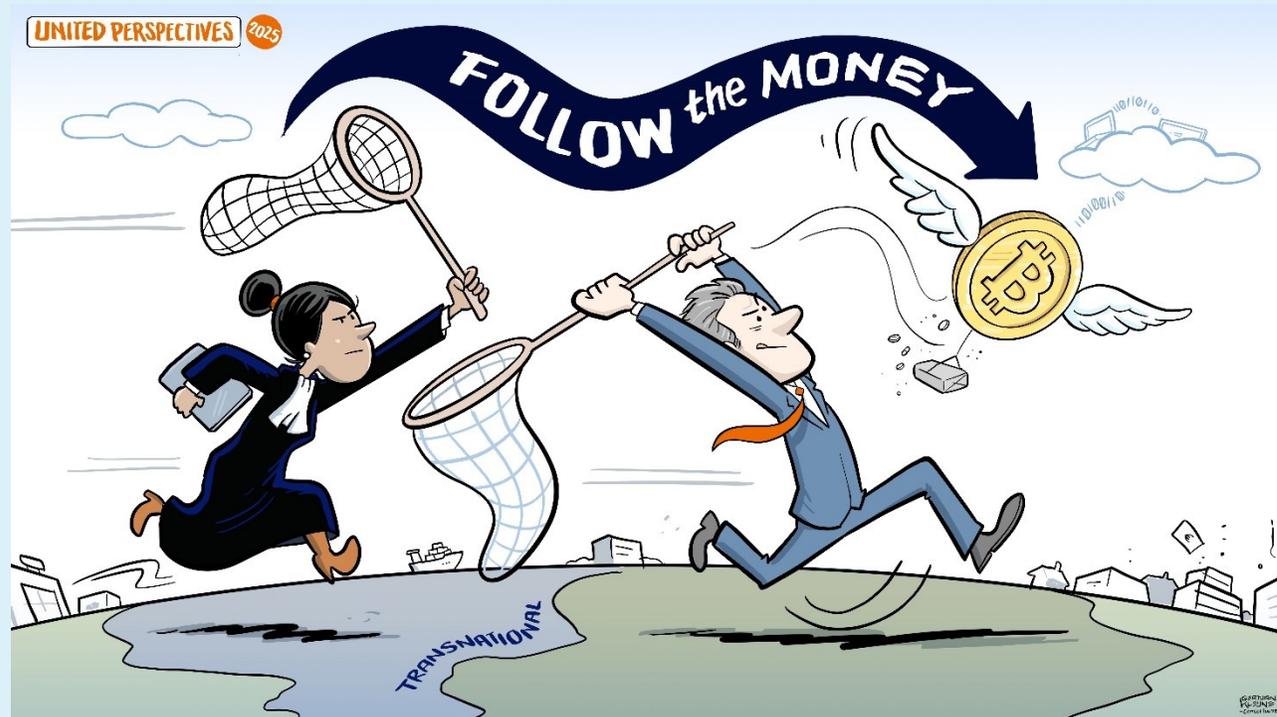**Tessa van Roomen, Public Prosecutor**
OECD Academy, Ostia, 8 May 2025

Follow the Crypto

Netherlands criminal law enforcement practices

Dutch police seize €41 million in cryptocurrency in record cybercrime bust

The Dutch police have seized over 41 million euros in cryptocurrency in 2024, a record-breaking amount linked to suspected criminal activities. The confiscation, conducted by the Team High Tech Crime, marks a significant escalation in the Netherlands' fight against organized cybercrime.

Developer of Tornado Cash gets jail sentence for laundering billions of dollars in cryptocurrency

's-Hertogenbosch, 14 mei 2024

The district court of Oost-Brabant has sentenced a 31 year old Russian, residing in Amstelveen, to an imprisonment of 5 years and 4 months. The court ruled that the man developed and maintained a software tool, called Tornado Cash, with which in total over 2 billion U.S. dollars was laundered.

Dutch Authorities Make Arrests in Crypto Money Laundering Probes

NEWS

The Dutch Fiscal Intelligence and Investigation Services (FIOD) arrested two men Monday on suspicion of laundering millions of dollars in cryptocurrency, according to a joint statement by the Joint Chiefs of Global Tax Enforcement (J5).

Dutch authorities arrest man for alleged bitcoin terrorism financing

A 32-year-old man from North Holland was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of financing terrorism through Bitcoin transactions and violating the Dutch Sanctions Act. The arrest was made and reported by the Dutch Fiscal Information and Investigation Service (FIOD). Authorities searched the suspect's residence, seizing mobile phones and other digital storage devices as part of the ongoing investigation.

Follow the crypto – law enforcement practices

How to find a suspect in the real world?

- Blockchain analysis

- Searches

- Intrusion into automated networks

- Decrypted criminal communication networks

- **Information requests to (foreign) crypto exchanges**

Follow the crypto – information requests to exchanges

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Follow the crypto – international cooperation

- Given the global nature of cryptocurrencies, international coordination is vital

- Cross-border data sharing

  - between countries/LEAs

  - between LEAs and private actors such as crypto exchanges

Follow the crypto – obstacles & chances

- Practical: knowledge, capacity, budget

- Technical: tooling

- Legal: international cooperation

Wrap up

- International sense of urgency: follow the crypto!

- It takes an international network to fight a criminal network

Thank you for your attention!

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