European arrest warrant in numbers

The **European Arrest Warrant** is a legal procedure that speeds up the handing over of suspects or criminals from one EU Member State to another, so that they can face trial or serve a prison sentence in the country where they committed a crime. It is a tool for judicial authorities to combat crime and terrorism faster and more efficiently across the EU internal borders, ensuring criminals are swiftly brought to justice. In 2017, over **17,000** European arrest warrants were issued.



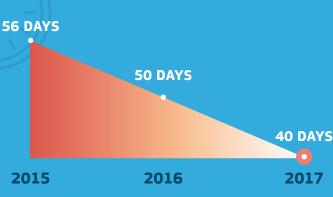
Top European arrest warrant offences



Countries with the highest number of arrested persons



Time from arrest to surrender



The duration of the surrender procedures is decreasing.

WITH CONSENT When the person consented to surrender FROM 1 DAY 15 DAYS 32 DAYS LU EU FI

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