Operation *Perfect Storm*

Crackdown on illegal use of pay-TV signals

In 2019, a major operation led by the Italian desk at Eurojust against an OCG involved in **large scale pay-TV piracy and fraud**, resulted in over 200 servers being taken down. Investigations into the activities of this criminal network, which involved **illegal online streaming through cheap set-top boxes**, continued into 2020

The action resulted in the **arrest in Italy of the alleged leader** of the OCG.

11 November 2020 – In a **joint action** monitored in real time from Eurojust's coordination centre, **over 5 550 computer servers** used to illegally transmit and store television broadcasts, live sports games and films **were taken down** in Italy, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Lithuania, Malta, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden and the Netherlands.

More than 700 police officers were deployed in the countries involved during this operation.

Eurojust provided rapid assistance with the **execution of *European Investigation Orders***.

2020 – Three **coordination meetings** were held at Eurojust in 2020 to exchange information, resolve judicial and operational issues, and organise an action day at the request of the Italian authorities.