## <u>Swiss and Dutch authorities take</u> <u>action against voice phishing</u>

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Yesterday, an action took place in the Netherlands against an internationally active group involved in voice phishing. In the presence of Swiss authorities, two suspects were arrested and several searches were carried out in the Netherlands.

The crimes occurred when bank customers in various countries received e-mails and telephone calls claiming to be from their bank, asking for banking log in information. With this information, the group was able to illegally transfer money out of the customers' accounts.

Swiss authorities began an investigation into the group, and asked the Dutch authorities for assistance. The Dutch authorities also opened their own investigation.

Eurojust held three coordination meetings, in March, April and June 2018, to prepare for today's action. Eurojust also facilitated the discussions regarding mutual legal assistance requests.