ARIN'S TALK: ASSET RECOVERY NETWORK OF GAFILAT-RRAG'S Activities

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Asset Recovery Network of GAFILAT



- The RRAG was created in 2010 based on the CARIN model of regional network, through the initiative of the UNODC, and with the support of the Organization of American States and INTERPOL in order to facilitate identification and location of assets, products or instruments of illegal activities.
- In structure, the network is facilitated by the GAFILAT Secretariat and has two co-chairs who help with the main activities of the contact points.
- The main objectives and commitments of our network is to be consolidated as a center of experience in all aspects to pursue the proceeds of crime, promote the exchange of information and act as an advisory group to the competent national authorities.
- The network also aims to facilitate mutual legal assistance and share good practices, knowledge, and



23 Members 49 contact points





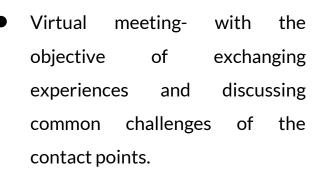
Impact of COVID-19



- Most working remotely. Exceptionally in person.
 - 61% of those surveyed consider that the effects of the pandemic have not significantly affected operational and coordination capacities, especially attending the requests.
- **Reduction of personnel** and therefore they present limitations of operation
- No trends specifically related to COVID-19 have been identified, although in one case there is a greater number of requests for the location of assets related to acts of fraud, which may be fostered by the pandemic.
- The RRAG platform is working normally.



Annual General Meeting of RRAG-November 2020



 Participation of 33 contact points and representatives from GIZ, CARIN, Organization of American States, UNODC and the World Bank.

- Content of the meeting:
- 1. 10th Anniversary of RRAG-<u>Document for strengthening</u> <u>international cooperation</u>

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- 2. Update on developments of the RRAG
- 3. Presentation on the platform and statistics January-October 2020



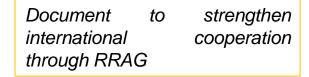
10 years of RRAG- Project to strengthen international cooperation through RRAG



• The contact points highlighted the need to develop certain tools and documents that allow them to optimize their cooperation processes with foreign counterparts, strengthen the effectiveness of exchanges, and continue to improve and disseminate the results of the RRAG.









10 years of RRAG- Relevance of the RRAG



- Mechanism that allows for the secure exchange of information prior to mutual legal assistance with foreign counterparts.
- Useful to identify assets and persons.
- One of RRAG's great achievements is the **electronic platform for the exchange of information**.
 - This has allowed the RRAG to exchange information securely and has been useful to collect statistics on this exchange, such as main crimes involved, types of assets, and in some cases, the value of the assets.



10 years of RRAG-Tools for optimazing international cooperation

- Matrix for information exchange
- Results survey of the RRAG
- Handbook for the exchange of information
- Template to request information via the RRAG
- Inventory of open sources
- Inventory of other asset recovery networks (general description of how the other networks work)



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Training or relevant projects for the contact points

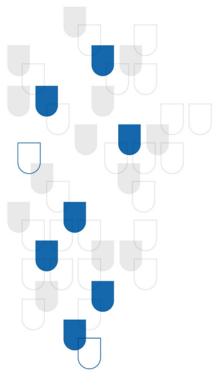


 Practical guide on relevant aspects and appropriate steps for the investigation, identification, seizure, and confiscation of virtual assets.

> provide contact points with additional tools for the recovery of criminal assets and for international cooperation in this area.

RRAG in international meetings

- UN- 12th Session of the Working Group on International Cooperation
- Participation in the UNODC initiative to establish a Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities.
- Virtual Annual General Meeting of CARIN





Thank you