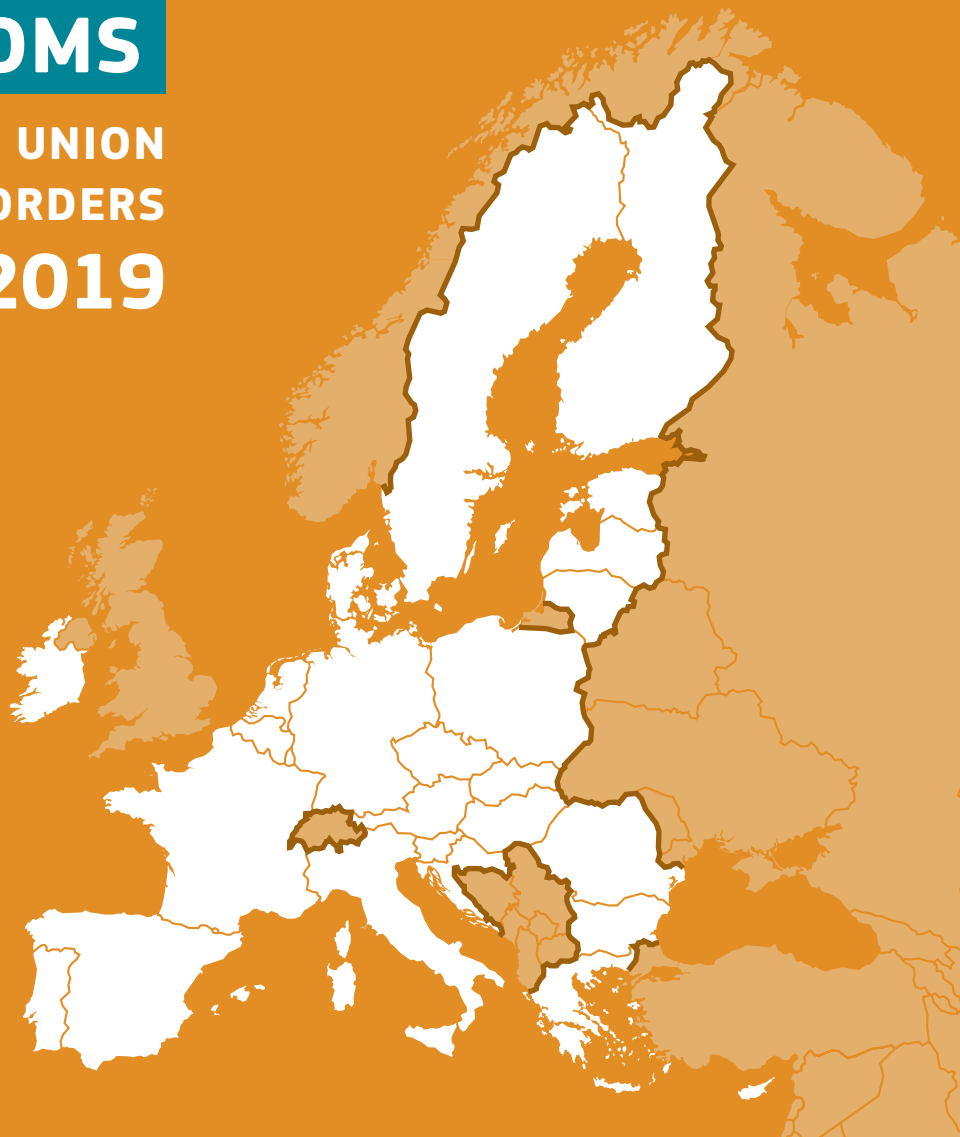


# CUSTOMS

## AT EUROPEAN UNION EXTERNAL LAND BORDERS IN 2019

The EU's external land border is over 13 000 km long. There are over 400 road and rail border crossing points between 16 EU Member States and 13 neighbouring non-EU countries. EU customs protect the financial interests of the European Union as well as EU citizens by ensuring that illegal and unsafe goods are stopped before they enter the EU.



**CUSTOMS OFFICERS: 8 000**

to protect the external land borders

**SNIFFER DOGS: 200**

to detect tobacco, drugs,  
explosives, weapons and cash

**USE OF SCANNERS: 2.5 MILLION**

trucks and train cargo wagons  
scanned

## TOP SEIZURES



### CIGARETTES

110 000+ seizures of  
320 million cigarettes

### FIREARMS

30+ seizures of  
400 items

### ALCOHOL

12 000+ seizures  
with a volume of  
43 000 litres

### DRUGS

1 000+ seizures, mostly  
of cannabis, heroin and  
synthetic drugs

### ILLEGAL WASTE

75+ seizures  
of 1 120 tons

**PRODUCTS  
OF ANIMAL ORIGIN**  
12 000+ seizures of more  
than 40 000 kilograms

### COUNTERFEIT GOODS

650+ seizures of more  
than 15 million pieces

### CASH

600+ seizures worth  
€ 20 million

### MEDICINES

900+ seizures of  
350 000 pieces

## TRAFFIC ENTERING AND LEAVING EU TERRITORY



- ROAD**
- 160 million cars
  - 25 million trucks
  - 2 million buses

- RAIL**
- 5.8 million cargo wagons
  - 600 thousand containers
  - 400 thousand passenger wagons

These data are collected by the Land Frontier Contact Group – a cooperation network made up of representatives from the EU Member States and the European Commission.

## TOP GOODS ENTERING AND LEAVING EU TERRITORY

**ENTERING VIA ROAD**  
wood, building materials and metal

**LEAVING VIA ROAD**  
vehicles and spare parts, building  
materials, food and plastics

**ENTERING VIA RAIL**  
metal, coal and chemicals

**LEAVING VIA RAIL**  
chemicals, building materials and food