The European Network on the Administrative Approach (ENAA) was established through the adoption of the 2010 Council Conclusions on the fight against crimes committed by mobile (itinerant) criminal groups (Page 7, DOC 15875/10 GENVAL 19 ENFOPOL 314). ENAA is a Network of National Contact Points which acts as a gateway to law enforcement agencies, government departments, administrative bodies and academia in their respective countries. The focus is on actors who are regularly using administrative powers or non-traditional ways of working on a practical level, as part of a multidisciplinary approach to prevent and disrupt organised crime.

The Network is currently developing a third EU Handbook on the administrative approach in the EU. ENAA is developing two European barrier models for Europol’s EMPACT Operational Action Plan on Synthetic Drugs and Organised Property Crime. This presentation will explain how the administrative approach is used and more specifically how a barrier model can be used to tackle the production and distribution of Synthetic Drugs. A barrier model is a method for determining what barriers the partner organisations can set up against criminal activities. For every component of the production and distribution of Synthetic Drugs it is reviewed which partner is in the best position to prevent criminal organisations or persons from abusing legal structures. The barrier model also identifies at what points of the drug production and distribution process government agencies, companies, etc. come into contact with synthetic drugs and can notify the authorities of their suspicion.