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Renaldas Kanis: a Spanish base, drug trafficking via containers and a Lithuanian murder case

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Editorial illustration of the ‘Khimprom Cartel’ based on a published photograph of Renaldas Kanis. The background and composition were created using AI; this is not a documentary photograph of the event.

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Key points of the case

Point of reference	Information
Name in sources	Renaldas Kanys
The region of the case and international links	Lithuania; Spain; Poland and other EU countries
Status based on verified publications	He is on Lithuania’s public wanted list; the profile states that the investigation is ongoing.

What allegations have been published regarding Kanis?

The Lithuanian police describe the alleged leadership of an armed criminal organisation between 2007 and 2017, drug trafficking, arms smuggling and the laundering of proceeds. In Europe, Kanis is listed as a wanted person in connection with an ongoing investigation. [2][1]

The European narrative describes the Spanish route in detail: the procurement of cocaine in South America and hashish in Africa, their delivery and storage in Spain, and their onward transport across European countries. [1]

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Renaldas Kanis. Photo from the Europe’s Most Wanted / ENFAST wanted person file.

The suspect’s file

Renaldas Kanis

Renaldas Kanis is a Lithuanian national wanted by the Lithuanian authorities, whom a European arrest warrant links to international trafficking in cocaine and hashish, a criminal organisation and the planning of a murder. Spain plays a central role in the geographical context described.

The Spanish hub and subsequent routes

The markets and routes mentioned include the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Romania, Poland and Lithuania. Law enforcement agencies mention hiding places on ships, in trailers and in shipping containers. This description reflects the investigation’s theory regarding logistics, rather than an established public register of all shipments. [1]

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The structure itself is significant from an editorial perspective: one territory is used for receiving and storage, whilst others are used for onward transport. In a case such as this, a list of borders only makes sense when considered alongside the roles of those involved, the trafficking incidents and the financial transactions. Otherwise, the map becomes merely decorative and explains very little.

Why has a murder in Kaunas cropped up alongside drug trafficking?

A separate aspect of the allegations concerns the organisation of a murder in Kaunas. The file states that the victim was shot dead in a car on 6 November 2015. A public description does not replace a judicial determination of Kanis's role and does not allow the motive for the murder to be linked to a specific drug shipment without documentary evidence. [1]

The violent incident lends the case public significance, but requires its own line of evidence. Contacts, motive, instructions and execution are separate issues. They cannot be considered resolved simply because the surname appears in an international alert.

How to interpret a long-running investigation

The Lithuanian police have repeatedly mentioned Kanis's name in the 'Europe's Most Wanted' campaigns; a publication updated in December 2024 also lists him amongst those wanted. An individual European profile is available upon current verification. [2][1]

The duration of the investigation does not in itself reveal the organisation's current structure. For a new substantive phase, confirmed findings, individual indictments or court rulings are required to verify what has been established in each area.

Chronology of key events

Date	The incident
2007–2017	The period during which the described international activities took place.
06.11.2015	The murder in Kaunas, which is under investigation.
13.10.2021	Last update to this profile.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Has Kanis been convicted of all the offences listed?

The European arrest warrant indicates an ongoing investigation. It does not confirm a final verdict on the entire list of charges. [1]

What role does Spain play in this account?

The location of the alleged organisation’s operations for the receipt, storage and onward transport of drugs. [1]

Other international cases in the archive

- Jürgen Essenberg
- Alejandro Salgado Vega

This article was compiled on 4 November 2026 based on the publications listed. Allegations and suspicions are attributed to the sources; the final determination of guilt is a matter for the court.

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