

High-level events

in the margins of the 28th CCPCJ

(Vienna - 20-22 May 2019)



GLOBAL INITIATIVE

AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

From Trieste to London to Poznan: Mapping local vulnerabilities in the Western Balkans

Monday, May 20
1.10–2.00 pm
Conference Room M7



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Vienna

**References to Kosovo made throughout the report are made without prejudice to positions on status, and are in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*

The Civil Society Observatory to Counter Organized Crime in South Eastern Europe, launched in August 2018, acts as a platform where civil-society organizations get together to engage in their common fight against organized crime and corruption. Recently, a substantive report was completed based on the contributions of civil society. Focusing on Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo,* Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia, the report maps local vulnerabilities throughout the region and seeks to uncover the interconnectedness of illicit activities and organized-criminal groups.

In addition, events have been organized in the framework of the Observatory to enhance local cooperation amongst civil society in the fight against organized crime and corruption, as well as contribute to the Berlin Process. The topic of anti-corruption was first introduced by the Trieste Summit 2017 and, in preparation to the London Summit 2018, five of the six countries in the Western Balkans stated their continuing anti-corruption commitment. Poznan 2019 will continue this dialogue between policymakers and civil-society representatives.

Moderation of the event:

Michael Davidson, First Secretary, British Embassy, UK Delegation to the OSCE, UK Mission to the UN

Introductory remarks:

David Hall, Ambassador and Resident Representative to IAEA and CTBTO, UK Mission to the UN and International Organisations in Vienna

Panellists:

Ambassador Dr. Ugljesa Ugi Zvekic, Senior Advisor GI/Head, Permanent Observer EPLD at UNOV
Fatjona Mejdini, Field Coordinator of the Global Initiative
Xhelal Neziri, Journalist at the Centre for Investigative Journalism SCOOP North Macedonia

Closing remarks:

Mag. Monika Szmigiel-Turlej, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Vienna

Official launch of the Resilience Fund

Supporting community responses to organized crime

Tuesday, May 21
6.00–9.00 pm
Wolke 21, Saturn Tower
Leonard-Bernstein-Straße 10,
1220 Vienna

The newly-created **Resilience Fund** aims to counter the impacts of organized crime worldwide by supporting civil-society and non-state actors who operate in environments of criminal governance. In a number of places around the globe, civil society actors have become crucial in the fight against organized crime, and the personal risks that they take are significant.

The Fund, generously supported by the **Government of Norway**, will support:

1. Counter-crime advocates: activists speaking out against the injustices perpetrated by organized crime and building peace.
2. Independent investigative journalists: journalists and local media houses reporting on organized crime.
3. Community resilience initiatives: community groups, such as youth, women's and religious groups, which support those made vulnerable by organized crime.

The panel will include senior representatives from the Global Initiative and civil-society experts building resilience against organized crime around the globe. The panel will be followed a cocktail reception for CCPCJ delegations, civil society partners and others in attendance.

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RESILIENCE FUND

In the aftermath of the Arab Spring, organized crime in the Maghreb-Sahel region emerged as a major factor exacerbating violence, corrupting peace processes and undermining weak and fledgling states in the region. The Libyan revolution, with its spillover effect in neighbouring territories from Sudan to Chad, Niger, Mali and Algeria, is the clearest example.

In spite of this bird's-eye-view picture, conflict and instability have also undermined criminal enterprise. The Trans-Saharan route moving South American and Moroccan narcotics all the way across the Sahara en route to Europe and Egypt declined significantly over the past years and one of the primary causes has been the instability brought about by conflict and a proliferation of banditry at various points along this established trafficking route.

This and other insights emerge from research conducted by the Global Initiative – with funding from the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs – in Mali, Niger Chad, western Sudan, southern Algeria and southern Libya. This research develops an overview of the state of play of organized crime in this vast region.

The presentation, delivered by the authors, **Mark Micallef** and **Raouf Farrah**, with Nigerien investigative journalist **Moussa Aksar** and Malian sociologist

Dr Brema Ely Dicko, chaired by Halvor Sætre, Norwegian Special Representative for the Sahel, will deliver a picture of the current state of organized crime in the region, while also offering individual country assessments and outlining trends and emerging avenues that should inform policy responses.

Co-hosted by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime and the ENACT programme, and with support from the Government of Norway, this high-level event in the margins of the CCPCJ serves to highlight the security and conflict risks associated with environmental crime, and to recognise and support the contribution of civil-society actors who are fighting against those crimes and for their communities.

Please join us for a panel discussion, framed by keynote speakers and environmental defenders.

Panel discussion:

Jean-Luc Lemahieu, Director of Policy Analysis and Public Affairs, UNODC, Presentation on UNODC environmental crime programme

Ian Tennant, Resilience Fund Manager, Presentation on the GI Resilience Fund,

Eric Pelser, ENACT Programme Coordinator, ENACT programme

Floriane Bacconnier, INTERPOL liaison officer to UNODC

Chair:

Mark Shaw, Director, Global Initiative

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The changing face of organized crime in the Sahel

Wednesday, May 22
1.10 pm–2.00 pm
Conference Room M7



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Building the resilience of environmental defenders from the threat of organized crime

Wednesday, May 22
6.00 pm
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