



GLOBAL INITIATIVE

AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

5
CORE STAFF

20+
FIELD RESEARCHERS

25+
REGIONAL NETWORK MEMBERS

9
PUBLICATIONS

7500+
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PART OF A GLOBAL NETWORK
OF OBSERVATORIES

**THE CIVIL SOCIETY
OBSERVATORY TO COUNTER
ORGANIZED CRIME IN SOUTH
EASTERN EUROPE
(#SEE-OBS)**

The Global Initiative's overall objective is to bolster the fight against organized crime by building a set of interlocking global, regional and country networks, and improving analysis and reporting of organized crime. It encourages and supports innovative state and civil society responses to the phenomenon of illicit markets and related corruption and illicit financial flows. The overall purpose of these activities is to expose more fully both the extent and damage caused by organized crime, illicit trade and corruption, and to bolster those actors committed to achieving an effective response.

A REGIONAL NETWORK CONNECTED TO A GLOBAL UMBRELLA



THE CIVIL SOCIETY OBSERVATORY TO COUNTER ORGANIZED CRIME IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE (SEE-OBS) WAS LAUNCHED IN JULY 2018 AND FOCUSES ON THE WESTERN BALKANS SIX.

It is a platform that connects and empowers civil-society actors across the region. SEE-Obs aims at identifying, analyzing and mapping criminal trends and their impact on illicit flows, governance, development, interethnic relations, security and the rule of law, and supports them in their monitoring of national dynamics and wider regional and international organized-crime trends. SEE-Obs is based in Vienna and is supported by the governments of the United Kingdom, Norway, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria and Poland.

* References to Kosovo are made without prejudice to positions on status, and are in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

THE WORK OF SEE-OBS

1 GENERATE, ANALYZE AND PUBLISH INFORMATION ON ORGANIZED CRIME

- Regional reports
- Policy briefs
- Blogs



2 PROMOTE ENGAGEMENT, DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ON EFFECTIVE POLICY RESPONSES



At the core of SEE-Obs lies its cross-regional network. This network mobilizes like-minded individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds to work together on tackling organized crime, combating corruption and building strong institutions.

3 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE FIELD-BASED RESPONSE PROGRAMMES



The GI's Resilience Fund identifies and empowers key civil society actors, and builds their operational capacity, with the aim of creating networks of resilient communities against organized crime and violence.

EXAMPLES OF INITIATIVES SUPPORTED

The Balkan Criminology Group
The Balkan Security Platform
LUPA, Montenegro
The Independent Association of Young Journalists, Vojvodina, Serbia



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UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS:

- The Global Hotspots report
- Anti-corruption efforts in the Western Balkans: a civil society-led review of the 2018/2019 anti-corruption pledges
- Illicit financial flows in Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia
- Cannabis cultivation in Albania
- Illicit tobacco trade in Kosovo
- Migrant smuggling in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Inter-mafia wars in Serbia and Montenegro



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