## **WEBINAR: REPORT LAUNCH**

## KEY DRIVERS AND CURRENT TRENDS OF ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS IN ALBANIA, KOSOVO AND NORTH MACEDONIA



Thursday, 27 August 15:00 - 16:30

Link to join the webinar

Illicit financial flows (IFFs) are a significant challenge for the countries of the Western Balkans. This new GI-TOC report looks at current trends of IFFs in Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia. It examines the components of IFFs, which are the means by which they are generated, and the channels by which they are moved through national, regional and transnational regions. IFFs often end up commingled with or laundered into the legitimate economy, or held offshore in secrecy jurisdictions.

This webinar intends to kick-start a conversation around key issues of IFFs in Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia and the broader Western Balkans region. A 1.5 hour long virtual webinar will draw together insights from experts on the topic in the three countries and generate a focused discussion on strategic, effective and creative responses to IFFs in the Western Balkans.

<b>Moderation:</b> Fatjona Mejdini, Field Coordinator at the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC)	
15:00	Welcome
15:05	Presentation of the explainer video
15:10	<b>Presentation of the report</b> by the authors Tuesday Reitano, Deputy Director at GI-TOC Kristina Amerhauser, analyst at GI-TOC
15:20	Insights from North Macedonia Ivica Simonovski, independent expert
15:25	<b>Insights from Albania</b> Ornela Liperi, editor-in-chief of Monitor
15:30	<b>Insights from Kosovo</b> Rrita Ismajli, independent expert
15:35	Recommendations of the report, presented by the authors
15:45	<b>Linking the research to a cross-regional and global discussion on IFFs</b> Marina Kovachich, regional coordinator Western Balkans, GIZ Global Program 'Combatting Illicit Financial Flows'
15:50	Q&A
16:30	End





