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## CHINA'S NEW SILK ROAD: NAVIGATING THE ORGANIZED CRIME RISK

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China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) can be considered as a game changer in terms of connectivity amongst regions. Across the globe, emerging economies are anticipating to prosper from the scale and volume of investments and subsequent trade. But they are not alone - BRI has also attracted the attention of criminal entrepreneurs.

The forthcoming GI-TOC report "*China's New Silk Road: Navigating the Organized Crime Risk*" and its associated interactive digital tool takes a close look at existing and potential criminal vulnerabilities in South East Asia as well as Central and Eastern Africa, and identifies convergence between BRI's infrastructural projects and trafficking routes for narcotics, illicit environmental commodities and people.

This event will discuss how countries involved in the BRI need to balance welcoming BRI investments to build infrastructure and increase prosperity, with finding ways to shield themselves from the activities of criminals eager to exploit and infiltrate new infrastructural projects and put their hands on the extra cash injected into local economies.



### SPEAKERS:

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