



**GLOBAL
INITIATIVE**
AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL
ORGANIZED CRIME

19–23 May 2025

VENUE: Vienna International Centre

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EVENTS OVERVIEW

THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE AT THE 34TH COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

From 19 to 23 May 2025, representatives of UN member states, international organizations and civil society will gather in Vienna – and in virtual events – for the annual UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), hosted by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and chaired this year by the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN in Vienna.

The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) will be present and be active at the CCPCJ throughout and will participate in the following events during the week, to highlight our latest research and activities related to enhancing understanding of issues on the agenda at this year's CCPCJ, including crime prevention and community resilience, crimes that affect the environment, organized fraud operations, youth criminality, human trafficking and other challenges. We will also be contributing with recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of policy responses, for better impacts on communities and societies around the world.

SIDE EVENTS

Date: 19 May 2025
Time: 13:10–14:10 CEST

**Venue: M6, Vienna
International Centre
(in-person)**

COMBATING CRIMES THAT AFFECT ENVIRONMENT TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY: STRATEGIES AND NATIONAL INITIATIVES

Organized by Armenia and co-sponsored by France, the UNODC Border Management Branch, Interpol and the GI-TOC.

Date: 20 MAY 2025
Time: 8.30–10.00 CEST

**Venue: Mozart Room,
Vienna International
Centre (in-person)**

BUILDING RESILIENCE TO ORGANIZED CRIME IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Organized by the GI-TOC and co-sponsored by Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Canada.

This side event will feature speakers from Resilience Fund initiatives around the world, and will mark the launch of a policy brief on the role of civil society in preventing and combating organized crime, as a contribution to the CCPCJ ahead of the 15th UN Crime Congress.

Date: 20 MAY 2025
Time: 10.00–11.00 CEST

**Venue: M6, Vienna
International Centre
(hybrid)**

PREVENTING LETHAL VIOLENCE AND RECRUITMENT INTO CRIMINAL NETWORKS WITH FOCUSED DETERRENCE AND OTHER PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES

Organized by Sweden and co-sponsored by the UNODC Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Section, the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI) and the GI-TOC.

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Date: 20 MAY 2025
Time: 11.30–12.30 CEST

Venue: MOE79, Vienna International Centre (hybrid)

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RESPONDING TO YOUTH CRIMINALITY LINKED TO TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE NORDIC AND BALTIC REGIONS

Organized by the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control and co-sponsored by Finland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and the GI-TOC.

There is a growing concern in the Nordic and Baltic regions about youth criminality linked to organized crime, both nationally and transnationally. This event will contribute to a better understanding of the issues through presentations from HEUNI on preventive and responsive measures related to youth crime and from the GI-TOC on their recent research on the phenomenon.

Date: 21 MAY 2025
Time: 10.00–11.00 CEST

Venue: M3, Vienna International Centre (hybrid)

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RAISING AWARENESS OF THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF FRAUD

Organized by Australia and co-sponsored by the UK, New Zealand, Canada, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, VietNam and GI-TOC.

Focusing on how the rapidly evolving fraud phenomenon in South East Asia, this event will provide an update on the latest trends in fraud and scams globally, explore how they converge with other types of organized crime (such as human trafficking), and analyze the multiple harms they inflict on both victims and those coerced and exploited into becoming part of scam operations. Government and civil society experts will also offer recommendations on what can be done to strengthen the current international response.

Date: 22 MAY 2025
Time: 11.30–12.30 CEST

Venue: M7, Vienna International Centre (hybrid)

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ENHANCING MULTILATERAL AND MULTI-STAKEHOLDER RESPONSES TO CRIMES THAT AFFECT ENVIRONMENT

Organized by the GI-TOC and co-sponsored by France, the EU, Germany, Norway, Kenya, Peru and Colombia.

In April 2025, the Republic of France and the GI-TOC, supported by the European Union through the ECO-SOLVE project, hosted a security and development dialogue to enhance multilateral and multistakeholder responses to crimes that affect the environment. This event will present the outcomes of this unique international conference, in advance of upcoming multilateral meetings that will address crimes that affect the environment.

Date: 22 MAY 2025
Time: 11.30–12.30 CEST

Venue: MOE79, Vienna International Centre (in-person)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING ENTERPRISES, GLOBAL TRENDS AND VICTIM–OFFENDER OVERLAP

Organized by Criminologists Without Borders and co-sponsored by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the World Society of Victimology, the International Sociological Association, the American Society of Criminology and the GI-TOC.

Date: 22 MAY 2025
Time: 15.00–16.00 CEST

Venue: M3, Vienna International Centre (hybrid)

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STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT AT THE 15TH UN CONGRESS ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Organized by the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice with the support of the UNODC Civil Society Unit, Group of Friends of Multistakeholder Participation in UNODC Matters, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Victim Support Asia, Criminologists Without Borders, Asia Crime Prevention Foundation, the GI-TOC, Soroptimist International, the Wildlife Justice Commission, the Centre for Governance Research-Pakistan, Penal Reform International and Kennis.

Date: 23 MAY 2025
Time: 11.30–12:30 CEST

**Venue: MOE100, Vienna
International Centre
(in-person)**

CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE UN REFORM: FROM DOMESTIC TO INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND BACK

Organized by the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna NGO Committee on Sustainable Development and co-sponsored by the GI-TOC.

Date: 23 MAY 2025
Time: 13.00–14:00 CEST

**Venue: M7, Vienna
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BUILDING BRIDGES, SPEAKING UP AND KEEPING WATCH: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN CYBERCRIME CONVENTION

Organized by the International Press institute and the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Australia, Canada, Colombia, Czechia, Mexico, Peru, Switzerland, UK, Media Foundation for West Africa and co-sponsored by the GI-TOC.

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