



THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME

2026 MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE SIDE EVENT

14 FEBRUARY 2026
20.00–21.30

Venue: Dachgarten,
Bayrischer Hof, Munich

DINNER EVENT

GANGSTER'S PARADISE: ILLICIT ECONOMIES AND THE NEW WORLD DISORDER

Hosted by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Organized crime has developed from being a localized threat into a problem of a transnational nature. As the 2025 Global Organized Crime Index shows, the greatest threat originates from within, in the form of state-embedded actors. State structures are being captured and exploited by corrupt officials involved in illicit economies, creating a permissive environment in which foreign actors and criminal groups can prosper. These patterns destabilize the global order by fuelling conflict, triggering migration flows, establishing safe havens for criminals and operations involving fraud and money laundering, and flooding the world with illegal goods. At the same time, authoritarian regimes have learned to instrumentalize organized crime as a geopolitical tool and as a means of hybrid warfare. The global rules-based order is under threat by this trend that blurs the lines between peace and war, defence and domestic security.

This roundtable discussion will explore ways to address this serious threat at regional and global levels, as well as within multilateral frameworks. The event will feature high-level speakers from the UNODC, INTERPOL, the GI-TOC and various governments.