

Policy Roundtable

**Organised Crime and Corruption in the Balkan Region:
Trends and Implications**

14 July 2022
Sredets Hall, Sofia Hotel Balkan

Agenda

- 9:30** *Welcome and introduction*
Fatjona Mejdini, Director, South Eastern Europe Observatory, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
Walter Kemp, Director, Global Strategy against Transnational Organized Crime, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
Dr. Atanas Rusev, Director, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
- Keynote*
Dimitar Kalgandjiev, Deputy Director, General Directorate Combating Organized Crime
- The Global Organized Crime Index: special focus on Bulgaria*
Kosyo Ivanov, Senior Analyst, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
- Port holes: Discovering the maritime Balkan route*
Walter Kemp, Director, Global Strategy against Transnational Organized Crime, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
- Football hooliganism: politics and organized crime in the Western Balkans*
Sasa Djordjevic, Field Coordinator for Serbia and Montenegro, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime
- 11:35** *Coffee break*
- 11:50** *Corruption trends in the Balkan region: where we stand*
Dr. Alexander Gerganov, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
- SEE Observatory work on anti-corruption and monitoring progress of Western Balkan countries*
Slagjana Taseva, Regional Anti-Corruption Expert, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime
- 12:40** *Lunch*

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GI-TOC Strategy Against Transnational Organized Crime

Walter Kemp, Director, Global Strategy against Transnational Organized Crime, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime

Beyond corruption and bribery: systematic extortion by public officials and local clientelist rings?

Tihomir Bezlov, Senior Fellow, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

The war in Ukraine: possible implications in Southeast Europe

Trpe Stojanovski, Adviser, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime

Strengthening interaction between NGOs, the media and academia: how to work more effectively together

Fatjona Mejdini, Director, South Eastern Europe Observatory, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime

Walter Kemp, Director, Global Strategy against Transnational Organized Crime, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime

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Conclusion and way forward

Fatjona Mejdini, Director of the South Eastern Europe Observatory, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime

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