

Organised Crime in the Schengen Area and the EU in Light of the Imminent Enlargement: Assessing Security Threats and Existing Countermeasures

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Faculty of Social Studies (P31)

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Conference Goals

The expected enlargement of the Schengen area in 2011 revives debates about the increased vulnerability of the European Union towards expansion of the organized crime from the neighbouring countries. The Schengen agreements, which guarantee free movement of persons and goods in the area, namely provide an excellent opportunity for criminal groups to spread their business and pose threats not only the economic and social systems of the EU and Schengen states but also to the very democratic principles of the European Union.

The aim of the conference is to scrutinize the current and future security threats related to the expansions of organized crime as well as explore and assess countermeasures developed by relevant institutions and the member states. In order to reach this aim, the conference will bring together prominent scholars and practitioners working in this field. In two subsequent panels the experts will discuss the contemporary trends in transnationalisation of organised crime and national and supranational responses to this threat. By bringing together wide range of outstanding scholars and professionals, the conference strives to provide a comprehensive overview of the problematic as well as offer an educated outlook for developments in the field.

The conference will be followed by a roundtable of Czech security experts and practitioners, who will discuss possible synergies between research and practice.

Programme

09:30 Registration

10:00 Opening speech

Tomáš Šmíd

Head of the Center for Security and Strategic Studies, Brno, Czech Republic

Anna Kárníková

Representative of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic

Stanislav Balík

Head of the Department of Political Sciences, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

10:30 1st panel: Organised crime in the Schengen area and the EU: current situation and outlook

Abdulla Istamulov

The „export“ of the Chechen organized crime to the EU countries

Council of Europe; Moscow School of Political Science, Moscow, Russia

Tihomir Bezlov

The impact of the accession states on organized crime in Schengen area:

The case of Bulgaria

Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia, Bulgaria

Tomáš Šmíd – Petr Kupka

Czech organized crime in the context of enlargement the Schengen area

Center for Security and Strategic Studies, Brno, Czech Republic

Blanka Hančilová

Organized Crime-Migration Nexus in a European Perspective

Apreco Consulting Group

Alan Cunningham

EU Expansion and the Changing Nature of Organised Immigration Crime in Scotland – Trends and Responses

Detective Superintendent, Head of Investigation Services Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch buffet

13:30 2nd panel: Assessing the countermeasures: institutional framework in the fight against organised crime

Helena Costa Carrapico

Securitization of organised crime at the EU level

Academy of Sciences, Wien, Austria

Daniela Irrera

The Lisbon Treaty and the Fight Against Organized Crime: The New Institutional Arrangements

University of Catania, Italy

Benjamin Farrand

Intellectual property and International Relations: The Securitization of Copyright

European Union Institute, Firenze, Italy

Denis Clark

Wither fair trial values? Organised Crime and Cross Border Evidence

Centre for Police Research and Education, University of Coventry, UK

Michael Weiss

The Role of SIRENE National Center in Police and Judicial Cooperation in the Schengen Area

SIRENE National Centre, Czech Republic

15:30 Closing speech

16:00 - 17:30 Roundtable of Czech experts and practitioners

Registration

If you are interested in attending this conference, please, kindly send your registration to the following e-mail address by the 10th of October 2010:

info@cbss.cz

Working language

The working language of the conference is English, simultaneous translation into Czech will be ensured.