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Organised Crime in Bulgaria: Major markets and new research

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Abstract

Philip Gounev, Research Fellow at the Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD), will present the research activities CSD's research activities related to organised crime. Since 1999 CSD has been conducting research on cross-border crime: focusing on key issues related to smuggling of Chinese, Turkish consumer goods, as well as excisable goods (cigarettes, oil, and alcohol). Following this ground-breaking research, CSD carried out a number of studies on drugs market, car-theft market, and prostitution. Some key points from these studies will be presented. In addition, CSD has been conducting regular monitoring and analysis of corruption in Bulgaria, and most recently at the EU level, with a particular focus on organised crime. Some insight from these studies will be also shared.