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The local dimension on OC

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Abstract

“Transnational organised crime”, “global organised crime” and “international organised crime”. These expressions signal that organised crime is something almost supernatural, floating in the air, across national borders. The message is that the global community is facing a large and powerful element of criminality. What can the local community do against such an enemy? Is not the only solution to work nationally or even internationally?

In this presentation Lars Korsell argues that organised crime basically is a local phenomenon. Even if organised crime very much is about dealing and wheeling, exporting and importing, the local market is crucial. Everything comes from the local environment and must be sold locally. Therefore, local preventive measures and local enforcement could be very effective.

Different local initiatives are presented, especially to prevent organised crime in municipalities in Sweden.