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Abstract

The presentation will give an overview of the history of organised crime in primarily the Scandinavian countries. The classic form of organized crime groups has been the smugglers, producers and dealers of alcohol. These groups have been around at least for 100 years, but were not perceived as organised crime groups until the 1990's. Since the early 1990's organized crime have been established as a central political concern and topic. Over this period the political focus and attention has shifted somewhat often driven by media, sensational cases, and international influences and to a certain extent by interest groups. The focus has to a rather limited degree been influenced by scientific work or strategic analysis from the police. Today the 1% groups (HA and BA), mobile criminal groups from Eastern Europe, trafficking and to a certain extent gang related crimes are perceived as the most harmful problems.