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Abstract

Different types of organised crime are a challenge to the rule of law in many countries around the globe. With their illegal activities in local, regional, national, and transnational dimensions, professional criminals and their associated groups of Eurasian organised crime structures are engaged in various sectors. Particularly and for some years, organised groups of Georgian burglars and shoplifters, who are supervised by professional criminals known as *thieves-in-law*, focus their activities on Germany, as well as other European countries. Moreover, home health agencies run by persons of Russian origin got into focus of German authorities. The presentation presents current and joint measures and efforts of German law enforcement agencies to counter these specific phenomena.