

The European Serious & Organised Crime Conference 2015

22nd April 2015. Renaissance Brussels Hotel, Brussels.

(including **pre-conference dinner** on the 21st April. Théâtre du Vaudeville, Brussels)

Economic activity in Europe is subject to a range of pressures, not least the impact of organised crime on citizens and legitimate business. With employment and economic growth key priorities for the new Juncker Commission, set within a new institutional structure aimed at ensuring greater coordination in policymaking across the college, this conference will focus on the most pressing criminal activities damaging growth prospects, how cross-sector, cross agency cooperation can deliver on the targets to tackle serious organised crime and what the new European Commission's focus will be in the field of home affairs.

This conference will once again provide a platform for EU policymakers and law enforcement authorities to discuss with business leaders the means of combating serious and transnational crime. It will focus on the Serious Organised Crime priorities agreed by Council for 2013-2017 and, in particular, counterfeit goods, excise & VAT fraud. Discussions will also deal with the impact of terrorism and cyber crime on Europe's ability to do business, while examining the emerging, significant links between human trafficking and forms of organised criminal activities.

Agenda

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:05 **Opening Remarks:**

Glenn Vaughan, Chief Executive, British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium (**confirmed**)

09:05 – 09:25 **Keynote Address:**

Rob Wainwright, Director, Europol (**confirmed**)

09:25 – 10:40 **Session 1: What impact is serious organised crime & terror having on Europe's security & economy?**

- How does serious organised crime hurt legitimate business and society?
- To what extent does organised crime control and benefit from counterfeiting and smuggling? Are EU policies making a meaningful contribution to effective prevention?
- What impact is excise and VAT fraud having on the public purse and how serious is the problem?
- What is the economic and social impact of the *threat* from terrorism?

- How has business and consumer confidence been impacted by raised terrorism threat levels?
- To what extent are law enforcement agencies focussing resources on tackling the twin global threats of terrorism and cyber crime?

Moderator: **Anabela Gago**, Head of Unit, Organised crime and relations with EMCDD, DG HOME, European Commission (**confirmed**)

Panel to include:

Vincent Sauvalère, Head of Unit B2, Tobacco & Counterfeit Goods, OLAF (**confirmed**)

Maria Manuela Cabral, Head of Unit, Risk Management and Security, DG Taxation and Customs, European Commission (**confirmed**)

Ernesto Savona, Director, Transcrime (**confirmed**)

Senior Representative, **Europol** (tbc)

10:40 – 11:00 **Keynote Address:**

Matthias Ruete, Director General, DG HOME, European Commission (**confirmed**)

11:00 – 11:20 **Coffee**

11:20 – 11:40 **Keynote Address: (tbc)**

11:40 – 12:40 **Session 2: How can business play its part in combating serious organised crime?**

- Where has business made an important contribution in fighting counterfeit and excise/VAT fraud?
- How can business contribute in the fight against terrorism and cyber crime?
- How is technology facilitating cooperation between policy makers and law enforcers?

Moderator and opening speaker: **Jean-Charles Bocquet**, Director General, European Crop Protection Association (ECPA) (tbc)

Panel to include:

Ewan Duncan, Head of Anti-illicit Trade Intelligence Unit, British American Tobacco (**confirmed**)

Carlo van Heuckelom, Head of Business and Economic Crime, EUROPOL (provisionally confirmed)

Michael Olmsted, Senior Counsel for the European Union and International Law Enforcement Matters, United States Mission to the European Union (**confirmed**)

Ana Gomes MEP, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs,
European Parliament (tbc)

12:40 – 13:00 **Keynote Address:**

Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources, European
Commission (**confirmed**)

13:00 – 14:15 **Lunch**

14:15 – 14:35 **Keynote Address:**

Ingeborg Graessle MEP, Chair of the Committee for Budgetary Control, European Parliament
(**confirmed**)

14:35 – 16:20 **Session 3: Is Europe's response adequate and what will success look like?**

- Can EU policymakers and law enforcement authorities ever hope to get ahead of the curve or will organized crime always be one step ahead?
- What are realistic targets for the EU's fight against organised crime in the current policy cycle ending 2017?
- What new approaches should be considered for the new policy cycle, for instance with respect to counter-terrorism?
- What more can business do to help?
- What can we learn from other parts of the world?

Moderator: **Nicholas Ilett**, Director of Investigations, OLAF (**confirmed**)

Panel to include:

Representative, Emergent BioSolutions (tbc)

Brian Donald, Head of the Office of the Director, Europol (**confirmed**)

Ingeborg Graessle MEP, Chair of the Committee for Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs,
European Parliament (**confirmed**)

Jean Bergevin, Head of Unit, Fight against counterfeiting and piracy, European Commission
(**confirmed**)

16:20 – 16:40 **Keynote Address: (tbc)**

16:40 – 16:50 **Closing remarks**

Brian Donald, Head of the Office of the Director, Europol (**confirmed**)