



Round Table

Countering Extortion and Racketeering in Europe

May 19, 2016
CSD Conference Hall

Agenda

- 09:30** *Opening*
Dr. Oginan Shentov, Chairman, Center for the Study of Democracy
- 09:40** *Extortion Racketeering in the Agriculture and Hospitality Sectors in Bulgaria*
Tihomir Bezlov, Senior Fellow, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
Dr. Atanas Rusev, Senior Analyst, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
- Extortion Racketeering in Italy: Facts and Trends*
Prof. Stefano Becucci, Associate Professor, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Florence, Associate Researcher, Transcrime
Lorella Garofalo, Research Assistant, Transcrime
- The Role of the Italian Police in Countering Extortion Racketeering*
Giovanni Giudice, Police Director, Agrigento, Sicily
- The Bulgarian Experience in Countering Extortion Racketeering*
Georgi Zhelev, Directorate General for Combating Organized Crime, Bulgaria
- 11:00** *Coffee break*
- 11:30** *Legal Framework and Role of the Prosecution Office in Countering Extortion Racketeering in Italy*
Giovanbattista Tona, Prosecution of Caltanissetta, Sicily
- The Romanian Experience in Investigating and Prosecuting Extortion Racketeering*
Edi Oprea, Prosecutor, Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism (DIICOT), Romania
- The Role of the Bulgarian Specialised Prosecution Office in Combating Extortion Racketeering*
Nikolay Naydenov, Deputy Chair, Appellate Specialised Prosecution Office, Bulgaria
- Discussion*
- Moderator: Lt. Gen (Ret.) Chavdar Chervenkov*, Senior Fellow, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
- 12:30** *Closing and cocktail*