

legislation on anti-corruption, in order to provide effective advice and representation.

The group shall also seek to establish a European-wide network of contacts with experience in corruption cases. From a geographical perspective, the focus shall be on countries which have less developed anti-corruption legislation (but may be caught by international legislation such as the UK Bribery Act), have high levels of reported corruption (for example, those which have a high ranking on Transparency

Internationals recently published Corruption Perception Index) and which are likely to be the focus of national and international enforcement action in the coming years.

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EURASIAN ORGANIZED CRIME

Organized crime is one of the biggest threats to state security and public order. That is why countries and international organization are joining forces in the fight against this criminal phenomenon.

Organized crime are criminal organizations that plan and commit crime, or the crimes that are committed by such organizations [1]. In general, organized crime is a category of transnational, national, or local

groupings of highly centralized enterprises run by criminals to engage in illegal activity.

The transnational level of organized crime is the most ambitious therefore many foreign structures and international one such as the Federal Burro of Investigation and Interpol are dedicated to eliminating transnational organized crime groups that pose the greatest threat to the national and economic security of any state.

As a rule, organized criminal network are involved in many types of criminal activities, which include drugs, armed robbery trafficking in people, illicit goods and weapons etc.

According to the FBI there are following transnational criminal networks:

- African Transnational Organized Crime Groups;
- Balkan Transnational Organized Crime Groups;
- Middle Eastern Transnational Organized Crime Groups;
- Asian Transnational Organized Crime Groups;
- Eurasian Transnational Organized Crime Groups;
- Italian Organized Crime/Mafia [2].

In particular, Eurasian organized crime are politically and financially motivated organized groups originating from the former Soviet Union or Central Europe. These criminal groups continue to thrive outside their borders in numerous countries around the world. Their activities span various crime areas and have been known to reach Western, Northern and Central Europe, North America and the Middle East.

The peculiarity of the Eurasian criminal group is that all its participants are engaged in highly structured criminal enterprises. Corrupt or criminal officials protect some of them from the law.

It is known, that Interpol has the Organized Crime unit, which runs a number of projects. These projects focus on specific types of criminal networks. Thanks to these projects, national and international enforcement bodies can exchange operational data, best practice and lessons learned with a view to dismantling specific groups.

Project Millennium was initiated by Interpol to crackdown Eurasian criminal groups. The Millennium Analysis File provides participating countries with data on high-ranking members of organized criminal groups. The information contained in this file includes:

- Personal data;
- Biometrics;
- Known associates;
- Links to organized criminal organizations;
- Locations of operation and influence;

– Personal identifiers (tattoos, physical attributes).

By proactively sharing and contributing intelligence to the analysis file, police are empowered to act locally, with the support of global data.

“Thieves in Law” or “Thieves professing the code” are at the top of the criminal hierarchy, with influence and control that extends across groups engaging in crimes such as:

- Trafficking in drugs, human beings, motor vehicles and firearms;
- Contractmurder;
- Extortion;
- Financial crime and money laundering.

They are of various nationalities including Ukrainian, Georgian, Armenian Belarusian and Russian. “Thieves in Law” have been identified by Project Millennium countries as a priority area of investigation [3].

Ukrainian law enforcement system is although actively collaborates with Interpol in the fight against organized crime. With Interpol’s Project Millennium, the Lviv meeting in 2018, allowed investigators to share their experiences, exchange intelligence, and identify emerging crime trends and modus operandi that could affect them [4].

As a conclusion, organized crime groups are self-perpetuating associations of individuals who operate, wholly or in part, by illegal means and irrespective of geography. One of them are Eurasian Transnational Organized Crime Groups. To fight this criminal network, Interpol developed the project Millennium and law enforcement system of Ukraine joined the project.

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