



Round Table

From Criminals to Terrorists and Back? *Evidence from Europe*

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The most well-known ISIS terrorist atrocities in Europe, including the 2015 Paris and 2016 Brussels attacks, saw individuals who in the past had been involved in organised crime and illegal trade graduate into the ranks of the world's most successful terrorist organisation. To respond to the threat emanating from the "crime-terror nexus" in Europe, GLOBSEC, along with a team of leading experts on terrorism based in 11 European countries (including the Center for the Study of Democracy), conducted a study looking at the potential criminal pasts of over 350 individuals arrested for terrorism in 2015. The study also dissects factors such as radicalisation paths, foreign fighting experience, and financing of their activities to establish commonalities or trends amongst the European jihadists. The key findings of the study will be presented during the roundtable and implications for policy-makers discussed.

Agenda

10:00 *Opening*

Mois Faion, Senior Fellow, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

From Criminals to Terrorists and Back? Discussing Evidence from 11 European Countries

Viktor Szűcs, Project Coordinator, GLOBSEC Policy Institute

Challenges to Prevention of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism in Bulgaria

Rositsa Dzhekova, Director, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

Discussion

11:00 *Closing and drinks*