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
Professor 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 Head, Specialised Prosecutor’s Office of Appeal, Bulgaria

Discussion
Moderator: Lt. Gen (Ret.) Chavdar Chervenkov, Senior Fellow, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

13:00 Closing and cocktail