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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON CRIME PROBLEMS
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PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME

The connection between terrorism and organised crime presents a number of major concerns to national security and law enforcement. Many European States have experienced terrorist attacks with significant links to organised criminal activity, using connections to organised crime to finance operations, procure arms and ammunition, and forge travel documents.

There is an observable trend of terrorists with a significant background in criminal behaviour, particular in ordinary crimes and drug convictions. Jihadist groups in particular have sought out recruits with a criminal background and utilised connections to the criminal underworld in the planning, preparation and execution of attacks.

At a minimum, effective cross-border co-operation is necessary to prevent, suppress and disrupt these complex criminal networks, as law enforcement needs to be able to share relevant information and intelligence on suspected individuals who may be based in one country but who are part of a group that spans several others. As many aspects of national security are closely connected to collective security, there are many open questions on how to make effective use of current international instruments in the fight against terrorism and organised crime.

Building on the 2014 International Conference on terrorism and organised crime, the 2017 Conference is intended to raise awareness of contemporary trends in State responses to transnational organised crime and terrorism, and also provide a platform for participants to explore practical approaches to this multifaceted phenomenon.

By bringing together representatives of law enforcement authorities, policy-makers, and other experts from a diverse range of backgrounds and national contexts, the Conference thus aims to promote and share the best policies and practices in operation today. With a view to improving the effectiveness of European responses to the crime-terror nexus, the 2017 Conference also explores possible ways for the Council of Europe to assist member States to take co-operative action and implement concrete measures in this area.

Thursday, 21 September 2017 - Schedule

09:00 - 09:30	<i>Registration</i>
09:30 - 10:00	Opening of the 2017 International conference
10:00 - 10:30	Group Photo
10:30 - 11:15	INTRODUCTORY SESSION: Presentation of the Council of Europe Report on Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime (TOC)
11:15 - 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45 - 13:00	SESSION I: Convergence of organised crime and terrorism
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30 - 15:45	SESSION II: Joint investigation Teams: The frontlines of TOC and terrorism
15:45 - 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 - 17:00	SESSION III: The role of the judiciary: upholding the rule of law

Friday, 22 September 2017 - Schedule

09:30 - 10:45	SESSION IV: Borderless Networks: Cybercrime dimensions of Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime (TOC)
10:45 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 - 12:00	SESSION V: Connecting the dots: coordinating law enforcement action against Transnational Organised Crime (TOC) and terrorism
12:00 - 12:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:30 - 13:00	CLOSING SESSION: Adoption of conclusions

Introduction: Presentation of the CoE Report on the Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime

Experts input:

1. *Crime and Terrorism: Links and Synergies* by Dr. Peter Neumann, Professor of Security Studies, King's College, London
2. *Legal Instruments combating TOC and terrorism: overlapping, lacunae or opportunities?* by Prof. Dr. Ana Salinas de Frias, Chair of Public International Law, EU Law and International Relations, University of Málaga

SESSION I

Convergence of organised crime and terrorism (60-75 minutes)

Background and purpose of this session:

This session looks at the modus operandi of organised crime and terror in Europe. It explores how and why some terrorist groups adopt the means and methods of organised criminal groups in order to finance and execute their activities, while certain criminal organisations may emulate terrorist tactics by strategically using violence and intimidation to disrupt state institutions in order to secure and benefit their illicit activities.

Experts input: (up to 3 speakers per session)

SESSION II

Joint Investigation Teams: Combating Trafficking in Antiquities, Arms and Drugs (60-75 minutes)

Background and purpose of this session:

This session will feature presentations from government and police officials detailing their recent practical experiences and lessons learned from joint investigation teams (JITs) in the fight against trafficking in arms, art and drugs by organised crime connected to terrorist groups. In light of recent multilateral actions, such as the EUROPOL-coordinated Operation Pandora, this looks at the practice and future of international efforts to clamp down on trafficking in art, arms and drugs which may be in support of terrorist groups operating in the Middle East and North Africa.

Experts input: (up to 3 speakers per session)

SESSION III

Ensuring criminal justice: Fair trial rights in the co-operation between Intelligence and Police Services (60-75 minutes)

Background and purpose of this session:

This session explores ways to avoid and resolve legal practical difficulties that may emerge between investigators and intelligence services during the pre-trial phase in cases with both terrorism and organised crime aspects. The session will hear from prosecutors, judges and high-level officials from the Ministry of Justice regarding means to maintain fair trial rights and due process in cases where classified intelligence (including foreign intelligence) or sensitive evidence gained through special investigative techniques (SITs) forms part of the case against suspects. As such, it looks at ways to implement and oversee practical procedures for cooperation between intelligence agencies, law enforcement and judicial officials with a view to ensuring effective and efficient criminal trials in line with applicable rule of law standards.

Experts input: (up to 3 speakers per session)

SESSION IV

Borderless Networks: Cybercrime dimensions of Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime (TOC) (60-75 minutes)

Background and purpose of this session:

This session focuses on how States can enhance their current approaches and adopt new concrete strategies to work with their neighbours to fight against transnational networks connecting terrorism and organised crime through the Internet. Particular attention is paid to facilitating co-operative activities in relation to internet-based crime and the investigation, transmission and receipt of digital evidence.

Experts input: (up to 3 speakers per session)

SESSION V

Connecting the Dots: Coordinating Law Enforcement Action against Transnational Organised Crime (TOC) and terrorism (60-75 minutes)

Background and purpose of this session:

This final session explores the feasibility of implementing comprehensive and co-ordinated domestic approaches to terrorist groups acting as, or connected with, organised criminal networks, and discusses practical means to improve interagency co-operation for the prevention, investigation and prosecution of organised crime and terrorism.

Experts input: (up to 3 speakers per session)

