

# ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA AND BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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**Abstract:** Organized crime in the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina is at the same time security challenge, risk and threat for the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Namely, the organized crime is negative and harmful occurrence in all societies, so in ours as well. It is characterized by the ease of adaptation to socio-economic and socio-political conditions, and especially adaptation to the conditions of the countries in transition in which the Republic of Srpska and BiH are. Therefore, in the paper, we have observed the organized crime in the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina, because it is impossible to observe the organized crime only in the Republic of Srpska separately. Therefore, in the paper we made the survey of the organized crime in the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina, with particular reference to the characteristics and conditions of organized crime in the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and forms of its demonstration in us. In addition to that, I showed some institutional aspects of fighting against the organized crime, especially in the Republic of Srpska. So, in the Republic of Srpska, fighting against the organized crime is organized at two levels: the first level includes the Crime Police Administration and its internal organizational units, and especially the Special Investigations Unit which directly takes measures and activities on fighting against the organized crime, and the second level, which includes organizational units of the crime police in the Public Security Centers. In addition to that, the paper gives the examples from practice which show direct activities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Srpska in uncovering and investigation of particular criminal offences which have the characteristics of organized crime. It is about criminal analysis of particular actions in which we participated alone or together with other law enforcement agencies from both the country and abroad. Some of the mentioned actions got the highest grades not only by the internal authorities, but also by the international authorities such as EUROPOL.

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