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EU assessment supports EuroCOP call for a stability pact for police

EU Organised Crime Threat Assessment calls upon Member States to allocate sufficient resources to the fight against organised crime

Organised crime on the rise in the backwater of the financial crisis

“I am happy to see quite some support for our positions in the conclusions on organised crime published by the EU Justice and Home Affairs Council today”, comments EuroCOP President Heinz Kiefer.

In its conclusions on the EU Organised Crime Threat Assessment (OCTA), a document assembled by Europol on an annual basis, the Council explicitly warns against “The possible impact of the economic crisis on OC criminal activities”.

The Council further “stresses that it is important that the Member States allocate sufficient and relevant national resources to international cooperation and that other national priorities are adapted accordingly.

“To us this can only mean that Member States because of the financial crisis rather have to put more resources into law enforcement than less and we can only encourage all Member States to deliver on these conclusions.”, concludes Heinz Kiefer.

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