

*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*