

Crime prevention policy	
EU- priority	Organised Property Crime
Country	Slovakia
Year	2018

1. Overview of the field

Definition of cybercrime

Organized property criminality in the territory of the Slovak Republic concerns in particular thefts committed by organized groups, which are defined in accordance with the currently valid legal order of the Slovak Republic in article 212, paragraph 4, point (b) in the Act No. 300/2005 Criminal code (hereinafter referred to as the "Criminal Code") with reference to article 138, point (i) of the Criminal Code as theft committed in a more serious manner, for which the Criminal Code imposes a custodial sentence of three to ten years. The organized group is defined in article 129, paragraph 2, of the criminal code as an Association for at least three persons for the purpose of committing a criminal offense, with certain tasks assigned among individual members of the group whose effectiveness is consequently characterized by planning and co-ordination increase the likelihood of a successful crime.

Assessment of trends and developments

Regarding organized property criminality committed on the territory of the Slovak Republic, we currently have mainly information of an operative character, on the basis of which it can be stated that in this area predominant the thefts by burglary which are connected with organized groups of domestic and foreign origin (especially from the Balkan countries, Poland and Georgia). We assume that the further development of this criminality on the territory of the Slovak Republic will have a considerable impact on the movement of mobile organized crime groups (MOCGs – Mobile Organized Crime Groups) in the Central European area.

Recent overview of statistics and research

Police Statistics (ESSC – Evidence-statistic system of criminality) record only cases where criminal prosecution has already begun, it means cases that are associated with an

organized group only on the basis of operational knowledge, which are not recorded in police statistics.

According to police statistics, during the last five years, the organized group has committed the following number of thefts according to article 212 of the Criminal Code:

Year	Number of cases
2013	4
2014	2
2015	1
2016	2
2017	3

2. Crime strategy and coordination

Objectives of the crime strategy

The Slovak Republic does not have a specific strategic document (national action plan, national strategy, etc.) aimed at eliminating organized property criminality. In the area of car crime, belonging to the area of property criminality, the Concept of Fight against Automobile Crime has been created, but its five-year effectiveness ends in this year without issuing a follow-up document. The general policy in this area is based on the principle of reducing the number of detected offenses (prevention) in achieving the highest clarity of the recorded cases, which is progressively being achieved.

Role of prevention in the crime strategy on state/regional/local level

The issue of crime prevention does not fall within the material scope of the „OCP P PC“. In general, however, it can be stated that the Criminal Police Service also participates in preventive measures aimed at preventing and inhibiting property criminality, depending on the current security situation, these measures being mainly carried out in cooperation with the sections of service of riot police.

Implementation of the policy (which level is responsible for the implementation and how is the implementation coordinated?)

The aforementioned criminality reduction and clarification policy is implemented from the level of the basic units of the Police Corps to the level of the presidential units of the Police Corps, while the implementation of this policy in the area of clarity corresponds in particular to the criminal police departments of the District and Regional Offices of the Police Force in the scope given to them affiliation.

Stakeholders (working groups, specialised agencies, partners, etc)

As part of the organized structure of the Police Corps, the issue of organized property crimes falls within the competence of the criminal police departments of the Regional Officers of the Police Force and the National Criminal Investigation Agency of the Presidium of the Police Corps (in the case of selective jurisdiction), which at the same time prevents criminal activities of organized and criminal groups from operating the operative-search and dissolution actions. Criminal Police Departments methodically guides, coordinates and controls the „OCP P PC“ in the elucidation and investigation of organized property criminality.

In order to elucidate the cases of thefts by burglary in the Slovak Republic by the citizens of Romania, a working group was set up, with the intention of expanding the focus of this working group on all cases of organized property criminality committed by nationals of the Balkan countries. This Working Group works closely with the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) in which the law enforcement authorities of the participating countries (Romania, Hungary, the Czech Republic) are investigating the organized property crime of offenders of Romanian origin at international level. We are currently developing initiatives to join the investigation team.

In the suppression of organized property criminality, the Police Corps develops interdepartmental cooperation (e.g. with the Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Culture of the Slovak

Republic) and cooperates with a third sector (e.g. in the area of automobile crime with the Association of the Automotive Industry of the Slovak Republic, The Slovak Association of Insurers, the National Dialogue Company or the IRIS Ident - originality check).

Participation in European/ international networks, working groups, etc.

At the international level, the Police Force, within the property criminality, is a member of the Expert Group on Car Crime Carpe (EU Council Decision 6. 919/2004/EC on the control crime with vehicles having cross-border implications) and informal network of law enforcement authorities and experts competent in the field of cultural goods EU CULTNET.

Deputy „OCP P PC“ is a common European coordinator of the project EPE (European platform for experts), which brings together specialists and experts for the region organized property crime to share practices, actions, legislative changes and manuals across the EU. In the fight against car crime and its organized forms of the Police Force is involved also in the project INVEX - Interpol in the framework of the search for stolen vehicles through vehicle manufacturers, the information system EuVID utilized in the identification of the vehicle or the information system FADA International, which serves the individual identification of motor vehicles by means of direct connection to vehicle manufacturers' databases.

The police corps also participates in operational meetings of EUROPOL for organized property criminality depending on the extent of the occurrence of cleared crime in the territory of the Slovak Republic (recently, for example, in the case of storing goods from truck semi-trailers by cutting the sail during the driver's night rest or theft burglary suspected of the participation of an organized group of citizens of Romania).

3. Good practices

Overview of recent good practices, prevention programs, etc.

As an example, "good practice" can include the participation of the Slovak party in the activities of the aforementioned Joint Investigation Team for Operation ELEVEN, concerning a series of burglaries into the commercial centers, goldsmiths and other objects by

perpetrators of Romanian statehood, within which the organized property criminality of the investigation the international database with analytical support of EUROPOL (FP Furtum) and the subsequent direct meetings of the EUROJUST's participating prosecutors.