

**Key outcomes from the Third Meeting of the Permanent Conference of
Organised Crime Prosecutors
Implementing the Belgrade "Declaration of Intent"**

Rome, 12-13 October 2017

Meeting objective:

- Assist prosecutors for organized crime in the region and in Western Europe to improve their mutual co-operation in the fight against organized crime.
- Provide and receive updates on the main developments and challenges in the area of organized crime and terrorism.
- Define practical modalities for the implementation of the *Declaration of Intent* signed in Belgrade on 26 May 2016.

Meeting goals:

- Agreeing on modalities to further the effect of the Declaration of Intent signed in May 2016 in Belgrade.
- Considering the use of advanced technology solutions (on the model of SIDDA-SIDNA platform) in investigative work.
- Creating closer professional contacts among practitioners from different countries.
- Advancing co-operation and trust among prosecutors.
- Promoting a culture of teamwork between prosecution and law enforcement.

Key meeting outcomes:

- The Office of the Prosecutor General from **Hungary** joined the Declaration of Intent.
- Establishment of a **Secretariat** and **Executive management board** of the permanent conference of prosecutors against organized crime, based in Belgrade for the next four years
- Participants agreed **share information by using e-mail, telephone of the contact point that will be indicated by each Prosecution Office**. In case of confidential information the office will send a preliminary request, explaining in brief the need to commonly decide how to proceed further (meeting, identify a secure channel etc.).

Conference legacy:

- The **proposals** presented by Mr Giovanni Russo, Deputy Prosecutor, DNA at the end of the conference, need to be **further debated**, and in the following meeting **more time** should be devoted to the **discussion** rather than case presentation.
- Participants identified legal constraints pertaining **use of new technologies** which need to be further discussed at **national level**.
- The **OSCE Mission to Serbia** stands ready to support the next steps of the standing conference of prosecutors, in furtherance of the Declaration of Intent, including the **organisation of the next meeting** proposed to take place in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia by June 2018.