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# GLOBAL CRIME: TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

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# THE PRESENT

- GLOBALIZATION (trade/financial flows/cyber space/illegal flow of goods and finances/migrations/ organized crime/corruption)
- The fall of the Berlin wall
- Reforms in China
- Reunified Germany
- The dissolution of the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia

# CHALLENGES TODAY

- Conflicts
- Iraq; Syria; Libya; Afghanistan; Ukraine
- Migrations
- Towards EU/USA from Africa, Asia and South America

# TENSIONS AND NEW PLAYERS

- USA
- RUSSIA
- CHINA
- EU
- BRIC(S): Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- UN marginalized

# TERRORISM

- Islamic
- Right-Wing
- A change in terrorist methods
- Implications for travel and lifestyle

# MIGRATIONS

- West Europe (Germany; France; Great Britain; Belgium; Austria; Scandinavia; Italy)
- SAD
- Australia
- Africa (Somalia; Eritrea; Mali; Chad; Nigeria)
- Asia and the Middle East (Afghanistan; Pakistan Bangladesh; Iraq; Syria; Libya)
- Political (ab)use of migration

# GLOBAL CORRUPTION AND ORGANIZED CRIME

- Transnational organized crime
- Corruption
- Human trafficking
- Migrant smuggling
- Drugs
- Arms
- Rare animals and plants

# THE BALKANS (I)

- Origin
- Sudden expansion during and after the war in Yugoslavia and sanctions
- Liaisons with secret services, paramilitary formations, diaspora and international organized crime
- Organized crime spills over from the Balkans to Italy, Germany, Scandinavia, Great Britain, South America, Africa



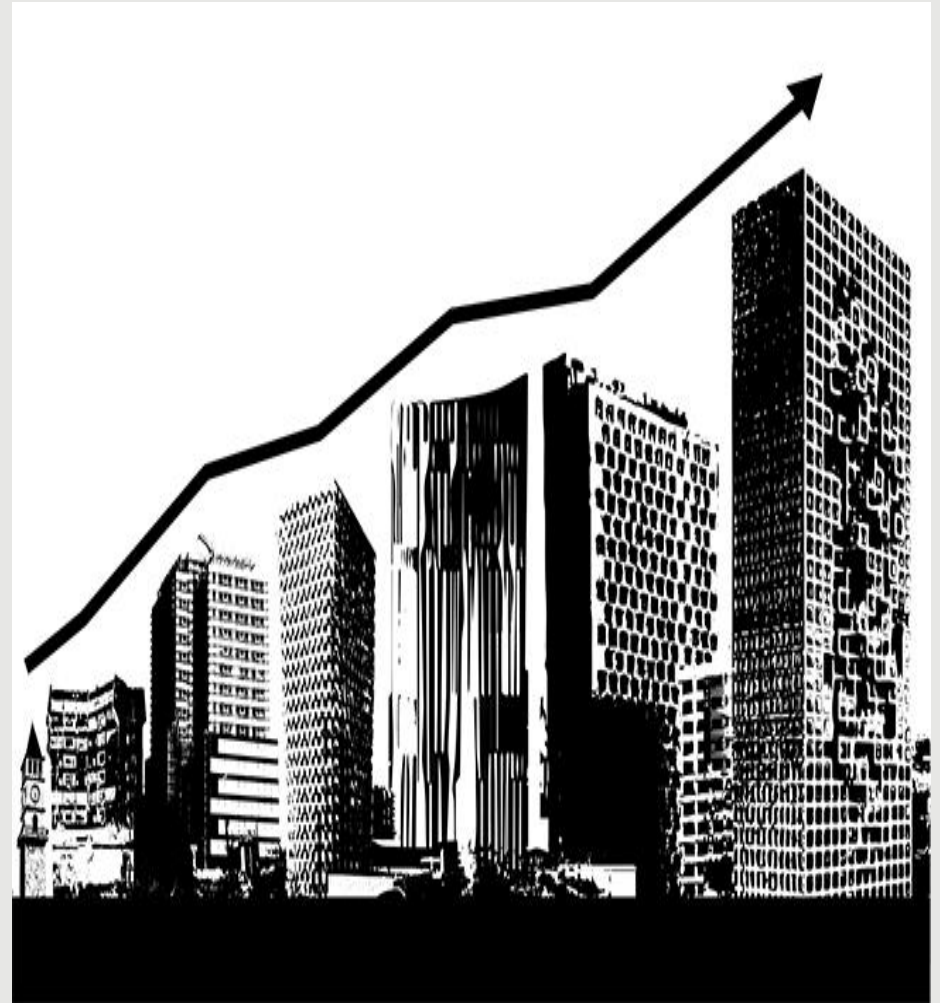
# THE BALKANS (2)

- Drugs
- Human trafficking/migrant smuggling
- Arms trafficking
- Cigarette smuggling
- Cyber crime
- Trafficking in stolen vehicles
- Smuggling of goods
- Fraud and extortion
- Corruption
- Money laundering



# Money Laundering

- Construction industry
- Tourism (Hotels/restaurants/bars)
- Bookmakers
- Privatization /purchase/rental properties
- Trading stocks
- Luxury goods (yachts/watches)



# THE INFORMAL ECONOMY IS WIDESPREAD IN THE BALKANS

*The share of the informal economy in GDP*

Albania 30-40

North Macedonia 20-40

Serbia 35

BiH 34

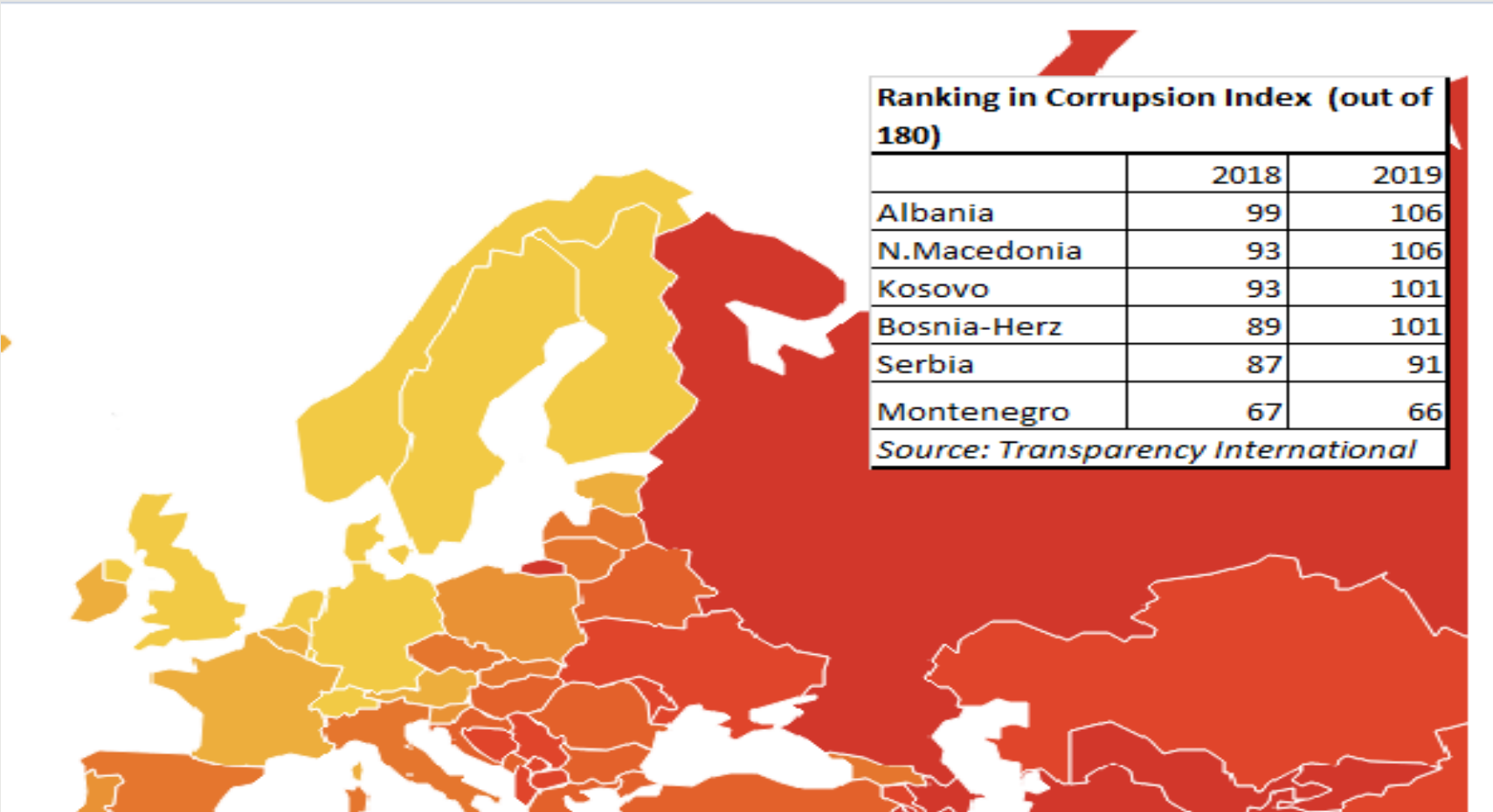
Montenegro 28

Kosovo 30

EU average 20

*Source of data: Estimations of IMF, European Commission (ERP)*

# CORRUPTION IS ONE OF THE REASONS



Ranking in Corruption Index (out of 180)		
	2018	2019
Albania	99	106
N.Macedonia	93	106
Kosovo	93	101
Bosnia-Herz	89	101
Serbia	87	91
Montenegro	67	66

*Source: Transparency International*

# 2019 CORRUPTION PERCEPTION INDEX (CPI-TI)

- Global by region
- The best and the worst
- West Europe and European Union
- Central and East Europe
- The Balkans

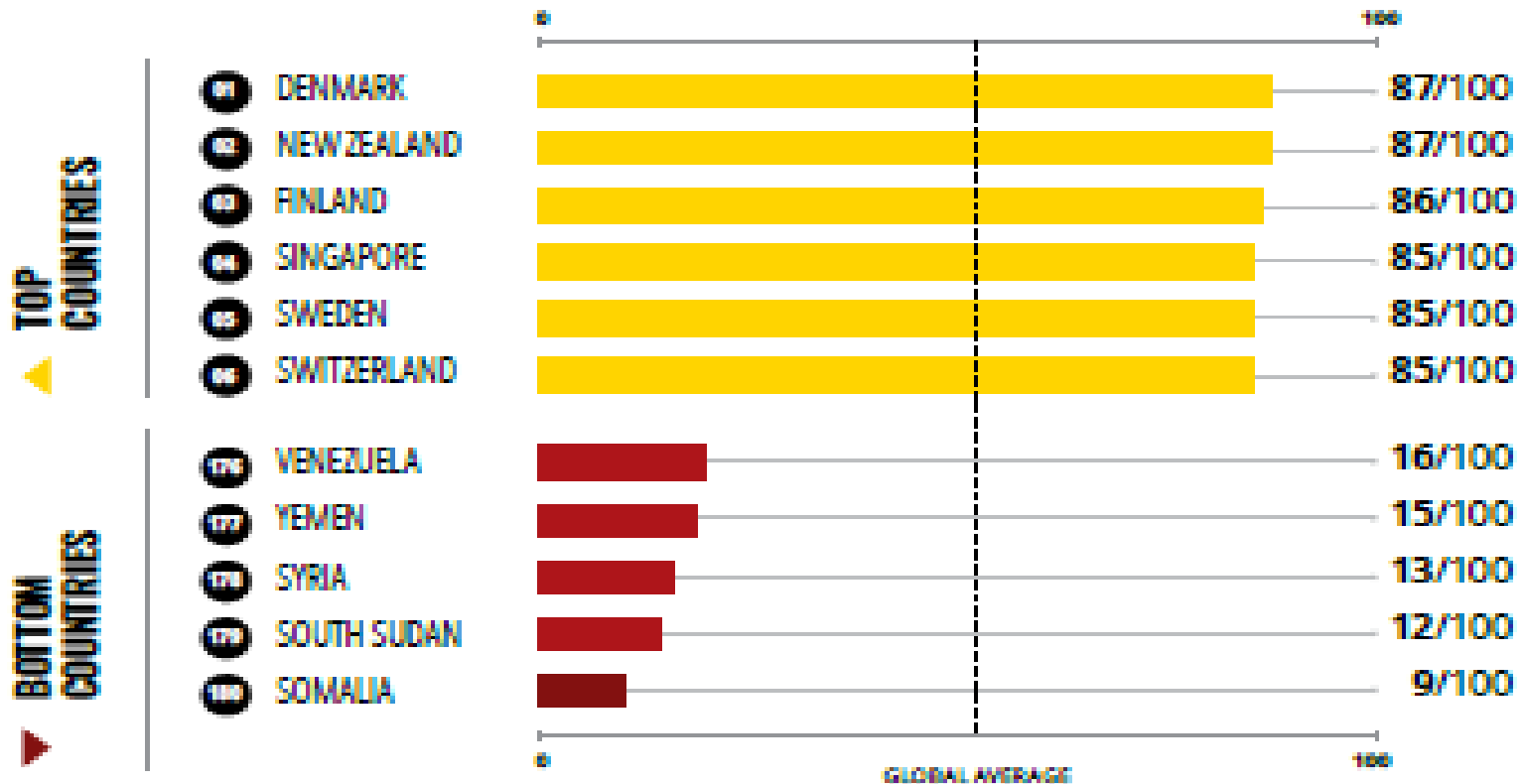
# 2019 Corruption Perception Index (CPI - TI)

## RESULTS BY REGION

Average regional scores, with top and bottom performers in each region.



# The best and the worst(2019 CPI - TI)



The index ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived

Similar to previous years, the data shows that despite some

The bottom countries are Somalia, South Sudan and Syria

# 2019 CPI-TI

## WESTERN EUROPE & EUROPEAN UNION

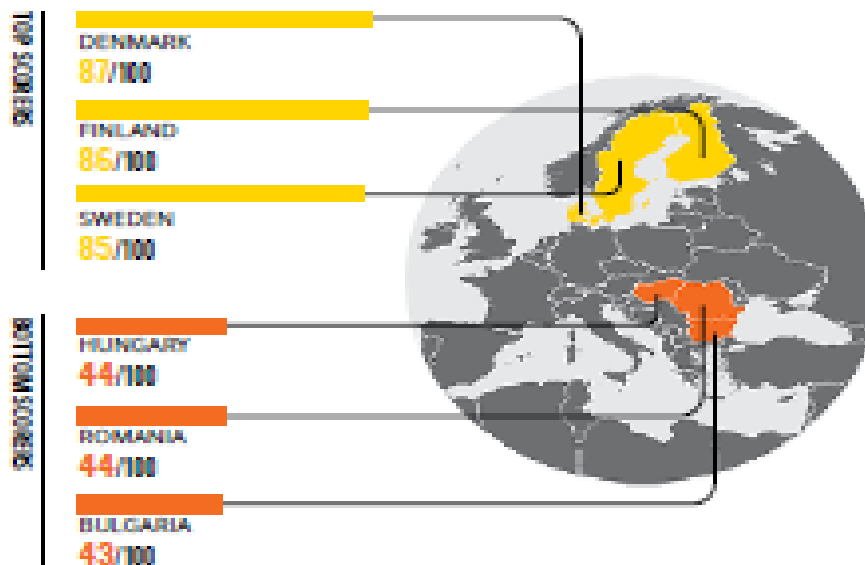
Fourteen of the top 20 countries in this year's CPI are from Western Europe and the European Union (EU), including nine countries from the EU alone.

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COUNTRIES ASSESSED

66/100

AVERAGE REGIONAL  
SCORE





# CPI 2019 TI

## EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

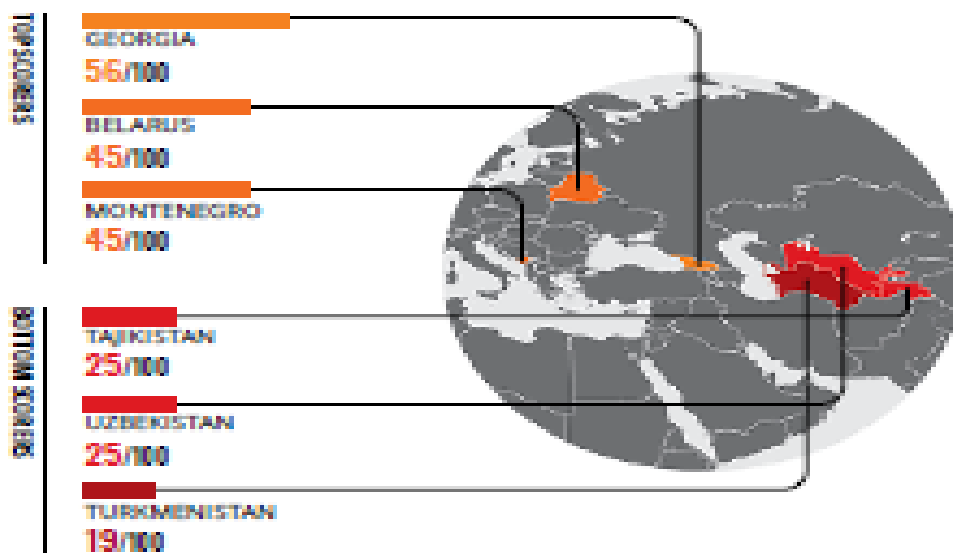
Eastern Europe and Central Asia is the second-lowest performing region on the CPI, with an average score of 35.

# 19

COUNTRIES ASSESSED

# 35/100

AVERAGE REGIONAL SCORE



# THE BALKANS: CPI TI Rank (2019) and Score (2015-19)

	Rank	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>MNE</b>	66	48	45	46	45	44
<b>SRB</b>	91	39	39	41	42	40
<b>KO*</b>	101	36	38	38	39	38
<b>BiH</b>	101	36	38	38	39	36
<b>AL</b>	106	35	36	38	39	36
<b>NM</b>	106	35	37	35	37	42

# COURSE GOALS



This series of discussions aims at exploring various links between corruption and organized crime at the global and regional level



Getting to know UNCAC and UNTOC



Contributing to the implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption through education

THANK YOU!



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