



## **Follow up to the implementation of regional strategy against organised and economic crime in south-eastern Europe**

Belgrade, 29.03.2006 – Representatives from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and UNMIK will meet in Belgrade on 31 March 2006 to evaluate the actions and measures undertaken in the implementation of the Regional Strategy on Tools against Organised and Economic crime adopted in September 2005 in Brijuni.

The meeting is organised by the Council of Europe, within the framework of the CARDS Regional Police Project (CARPO) against serious crime in south-eastern Europe. CARPO is a joint project of the Council of Europe and the European Commission, [www.coe.int/cards-police](http://www.coe.int/cards-police).

The Brijuni Regional Strategy elaborated by experts and practitioners from south-eastern Europe with the support of the CARPO project is based on European standards and good practices. It provides tools such as crime analysis, financial investigations, witness protection mechanisms, the use of special investigative means and cross-border co-operation.

The aim of this meeting will be to assess how far the implementation of the Regional Strategy has gone, as well as what additional assistance CARPO Project may provide in order to facilitate this process. The successful implementation of the Regional Strategy will help the countries better counter the threat that organised and economic crime poses to democracy, the rule of law, human rights and economic progress in south-eastern Europe.

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