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Administrative approach as an alternative to prosecution – co-operation between authorities in the fight against organized crime

Synopsis

The non-prosecution alternatives for Swedish prosecutors are fairly limited. The Swedish legal system does not provide for plea bargains or deferred prosecution agreements. However, criminal procedure is not always possible or the best course of action. A multidisciplinary approach based on cooperation between different authorities in combatting organized crime has therefore been a successful alternative in Sweden. Since 2009 twelve different Swedish authorities, including the Swedish Prosecution Authority, work together within the framework of the National Operational Council in order to share information and to identify and focus on certain strategic persons, areas or phenomena.

The presentation will focus on the formalized multidisciplinary cooperation within the National Operational Council in Sweden and its key success factors. A multidisciplinary approach on a national level may also meet challenges on the international level.