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## PLENARY SESSION 2

### STRATEGIC APPROACH OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION POLICE IN CRIME COMBATING (COMPARATIVE STUDY OF AUSTRIA AND SERBIA)

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#### ABSTRACT

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the importance of criminal analysis, especially strategic crime analysis. Different European documents and theory suggest the importance of criminal analysis, especially strategic analysis of the crime. The paper examines the implementation in the practice crime analysis and especially the strategic aspects of the criminal investigation analysis in daily work of the police in Austria and Serbia. These two states were selected for a comparative study because one is a developed and another one is in transition. In addition, there is a significant transfer of crime between them.

#### DESIGN/METHODOLOGY/APPROACH:

A theoretical approach to the subject of the topic is based on the European documents that suggest the strategic and operative analysis of crime and on the state of the theoretical knowledge in the literatures. The empirical approach to the topics is based on the research of the practice based on the questionnaire and case studies. Framework for research on the practice is a state in areas of operational and strategic analysis of crime in Austria and Serbia.

#### FINDINGS:

In the literature and in the recent European documents are much emphasized / insists on introducing strategic and operational analysis of crime at all levels and units of criminal investigation service. But in practice it is not so. A strategic analysis of crime is very neglected in Serbia. The work of crime investigation services is based on the analysis of operational information and their work is essentially reactive not proactive. Proactive work of the police investigation services needs strategic analysis. The neglect of the proactive



