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The role of organized criminality in the illicit trafficking in the mediterranean area: economic and sociological focus

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Cyberlaundering: countering the economic dimension of organized crime in the era of cryptocurrencies

In a context where technology permeates modern societies at every level, cryptocurrencies and the blockchain system constitute major tools for organized crime in increasing its criminal power. These factors require national and supranational legal systems to review and update anti-money laundering regulations, including by virtue of the provisions and principles enshrined in the 2000 United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, which has been updated - adapting to the new needs of the international community - through the recent adoption of the Falcone Resolution, a policy document that reintroduces the fight against the economic dimension of organized crime into the international debate. The present contribution aims to provide an overview of cyberlaundering from a dual perspective of examination, focusing, on the one hand, on the technical-financial aspects of the phenomenon, paying attention to the peculiarities of national and supranational anti-money laundering legislation, and also making a comparison between different national experiences; on the other hand, on the repercussions in the sphere of international criminal law, paying particular attention to the forms and limits of judicial cooperation between states and to cyberlaundering as a new frontier of money laundering by transnational organized crime.