

NETWORK AND GOVERNANCE INSIGHTS

Dear GI-TOC colleagues,

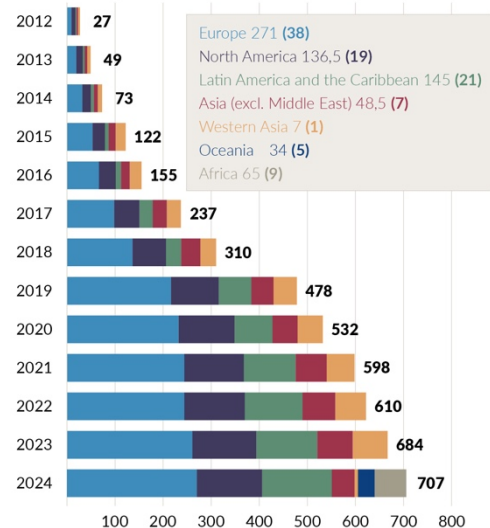
This general document will give you access to the most necessary informative resources, increase knowledge about the inner workings of our organization and thus form a more cohesive understanding of our work behind-the-scenes.

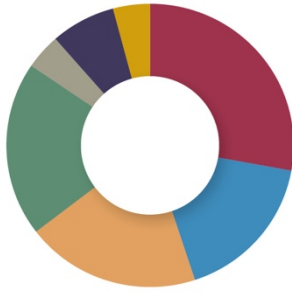
Membership overview and current gaps

From 27 members at the creation of the organization, the GI-TOC Network of Experts counts no less than 707 members to date (June 2024). The GI-TOC Network of Experts strives to be a fair representation of the high-level experts working on transnational organized crime issues around the world.

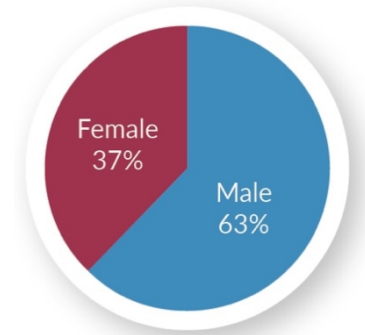
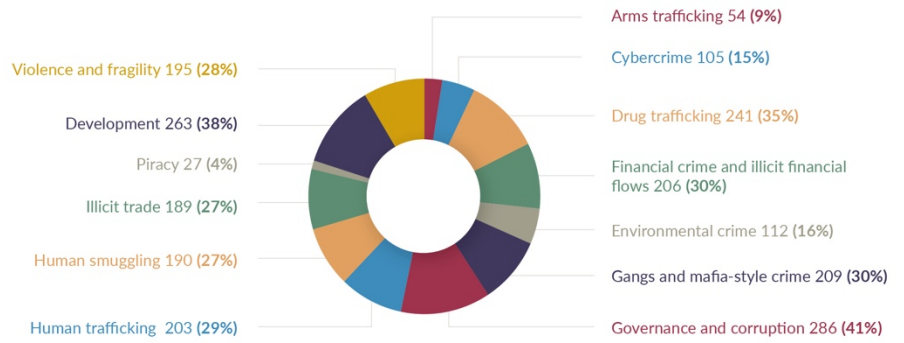
- Key role of the Network: Annual General Meeting, the organization’s highest authority, which convenes once a year.
- The Network has the authority to appoint members of the Board, and to appoint a select number of its own members to the Board to represent the Network.
- Five Network representatives on the Board; [Rodrigo Avila](#), [Nick Lewis](#), [Nirmal Ghosh](#), [François Mathieu](#) and [Tariq Khosa](#).

We are constantly seeking a balance across all categories of the Network (region of origin, region of residence, gender, type of expertise and professional category).





Research and academia: 295 (42%)
 Civil society organizations: 181 (26%)
 Independent experts: 208 (30%)
 Government and law enforcement: 211 (30%)
 Media: 43 (7%)
 Private sector: 77 (11%)
 UN/regional organizations: 44 (7%)



Most recently, we have been increasing our focus on categories that are under-represented as part of our strategy to recruit new members, namely:

🌐 REGIONS

- Asia-Pacific
- Africa and West Asia
- MENA

👔 PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Private sector
- Regional organizations
- The media

👨‍🔬 AREA OF EXPERTISE

- Piracy
- Arms trafficking
- Environmental crime
- Illicit trade

The Network of Experts is particularly looking for female experts, regardless of their regional and professional backgrounds, or area of expertise.

Engagement Opportunities with Network members

- Slack channel ([#network_GIN](#)) for questions/problems concerning the Network, opportunities for promoting events, pinning messages, using the canvas function to leave a permanent note on the channel.
- Directly contact the Network coordination team via email at network@globalinitiative.net - consulting, peer-reviews, collaboration opportunities (*we always welcome new ideas!*).

One of our main goals is to make sure that we find matching experts to your projects and needs.

Please avoid to contact members of the team on their individual email to ensure all Network-related requests are reaching the Network team inbox.



- Participation in Network-related events, such as the monthly Network discussions, are also welcome. Not only do these provide the opportunity for you to further your expertise, it is also a good way to meet the experts and get to know them better.
- Feedback on past and current collaborations with Network members can be made through the [Engagement Log](#). All comments will provide useful points of orientation for us, so please save it somewhere in your favourites and make it your own.

Recommending new profiles for the GIN



- 2 review sessions per year – March & September.
- Prospective members usually join the Network upon invitation or recommendation by existing Network members.
- To recommend an expert, please send us an email (network@globalinitiative.net) with their name and contact details. You can also send us an introductory email, copying the expert in question and we will take it from there.
- The Membership Review Committee considers the profiles of prospective members after a thorough background check has been carried out based on our Code of Ethics. Those who are approved by the committee are formally invited by the director to become GIN members.

Resources and Tools

Useful Resources:

- Register here to be part of our next Network discussion: [Network Resource Centre](#)
- Visit the [Network web page](#)
- Access our resource centre here: [Network Resource Centre](#)
- [Let us know](#) if you would like to receive regular updates about the Network by becoming part of our Mailchimp subscriber list.
- Contact us here for any more questions or information: network@globalinitiative.net

FAQs:

- What is the GI-TOC Network of Experts?
 - The GI-TOC Network was created to promote and support relevant specialists willing to make a difference in a challenging environment. This Network is a multi-disciplinary group, composed of over 707 national and international experts.
- What is our mission?



- The GIN wants to provide a valuable platform for exchanging knowledge, expertise and advice. It serves as a forum for influence, collaboration and coordination. The Network is a shared space where frank debate can take place, expertise can be shared, and connections can be developed.
- What does a Network of Experts mean?
 - We believe that the solution to organized criminal activity lies in the mobilization of people and their experts. Our Network is made up of selected leading experts in their field who help us develop innovative solutions formulate sound recommendations and create effective tools to curb transnational organized crime dynamics worldwide.
- How can I stay up to date on GI-TOC announcements?
 - Never miss a news by signing up to our [GIN mailing list](#) or the [Resource Centre](#).
- I am a GI-TOC employee, can I be a Network member too?
 - GI-TOC colleagues can become Network members too, and can remain a member should they decide to move on from the GI-TOC one day. If you feel you have the necessary experience, all you have to do is write to us at network@globalinitiative.net. You will be subject to the same selection process as any other candidate.

Help us make this FAQ section useful, please send us your questions and we'll include them in this document.

Contact Information:

All information/question/request should be directed to network@globalinitiative.net

