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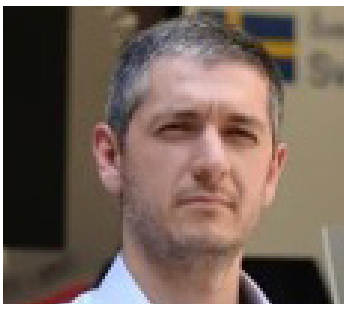	Dean Savić has been an employee of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia since 1991. He received his PhD degree at the Faculty of Political Sciences in Zagreb. He is the author of several scientific and professional papers. He has completed several courses in the field of criminal investigations at the University of Applied Sciences in criminal investigation and public security in Zagreb. **Contact**: dsavic@mup.hr

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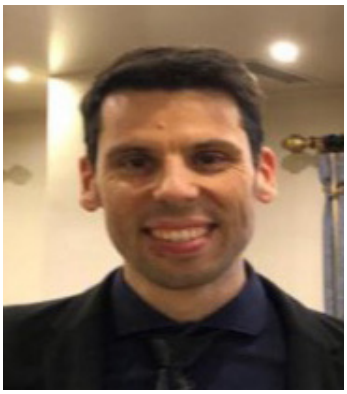	Emanuel Azevedo Carvalho has a PhD in law from the Autonomous University of Lisbon (UAL) and is an Assistant Professor at UAL and a researcher at Ratio Legis – Centre for Research and Development in Legal Sciences at UAL and at the Justice and Governance Research Centre (Jusgov) at the University of Minho Law School. He is a member of the Institute for International Legal Co-operation and a trainer at the Portuguese Bar Association (in the area of domestic violence). He is a lawyer and legal consultant, and an arbitrator and conflict mediator. **ORCID**: https://orcid.org/0000-0001-5053-2425 **Contact**: emanuecarvalho44900p@gmail.com

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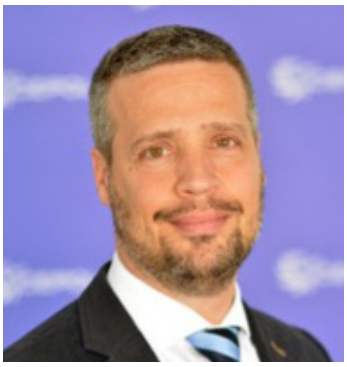	Gábor Kemény is an experienced senior police officer and education professional with a demonstrated history of working for law enforcement authorities at the national and international levels. He is skilled in law enforcement, cross-border cooperation, leadership, capacity building, training and project management. He has a strong education background, with various postgraduate qualifications in the fields of the special jurisprudence of the law of the EU and strategic border management. **ORCID**: https://orcid.org/0000-0003-0062-2160 **Contact**: Gabor.kemeny@cepol.europa.eu

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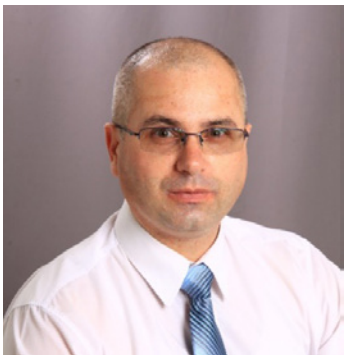	Mircea Constantin Scheau has a PhD in public order and national security. He is author or co-author of several volumes, one of which - *Cybercrime Regarding Financial Transfers* - received the Victor Slăvescu Prize awarded by the Romanian Academy, and of over 50 articles related to management, law enforcement, infrastructures, technology, defence and cybersecurity. He lectures at international conferences and is an Honorary Associate Researcher at, member of, or collaborator with, prestigious universities. **ORCID**: https://orcid.org/0000-0002-3847-5998 **Contact**: mircea.scheau@edu.ucv.ro

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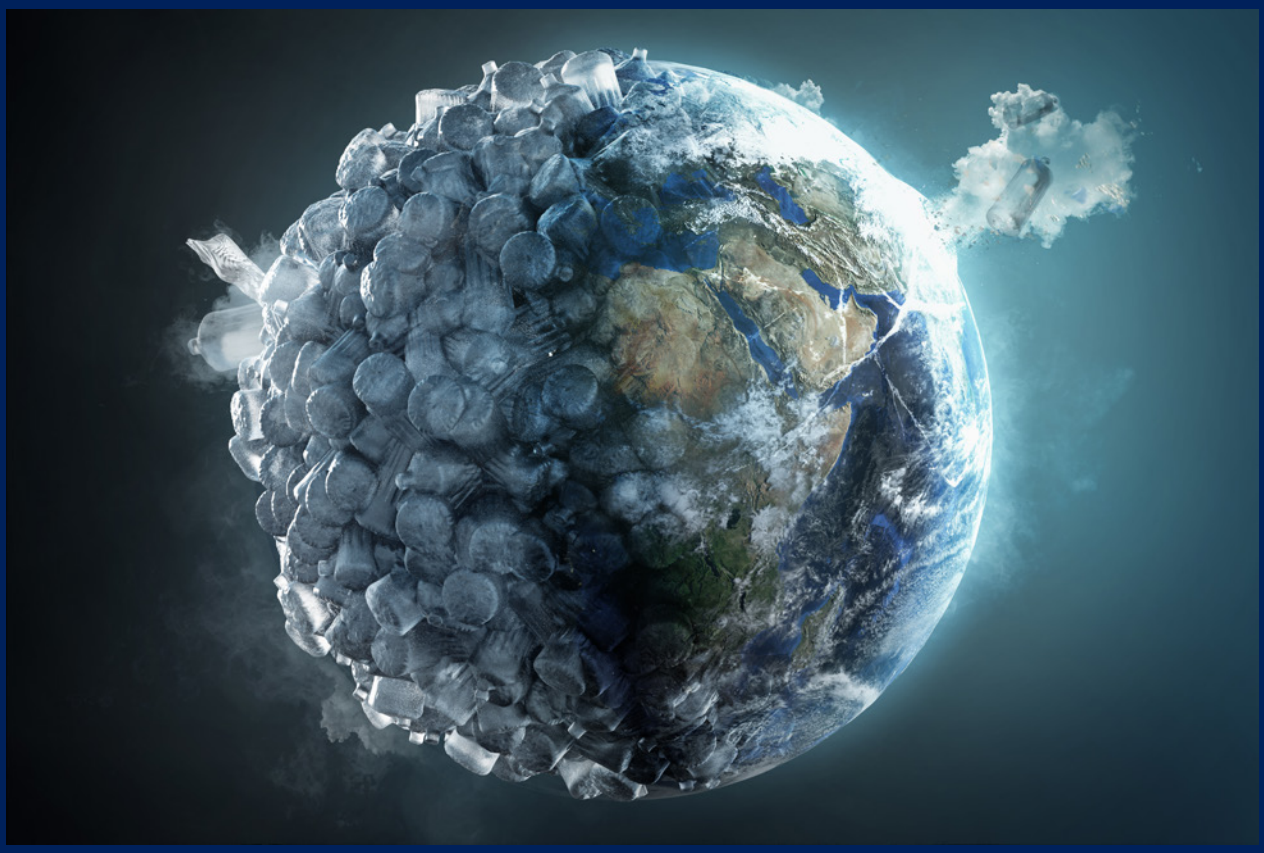

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