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Organised crime covers a wide range of activities, including drug trafficking, illegal trafficking of people, and fraud. The existence of a land border does not impede these operations; instead in many cases it is used to their advantage. In response, law enforcement strategies must include a transnational, multi-agency approach.

This book critically analyses the extent to which Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland have been successful in implementing effective action against transnational organised crime. It explores the adoption of key law enforcement strategies and measures in these jurisdictions, and evaluates how regional (EU law) and international (UN Convention) standards have been implemented at the national level. Drawing on interviews with over 90 stakeholders including the Department of Justice Northern Ireland, the Department of Justice and Equality in Ireland, the Police Service of Northern Ireland and An Garda Síochána, Tom Obokata and Brian Payne discuss the factors affecting the effective prevention and suppression of organised crime, particularly in relation to cross-border cooperation.

In exploring challenges of transnational crime and cooperation, this book will be of great use to students and researchers in international and transnational criminal law, criminology, and crime prevention.

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# Abbreviations

CAB	Criminal Assets Bureau
CAJ	Committee on the Administration of Justice
CHIS	Covert Human Intelligence Sources
CPS	Crown Prosecution Service
DPP	Director of Public Prosecutions
EAW	European Arrest Warrant
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights 1950
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
ECJ	European Court of Justice
EEW	European Evidence Warrant
EIO	European Investigation Order
EU	European Union
GCHQ	Government Communications Headquarters
GRETA	Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs
ICCL	Irish Council for Civil Liberties
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966
JIT	Joint Investigation Team
NCA	National Crime Agency
NPS	New Psychoactive Substances
OCTF	Organised Crime Task Force
PII	Public Interest Immunity
POCA	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
PPS	Public Prosecution Service (Northern Ireland)
PSNI	Police Service of Northern Ireland
REFCO	Network of Prosecutors against Organized Crime
RIPA	Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
SCC	Special Criminal Court
SOCA	Serious Organised Crime Agency
TEU	Treaty on European Union
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
UNODC	United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime
UNTOC	United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime 2000

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