Zilupe municipality mayor – allegedly founder and leader of an organized criminal group
Distributes local government

Responsible for the development and planning of the territory

Develop, approve and spend budget

Collecting taxes and fees

Realizing investment projects

Keep real estate

Previously 3 times punished for committing a crimes (hooliganism, robbery)

Informal regional criminal authority

Leader of organised criminal group

Continued reinforcement of his influence

The financing of social activities

Renovation of public objects

Issuing some amount of money to people
2007 - 2008
Arrests of members of organized criminal group
- total 26 people

Group leader
Mayor

Active members of the group, private persons, previously criminally punished

State border guard officers
State police officers
Customs officers

Modus operandi

Smuggling
Laundering proceeds from crime
Evasion of taxes and similar payments
Using official position in bad faith
Accepting bribes
Giving of bribes

Lobbying
Property acquisition (privatization)
The acquisition of mineral resources (dolomite)
Green lane for vehicles on border
The development of the forest, its sales
Frauds of EU funds
Abuse of the municipality budget

Proceedings in court