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Activity Overview

Regional Workshop **Corruption Risk Assessment and Integrity Building**

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Background According to the available international and regional assessments and reports (EU, Council of Europe, UNODC, Transparency International) corruption still poses one of the main challenges in South East Europe. Thus, continuous efforts in curbing corruption are needed, both regarding prevention and suppression, in order to reduce corruption and eliminate potential risks of any kind of misbehaviour.

The importance of preventing corruption is recognized in Chapter II of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). It underlines the need to address the risks of corruption by adopting effective and coordinated policies against corruption, a fair and transparent system of public procurement, strengthening the integrity of the public sector, as well as strengthening transparency and public reporting. A fundamental pillar for an efficient, transparent and effective system free of corruption is a public service staffed with individuals of the highest level of skill and integrity.

Due to its specificities, the defence sector has been identified as one of the sectors with high risks for misconducts and corruption. The available analysis in SEE has revealed that there have been many cases of corruption related to the defence sector. Procurement in the defence sector, lack of transparency, conflict of interest, and lack of financial control make it susceptible to corruption, collusion, fraud and manipulation.

Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative continuously works on building integrity in the public service sector and supporting governmental bodies in their efforts to move away from discretionary decision-making to rule-based political and administrative decision-making.

Being aware of the fact that integrity and the fight against corruption in the defence sector is a common challenge in the region, and considering that this specific topic needs to be treated multi-disciplinarily, Regional Anti-corruption Initiative (RAI) and RACVIAC have initiated joint activities in this field.

Purpose and Objectives The objective of the Workshop is to increase the capacity of ministries of defence in the field of corruption risk assessment and integrity, as well as strengthen cooperation between anti-corruption bodies and ministries of defence. The Workshop aims at increasing awareness about the current anti-corruption mechanisms and tools, but also the needed legal solutions. It is anticipated that the participants will gain a better understanding of the specific elements related to integrity plans, integrity measures, identification and mitigation of corruption risks, prevention of corruption in public procurement, financial control management, protection of whistle-blowers, etc.

The Seminar main objectives are:

- To provide the participants with the additional knowledge about the relevant international standards and useful tools for prevention of corruption
- To obtain an oversight of the main regional stakeholders and actors, competent bodies and institutions
- To elaborate the relevant case studies and address the common challenges and problems
- To discuss and exchange best practices and lessons learned in the field of building integrity
- To develop mutual contacts and networking among the participants from South East Europe
- To outline the most demanding common challenges in South East Europe and future actions in this field.

Participation The target audience of the Workshop are mid-level representatives of the respective anti-corruption agencies and ministries of defence (departments in charge of building integrity and preventing misconducts). The participants are also envisaged to take an active part in delivering and deliberating on case studies. They are expected to take an active part in presenting the latest developments in the field of corruption prevention as well as to share their knowledge and experience on matters of corruption risk assessment as an efficient preventive tool in public institutions, integrity in public procurement and financial management control (FMC). Detailed information and other arrangements regarding this event will be specified in the corresponding materials that will be sent accordingly.

Methodology The Workshop is envisaged as an active and vibrant environment that will enable all the participants to share their knowledge and experience and to learn about the topics from peers in the region. The event will last two days and will be comprised of lectures, presentations and discussions. The working language of the Seminar will be English.

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