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The Centre for Security Cooperation (RACVIAC)
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INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON

EFFECTIVENESS OF CORRUPTION PREVENTION MEASURES

18-19 May 2015
Zagreb, Croatia

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Sunday, 17 May 2015

19:00 Welcoming reception hosted by RAI/RACVIAC

Day 1: Monday, 18 May 2015

9:30-10:00 Welcoming remarks

Mr. Davor Dubravica, Chairman, Regional Anti-corruption Initiative
Ms. Olga Savran, ACN Manager, OECD Anti-Corruption Division
Mr. Roel Janssens, the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
Ambassador Branimir Mandić, Director, RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation

10:00-13:00 High Level Session: Main Achievements and Challenges in Preventing Corruption

This session will provide a platform for decision-makers to present main achievements and remaining challenges in the area of prevention of corruption in South Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The session will include keynote speeches from high level officials and a round table discussion based on regional studies presented at this event – OECD ACN Study “Prevention of Corruption in the Public Sector in Eastern Europe and Central Asia”, RAI study “Methodology on Monitoring and Evaluating the Implementation of National Anti-corruption Strategies and Action Plans” and RAI/RCC Methodology on Anti-corruption Assessment of Laws.

Moderator: Ambassador Branimir Mandić, Director of Centre for Security Cooperation - RACVIAC

Speakers:
- Mr. Orsat Miljenić, Minister of Justice, Croatia
- Minister Pawel Wojtunik, Head of the Central Anti-corruption Bureau, Poland
- Ms. Elena A. Panfilova, Chair, Center for Anti-corruption Research and Initiative Transparency International – R, Russian Federation; Vice-Chair of Board of Directors, Transparency International
- Mr. Marin Mrcela, GRECO President

11:30-12:00 Family photo, followed by Coffee break

12:00-13:00 Roundtable Discussion

- What are the key measures taken to prevent corruption in your countries so far?
- What are the key priorities of anti-corruption policies for the coming years?
- How to better assess the outcomes and impact of anti-corruption strategies?

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:30 Session 2: Trends and Challenges in Monitoring and Evaluation of National Anti-Corruption Strategies
This session will discuss the Methodology for Monitoring and Evaluation of Implementation of National Anti-corruption Strategies and Action Plans developed by the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative. Good practices from across the region in developing and implementing in practice tools to assess the effectiveness and outcomes of anti-corruption measures and policies will be presented. Besides, some examples of how effectiveness of public policies is assessed in OECD Member Countries will be outlined.

Moderator:  Mr. Davor Dubravica, Regional Anti-corruption Initiative Chairperson

Speakers:  
- Draft “Ten Principles of Effective Monitoring and Evaluation”  
- Dr. Tilman HOPPE, RAI Anti-corruption Expert  
- Design of integrity measures based on available indicators. Anti-corruption strategy monitoring, tracking impact of anti-corruption measures, measuring effectiveness of public policies.  
- Ms. Anneli Sihver, Public Administration and Civil Service Department; Ms. Kätlin-Chris Kruusmaa, Ministry of Justice, Estonia  
- Monitoring Anti-corruption Reforms: Experience from Bulgaria and the EU Anti-Corruption Report  
- Mr. Ruslan Stefanov, Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria  
- Mr. Zurab Sanikidze, Ministry of Justice, Georgia  
- Mr Tilek Saiakbaev, Corruption prevention policy department, Ministry of Economy, Kyrgyzstan  
- UNODC -?

Discussion

- Why should there be a proper evaluation mechanism in place and how to ensure that?  
- Why do monitoring processes sometimes not work and how to make them efficient?

Adoption of “Ten Principles of Effective Monitoring and Evaluation”

16:00-16:30  Coffee break

19:30  Dinner hosted by OECD ACN

DAY 2:  TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2015
9:30 – 10:00  OECD Study “Prevention of Corruption in the Public Sector in Eastern Europe and Central Asia”

Presentation by Mr. Valts Kalniņš, “Providus”, Latvia
Commentaries from countries, representatives of partner organizations

10:00 – 13:00  Session 3:  Corruption risk assessments and action plans at the sectoral level

This Session will focus on tackling corruption in specific sectors or institutions. It will discuss the use of targeted risk assessments of corruption problems at sectoral and institutional level and action plans and recommendations developed to remedy these risks. The session will focus on concrete examples of such corruption prevention measures and discuss their results and effectiveness.

Moderator:  Mr. Roel Janssens, the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE  Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:  Mr. Valentin Topoloiu, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romania

Ms. Inese Rīta, Internal Control Division, Financial Police, State Revenues Service, Latvia

Ms. Nadja Kammerzell, Customs Attache, Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union

Mr. Audrius Bereišis, Head of Anti-Corruption Assessment Division, Special Investigation Service, Lithuania

11:00 - 11:30  Coffee break

Discussion

- Which are the ingredients which could make corruption risk assessment a successful preventive measure?
- How can corruption risk assessment be better integrated into the good governance framework?
- How can the impact of corruption risk assessment be measured?
- Who should coordinate corruption risk assessment in a country and what is the role of civil society?
- What could be the criteria for tailoring corruption risk assessment approach to a certain environment?

13:00-14:30  Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00  Session 4:  Anti-Corruption Assessment of Draft Laws and Legal Acts

This final session will discuss this rather popular preventive measure – assessment of laws or draft bills for corruption risks contained in them – based on some country examples to see how it works in practice, what concrete outcomes have been seen and what can be done to make this tool more effective.
Moderators: Mr. Radu Cotici, Head of RAI Secretariat

Speakers: **RAI/RCC methodology on anti-corruption assessment of laws**
Dr. Tilman Hoppe, Anti-Corruption Expert

**Effects of anti-corruption assessment of laws on legislative process in Moldova**
Ms. Maria Popescu, Republic of Moldova

**Anti-corruption assessment of legislation by civil society**
Prof. Mykola Khavroniuk, Centre for Political and Legal Reforms, Ukraine

**Corruption impact assessment system of Korea**
Ms. Yeongmi Kim, Assistant Director, Corruption Impact Assessment Division, Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, Korea

Discussion

Commentaries from OSCE Office in Tajikistan

- Which are the elements that make anti-corruption assessment of laws a successful preventive measure and why it doesn’t work in certain cases
- Which could be the benefits of an effective anti-corruption assessment of laws?

16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:30 Wrap-up session

Moderators: Ms. Olga Savran, Manager, OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia; Mr. Davor Dubravica, Chairman, Regional Anti-corruption Initiative

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About the organisers

OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN) is a regional anti-corruption programme of the OECD Working Group on Bribery. ACN supports anti-corruption reforms and promotes exchange of experience and good practice among the ACN countries, in cooperation with OECD countries and other partners and organisations. The ACN organizes regional expert seminars and conducts thematic cross-country reviews on various issues related to prevention, investigation and prosecution of corruption. Seminar on Anti-Corruption Policy and Integrity Training was organised in March 2011 in Lithuania. Seminar on Corruption Prevention at Sectorial and Institutional Level was organised in June 2013 in Latvia. Earlier, a series of seminars on Asset Declarations for Public Officials as a Tool to Prevent Corruption were organised in Serbia, France and the Kyrgyz Republic. The ACN has also developed cross-country thematic studies (for example, Asset Declarations for Public Officials: A Tool to Prevent Corruption, Ethics Training for Public Officials).

For more information: www.oecd.org/corruption/acn.

Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA). The OCEEA supports the 57 OSCE participating States in their efforts to strengthen good governance and fight corruption by assisting them in implementing their OSCE and other international anti-corruption commitments and offering them a regional platform for dialogue and exchange of experience and best practices. It does so mainly through political awareness raising activities, and regional capacity building and training events for representatives of governments, civil society and the private sector in the areas of corruption prevention, asset recovery and international co-operation. The OSCE’s mandate to fight corruption was in 2014 further strengthened by the adoption of an OSCE Ministerial Council Decision on Prevention of Corruption. This followed the adoption, in 2012, of the OSCE Ministerial Council Declaration on Strengthening Good Governance and Combating Corruption, Money-Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism. The network of 15 OSCE field operations plays an important role as well through provision of concrete and targeted technical assistance projects focusing on corruption prevention as well as on suppression both on central and local levels.

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Objectives

The seminar aims to discuss the following issues:

(i) recommendations to improve effectiveness of measures to prevent corruption
(ii) measurement of outcomes of anti-corruption policies
(iii) risk assessment and action plans in institutions and sectors
(iv) anti-corruption assessment of legislation

The seminar will combine high level speeches, expert presentations and round-table discussions. The event will be practice-oriented and interactive.

1 https://www.osce.org/cio/130411?download=true
2 http://www.osce.org/cio/97968?download=true
Participants

The seminar is open for all RAI and ACN countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Each country could be represented by two delegates from public authorities in charge of corruption prevention at national level or within a specific public institution/sector. Besides, selected civil society organisations, as well as international organisations will participate.

Practical information

**HOTEL AND VENUE:**

**LANGUAGES:**
The working language will be English. Simultaneous interpretation in Russian will be provided (tbc).

**COSTS:**
The organizers will cover flight costs, as well as provide accommodation, meals and airport transfers to sponsored participants.

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