INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:

“EFFECTIVENESS OF CORRUPTION PREVENTION MEASURES”

Dates May 18-19, 2015

Venue Zagreb, HR

Background A call for an increase in the efficiency of national mechanisms to monitor the implementation of national anti-corruption strategies and action plans has been repeatedly made at different national and international forums. There are countries that have advanced to a third generation level when it comes to their anti-corruption strategies. Some of these documents are pretty ambitious and their complete implementation can lead to the improvement of the situation regarding anti-corruption in the member countries, but, nevertheless, an adequate mechanism for the monitoring of their implementation is required.

This was the main reason why RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation, in cooperation with the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) and the Ministry of Justice of MK on 25 November 2014 organised in Skopje, MK the Regional Conference on an expert level entitled “Trends and Challenges in Implementing Anti-Corruption Strategies”. That conference concluded that there is room for improvement of the existing monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. The Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) committed itself to the development of a tool/methodology which would help the countries to do so.

As a follow-up to that conference another conference at the level of ministers will be organised, to be attended by ministers of justice and delegations from the ministries and other specialised institutions dealing with anti-corruption. The International Conference: “Effectiveness of Corruption Prevention Measures” will be organised on 18-19 May 2015 in Zagreb, HR. RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation will organise this conference in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of HR, the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).
During this conference, in addition to discussions on other topics, a Methodology on Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation of the national Anti-corruption Strategies and Action Plans will be presented. It will represent a tool which will support improving the effectiveness of the national Anti-corruption Strategies monitoring and evaluation mechanisms in South East Europe.

**Purpose**

To share best practices and experiences in monitoring the implementation of anti-corruption strategies by the countries in SEE while maintaining the progress and success achieved by each country and initiating concrete efforts to enhance regional cooperation.

**Objective:**

- Presentation of the Methodology on Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation of the national Anti-corruption Strategies and Action Plans as a tool which will support improving the effectiveness of the national Anti-corruption Strategies monitoring and evaluation mechanisms in South East Europe, and
- Addressing the interface between anti-corruption and related issues and policies.

**Outcome:**

- Signing of a joint declaration and commitment to work actively on improving the capacities of the anti-corruption institutions (the legislative and institutional framework), and
- Recommendations for successful implementation and enhancement of ACSs and APs with a focus on reaching a Conference Conclusion on the need to improve the effectiveness of corruption prevention measures.

**Participants**

Ministers of Justice from the SEE countries and anti-corruption experts/practitioners from the national authorities dealing with monitoring and evaluation of ACSs and APs.

Apart from participants from SEE this conference will also bring together anti-corruption experts/practitioners from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Republic of Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

In addition to the above-mentioned, attendees from all other associate members, observers and participants are invited to attend the activity.

The Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) will deliver a letter of invitation directly to the relevant institutions and organizations, while it will be RACVIAC responsibility to inform all members and associate members about the final list of participants and other aspects of this activity.
Methodology

The event will last two days and will comprise lectures, presentations and discussions. The working language will be English.

This event will be a promotional platform for the Methodology on a monitoring and evaluation mechanism of the national anti-corruption strategies.

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