Regional Workshop on
“Corruption Reporting and Whistleblower Protection”

Dates: May 10 - 12, 2016

Venue: RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation, Rakitje, Zagreb, HR

Background: The Workshop is a follow-up activity to the International Conference “Effectiveness of Corruption Prevention Measures”, organized in May 2015 by RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia, the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Based on the Conference outcomes and suggestions for further development of the necessary steps in order to assist the SEE region in monitoring the implementation of national anti-corruption strategies and action plans, RACVIAC and RAI have expressed their commitment to partner up, recognizing the importance of continuous support in this aspect. In addition to discussions on corruption reporting, during this Workshop special focus will be put on whistleblower protection and the relevant special measures that have been taken in this direction.

This year the event will be organized jointly by RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI), Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) and Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA).

Purpose: To share best practices and experiences as well as to discuss the most adequate steps for an implementation strategy for the protection of whistleblowers in the SEE region, with concrete proposals to enhance regional cooperation.

Objective: The objective of the Workshop is to increase the capacity of relevant public institutions regarding the protection of whistleblowers, as well as to increase awareness regarding the legal solutions needed in South East Europe.
Outcome: The event is envisaged as an active forum that will provide an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices, but also to address the common challenges. In addition, the Workshop will be utilized to explore potential future steps in the field of whistleblower protection in South East Europe.

Participants: Mid-level representatives of relevant institutions from SEE dealing with anti-corruption issues and experts/practitioners from the national authorities. Participants are expected to take an active part in delivering and deliberating on case studies as well as to share their knowledge and experience in dealing with whistleblower cases and implementing whistleblowing policies at the national level.

The Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) will send a Letter of Invitation directly to the relevant institutions and organizations. RACVIAC will be responsible 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.

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