



AGENDA

Workshop

“Conflicts of Interest Prevention, Tools and Measures”

Tirana International Hotel, “Abret” Conference Room

Tirana, Albania

20 – 21 January, 2011

Participants

Representatives of respective conflict of interest institutions from South – East European countries – member states and observers in Regional Anti-corruption Initiative, other European counterpart institutions as well as relevant international stakeholders and organizations.

Workshop Goals

- Establishment of international climate and cooperation in exchange of information, work practice and expertise on conflicts of interest issues;
- Discussion on procedures and measures concerning the identification and management of conflicts of interest aiming to ensure appropriate efficiency;
- Introduction of the Integrity Experts Network portal by RAI Secretariat;
- Provide the participants with the opportunity to identify further steps to be undertaken on international level with the support of all interested partners.

Methodology

The event will consist of moderated plenary panels, which will follow Workshop’s goals. Working language will be English only.

This event is organized in the framework of the project *“Strengthening the Integrity System in South East Europe”* that is supported by US State Department through RCC Secretariat.

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9.30 – 10.00	Registration of participants
10.00 – 11.00	Opening remarks by: Mr. Adriatik Llalla, Inspector General of the High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets (HIDAA) Mr. Edmond Dunga – Head of Office (RAI Secretariat) Predrag Vujcic – Expert on JHA (RCC Secretariat) Ms. Sonila Kadare, Advisor of Monitoring Department of Independent Institutions, Assembly of Albanian Republic
11.00 – 12.00	Integrity Experts Network (IEN) – First steps, Future Challenges: Presentation of Integrity Experts Network portal by a representative of RAI Secretariat International partners and stakeholders – discussion on the IEN goals and the possibility to cooperate and assist in their achievement. Mr. Quentin Reed, Team Leader, Council of Europe, PACA Project Ms. Ermelinda Xhaja, National Program Office, Governance in Economic and Environmental Issues Department, OSCE Presence in Albania Mr. Cecil Craig, Team Leader, PAMECA Mission III <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Artan Hoxha, Executive Director, Institute of Contemporary Studies

12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 13.45	<p>Topic 1 A general overview of the legislation on conflicts of interest - <i>Object and scope of application</i> - <i>Recent amendments aiming to sanction new forms of corruption</i></p> <p>Presentation of the state countries – a brief description of the experience of two countries, from the oldest to the youngest agency implementing conflict of interest legislation (15 min per agency). Central Election Commission (<i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>) and Bulgarian National Audit Office (<i>Bulgaria</i>)</p> <p>Albanian experience in this aspect. Evolution of conflicts of interest legislation. <i>Ms. Fjorida Kallço</i>, Law Department and Sector of Relations with Representative Authorities.</p>
13.45 – 14.45	<p>Topic 2 Functional incompatibilities and relevant sanctions - <i>Functions that frequently fall into a conflict of interest situation</i> - <i>Preventive measures and applicable sanctions</i></p> <p>A brief presentation of participating conflict of interest institutions (15 minutes per agency). Kosovo Anti-Corruption Agency (<i>Kosovo</i>), National Integrity Agency (<i>Romania</i>), Anti – Fraud Office of Catalonia (<i>Catalonia, Spain</i>) and Anti – Corruption Agency (<i>Serbia</i>)</p>
14.45 – 15.15	Discussion of a case study on incompatibilities. Albanian Case <i>Ms. Luiseda Zhapa</i> , Law Department
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee break
15.45 – 16.00	Discussion of the participating agencies on the case study and their institutional experience on incompatibilities <i>Moderator: Ms. Rozarta Rrgallina</i> , representative of HIDAA

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9.30 –11.00	<p>Topic 3 Conflict of Interest and Related Persons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Definition of Related Persons</i>- <i>Restrictions applicable to Related Persons</i>- <i>Related Persons and financial disclosure</i>- <i>Sanctions applied to them.</i> <p>A brief description of participating institutions concerning the treatment of conflict of interest cases and related persons (15 minutes per agency). Commission for Prevention of Conflicts of Interest (<i>Montenegro</i>), State Commission for Prevention of Corruption (<i>Macedonia</i>), Centre for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption (<i>Moldova</i>).</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Rozarta Rrgallina, representative of HIDAA</i></p>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.00	Roundtable discussions on the topics or areas for development to be covered in the coming IEN activities
12.00 – 12.30	Closing remarks by HIDAA, RCC and RAI Secretariat representatives
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch