



CORRUPTION RISK ASSESSMENT, PUBLIC PROCUREMENT, AND OPEN CONTRACTING IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

26 & 27 May, 2015

Hilton Istanbul Bomonti Hotel

Istanbul, Turkey

25 May 2015	
18:00	Arrival of participants
DAY 1: 26 May 2015	
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration of participants</i>
9:00 – 09:30	<p>Opening Remarks of the Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shelley Inglis, Governance and Peace building Practice Leader, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub ▪ Radu Cotici, Head of the Secretariat, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) ▪ Alessandra Roccasalvo, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Kosovo¹ ▪ Predrag Vujcic, Justice and Home Affairs Expert, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
09:30 – 10:45	<p>Corruption Risk Assessment and Development of Integrity Plans</p> <p><i>Public institutions face corruption risks that may adverse effects on their functioning and public trust. Corruption Risk Assessment (CRA) is developed to assist institutions to systematically address identified integrity risks, with the goal</i></p>

¹ References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of the Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)

	<p><i>of strengthening institutional resistance to corruption and thus, reducing corruption levels. Participants from anti-corruption bodies from the region share their experiences on development and implementation of risk assessments in their countries. In addition, when applicable, drafting and implementation of Integrity Plans that provides them with the knowledge to assess their exposure to corruption risks.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Radu Cotici, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative</p> <p>Panel (up to 10 minutes maximum per speech):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hasan Preteni, Director of Anti-Corruption Agency, Kosovo ▪ Olga Tiju, National Anti-Corruption Center, Moldova ▪ Dragana Kronic, Anti-Corruption Agency, Serbia ▪ Rebeca Angela Hagea, Anti-Corruption General Directorate, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romania ▪ Bojan Bajic, Net Consulting, BiH
10:45 – 11:10	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:10 – 11:50	<p>Corruption Risk Assessment and Development of Integrity Plans (continued)</p> <p>Moderator: Radu Cotici, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative</p> <p>Plenary discussion. Topics for discussion (40 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>The chain from evidence to the policy making process and the implementation of corruption risk assessments and integrity plans in national programmes: main challenges.</i> – <i>Identification of corruption opportunities and threats;</i> – <i>How to reduce opportunities for corruption within institution and improve institutional resistance to corruption;</i> – <i>Main challenges in ensuring compliance with applicable national legal and procedural requirements, as well as international norms and standards;</i> – <i>Capacities of institutions to establish effective anticorruption mechanisms, building awareness at all levels and create co-ownership in the process of developing, implementing and monitoring integrity plans.</i>
11:50 – 12:00	<i>Group picture</i>
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Public Procurement: Costs we pay for corruption</p> <p><i>In 2011 the European Commission adopted two Communications outlining its future policy in fighting fraud and corruption. First, the Communication on Fighting Corruption in the EU served to set up an EU anti-corruption reporting mechanism for periodic assessment of the Member States. Secondly, the Communication on an Anti-Fraud Strategy provides a framework for fighting fraud affecting the EU</i></p>

	<p><i>financial interests. In 2011 the Commission also adopted its proposals on public procurement as part of an overall programme aimed at an in-depth modernization of public procurement in the European Union. Purpose of this session is to present successful initiatives aimed at identifying and reducing corruption in public procurement in their respective countries/institutions and the level of transposition of international / EU acquis in the local level.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Alessandra Roccasalvo, UNDP Kosovo Panel: (NGOs and public institutions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Munir Podumljak, Partnership for Social Development, Croatia ▪ Vlatko Naumovski, Regional School of Public Administration ▪ Lorena Sander, Vendor Management Specialist, UNDP HQ in New York ▪ Faik Ispahiu, Internews Kosova ▪ Tomo Miljic, Member of State Commission for the Control of Public Procurement Procedure, Montenegro <p>Q & A session. Topics for discussion (40 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>What process in public procurement is considered more vulnerable to corruption (ToR drafting, selection, etc.)</i> – <i>What's the direct public loss encountered in corrupt and grey cases of public procurement</i> – <i>The overall share of budgets lost to corruption tends to be higher in smaller projects or in larger projects</i>
15:30 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Open Contracting <i>Public contracting refers to norms and practices for increased disclosure and participation in public contracting including tendering, performance and completion. It includes the variety of contract types, from more basic contracts for the procurement of goods, to complex contracts, joint venture agreements, licenses and production sharing agreements. Open contracting encompasses all public contracting, including contracts funded by combinations of public, private and donor sources. Aim of this session is to present experiences from international organizations, institutions and non-governmental organizations on innovative initiatives on open contracting.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Francesco Checchi, UNDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eva Vozorova, Fair Play Alliance ▪ Mimoza Kusari Lila, Mayor of Gjakova/Djakovica ▪ Dorina Cinari, EITI Office in Albania ▪ Felipe Estefan, World Bank, Open Contracting

16:30 – 17:00	Closing Session
19:30 – 21:00	Dinner

DAY 2: 27 May 2015	
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Possibilities for Regional Initiatives in the South Eastern Europe</p> <p>In order to strengthen the regional collaboration between representatives of anti-corruption members of RAI, this session will explore the potential initiatives on South Eastern Europe on anti-corruption. International organizations and donors will present briefly their work up to date in the area of risk assessments, public procurement and public contracting.</p> <p>Moderator: RCC</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNDP joint presentation: Francesco Checchi (IRH), Shqipe Neziri, Sonja Stefanovska-Trajanoska, Alla Skvortova, Jelena Manic, Sanja Bojanic ▪ Thomas Dedeurwaerdere, UNDP-EU Brussels ▪ Jasna Panjeta, Program and Outreach Officer, RAI ▪ Zorana Markovic, Anti-Corruption Regional Advisor, UNODC ▪ Cornelia Abel, Transparency International, Regional Office for SEE ▪ Stefan Karaboev, SEE Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI) ▪ Edmond Dunga, Council of Europe <p><i>Q & A session. Topic for discussion: How can we create synergies with existing initiatives and resources to ensure implementation of 10 Principles on Effective Corruption Risk Assessment in Public Administration</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Tea break
11:30 – 12:00	<p>Corruption Risk Assessment Methodology for South Eastern Europe</p> <p>Moderator: Liljana Selinsek, expert</p>

	<p>Q & A session and endorsement of <i>10 Principles on Effective Corruption Risk Assessment in Public Administration</i></p> <p><i>The discussion on corruption / integrity risk assessment in South Eastern Europe (SEE) is timely. However, the incontestable fact is that there is no and can be no “one size fits all” approach neither in fight against corruption nor in corruption prevention. Therefore, Regional Cooperation Council and Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative have developed Corruption Risk Assessment Methodology to provide SEE countries with different options, integrated framework and practical advices to conduct tailored corruption risk assessment efficiently and comprehensively, and consequently improve or upgrade governance and management of public sector institutions on integrity grounds.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, this conference will be utilised to seek endorsement of national counterparts of 10 Principles on Effective Corruption Risk Assessment in Public Administration: Corruption Risk Assessment, Public Procurement, Public Contract.</i></p>
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rastislav Vrbensky, Manager, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub - Alessandra Roccasalvo, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Kosovo - Gazmend Turdiu, Deputy Secretary General, RCC - Radu Cotici, Head of the Secretariat, RAI
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break