



STABILITY PACT
FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

ANTICORRUPTION INITIATIVE
REGIONAL SECRETARIAT LIAISON OFFICE

10th SPAI STEERING GROUP MEETING

- AGENDA, BACKGROUND AND ORGANZATIONAL INFORMATION -

***Venue: Sava Center,
“Amphitheatre” Conference Room***

Belgrade, May 30, 2006



AGENDA

THE 10th SPAI STEERING GROUP MEETING

Chair of the Steering Group Meeting: Professor Ugo Draetta, SPAI Chairman

Venue: Sava Center, “Amphitheatre” Conference Room

May 30th

15:30 – 16:00

OPENING SESSION

- Introduction: Professor Ugo DRAETTA, SPAI Chairman
- Opening remarks:
 - Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact
- Adoption of the agenda by participants.

16:00 - 17:00

THE FUTURE OF THE INITIATIVE AND THE ROLE OF ITS MAIN STAKEHOLDERS

Format of the session

Tour de table and general discussion

Expected inputs:

Participants were invited to provide their views with regard to the role of the initiative and the SPAI Steering Group as a regional self monitoring body during the transition phase as agreed by the Regional Table, the role of the SPAI Senior Representatives and their national anticorruption teams, as well as the cooperation with the international partners;

Background related documents:

Plan for activities to be implemented within the SPAI framework, 2006 – 2007 (approved in Ohrid, November 2005);

SPAI Ministerial Declaration on 10 Joint measures to curb corruption in South Eastern Europe (endorsed in Brussels, May 2005);

Final Report of the Senior Review Group on The Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe.

17:00 - 18:00

THE REGIONAL OWNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SPAI RSLO

Format of the session

Tour de table and general discussion



Expected inputs: Participants were invited to provide their views regarding the envisaged steps for the region to assume more responsibilities for the project implementation, including financial commitments together with the international donors, along the general lines decided within the Regional Table.

Background related documents: SPAI RSLO Annual Report;
Conclusions and decisions of the 9th SPAI Steering Group Meeting;
Non-paper on Proposals from the European Commission and the Stability Pact regarding the Regional Ownership Process.

18:00 – 18:30 CONCLUSIONS AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Discussion and conclusions.



BACKGROUND AND ORGANZATIONAL INFORMATION

Highlights of 2004 - 2005

In 2004 – 2005, SPAI RSLO organized and participated in more than 60 anti-corruption training programs and conferences. Since it became operational in March 2004, RSLO has also organized the SPAI Steering Group meetings, which provide a forum for the regional representatives and international partners to discuss the progress and priorities of the region for continued assistance. In addition, RSLO provided the countries of the region with direct access to a multidisciplinary online Anti-corruption Resource Center, which contains four distinct components: a specialized library, an anti-corruption network, an anti-corruption project database, and a regional calendar of activities.

In May 2005, Ministers of Justice from all SPAI member countries met in Brussels and reinforced their commitment to adopt impact oriented measures in order to curb corruption phenomenon in South Eastern Europe. As a concrete step in this regard countries of the region set a challenging calendar to implement 10 joint measures to curb corruption. Furthermore, member countries committed themselves to provide full support and assistance to the SPAI Regional Secretariat in order achieve its goal and to become a Regional Anticorruption Resource Center.

During the last SPAI Steering Group Meeting held in Ohrid, November 2005, the following topics were discussed and agreed upon:

- The Plan for activities to be implemented within the SPAI framework, 2006 – 2007 (approved and in currently in implementation phase);
- First measures adopted by the countries of the region in order to implement the Ministerial Declaration on 10 joint measures to curb corruption in SEE;
- Anticorruption initiatives/projects developed and implemented at regional level by the SPAI partners.

Objectives of the 10th SPAI Steering Group Meeting

The main objectives of the 10th SPAI Steering Group were to discuss and identify the short and medium term practical steps regarding:

- The future of the Initiative and the role of its main stakeholders;
- The regional ownership responsibility for the SPAI RSLO.

Documents

Prior to the meeting SPAI RSLO will ensure the distribution of the following documents:

- Non-paper on Proposals from the European Commission and the Stability Pact regarding the Regional Ownership Process;
- Final Report of the Senior Review Group on The Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe;
- SPAI Ministerial Declaration on 10 Joint measures to curb corruption in South Eastern Europe (endorsed in Brussels, May 2005);
- Conclusions and decisions of the 9th SPAI Steering Group Meeting;
- SPAI RSLO Annual Report;



- Plan for activities to be implemented within the SPAI framework, 2006 – 2007 (approved in Ohrid, November 2005).

All these documents are available for download on the SPAI website: www.spai-rslo.org (within the SPAI Steering Group section) and the Stability Pact website: www.stabilitypact.org (within the Regional Table and Working Table III section).

Organizers

The SPAI Steering Group was organized by the SPAI Regional Secretariat Liaison Office in cooperation with the Stability Pact Office of the Special Coordinator – Working Table III and the Ministry of Justice from Serbia.

Participants

The invitation was extended by the SPAI Chairman to the SPAI Steering Group members including the National Coordinators for Stability Pact, SPAI Senior Representatives, donor countries, international organizations and financial institutions. List of participants attached.

Practical information

The Steering Group Meeting took place in Belgrade, Serbia, within the Sava Center premises, “Amphitheatre” Conference Room - the same as for the Stability Pact Regional Table Meeting - www.savacentar.com.

The working language of the meeting was English.



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