



STABILITY PACT
FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

ANTICORRUPTION INITIATIVE
REGIONAL SECRETARIAT LIAISON OFFICE

9th SPAI STEERING GROUP MEETING

- DRAFT AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES -

Ohrid, November 4 – 5, 2005



Background

The **Stability Pact Anticorruption Initiative (SPAI)** was adopted in Sarajevo in February 2000 to address one of the most serious threats to the recovery and development of South East European countries. Corruption is highly detrimental to the stability of democratic institutions and considerably undermines the business climate, discourages foreign direct investment and hampers economic growth.

The SPAI takes a **multidisciplinary approach to fighting corruption**, incorporating issues such as the adoption of international legal instruments, promotion of good governance, strengthening the rule of law, promotion of transparency and integrity in business operations and development of an active civil society.

Furthermore, periodically, the SPAI Steering Group meets in order to maintain a high level of information exchange among the countries of the region and also to provide all partners with a **general framework for coordination**, optimization of effort and permanent dialogue with the donor community.

In **September 2003**, SPAI Steering Group approved to **transfer the Secretariat of the SPAI¹ to the region** in order to promote local ownership of the Initiative and further enhance regional capacities to lead the fight against corruption in South East Europe. The SPAI RSLO as legal entity was established by the Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Office of the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe – signed on 15 September 2003. Since March 2004, SPAI RSLO is fully operational and serves as an executive implementing body of the SPAI, initiating and organizing anticorruption activities at national and regional level in cooperation with the SPAI senior representatives and international partners.

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 **Anticorruption Center for Excellence**.

During the 9th SPAI Steering Group Meeting the following topics will be further discussed and agreed upon:

- 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;
- Progress achieved by SPAI RSLO in implementing the Workplan for 2004 – 2005
- The Plan for activities to be implemented within the SPAI framework, 2006 – 2007.

¹ Initially the Secretariat was based within the Council of Europe and the OECD



Objectives

The main objectives of the 9th Steering Group are:

- to assess the progress made both at national and regional level in the implementation of the SPAI objectives and of the 10 measures to curb corruption as endorsed in Brussels Ministerial Meeting;
- to assess the SPAI RSLO performance in implementing the Workplan for 2004-2005;
- to adopt the Plan for activities to be implemented within the SPAI framework, 2006 – 2007.

Organizers

The SPAI Steering Group is organized by the SPAI Regional Secretariat Liaison Office in cooperation with the Macedonian Ministry of Justice and State Commission for Prevention of Corruption.

Participants

The invitation is extended by the SPAI Chairman to the SPAI Steering Group members including the Senior Representatives of the eight member countries, donor countries, international organizations and international financial institutions.

Documents

To facilitate the discussion, the member countries, donor countries and the participating organizations are invited to submit until October 25th to the SPAI RSLO the progress reports developed according to the attached template. Copies of these documents will be distributed before to the meeting.

Also, prior to the meeting the SPAI RSLO will ensure the distribution of additional documents such as:

- the Plan for activities to be implemented within the SPAI framework, 2006 – 2007 (draft version);
- the latest SPAIgram.

The **working language** of the meeting is **English**. No translation will be provided.

On request the organizers can provide facilities for **Power Point presentations**.

Registration and further information

Please send the completed registration form to the SPAI RSLO **by October 21st** or contact us for further information: Mr Veselin Sukovic, executive secretary, at sukovicv@lol.ba, Cornel – Virgiliu Calinescu, anticorruption expert, at calinescucv@lol.ba or Dajana Stajic, administrative assistant, at stajicd@lol.ba Tel: 00 387 33 550 220, fax: 00 387 33 550 221.



DRAFT SUMMARY AGENDA

NOVEMBER 3, 2005	
Afternoon	ARRIVAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE SPAI STEERING GROUP
NOVEMBER 4, 2005	
11:00 - 17:00	<p>THE 9th SPAI STEERING GROUP MEETING – First day</p> <p>MAIN TOPICS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS ■ SPAI RSLO PROGRESS REPORT ■ UPDATES ABOUT REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS <p>Organizers: Stability Pact Anticorruption Initiative Regional Secretariat Liaison Office (SPAI RSLO)</p> <p>Host: Macedonian Ministry of Justice and State Commission on Prevention of Corruption</p> <p>Please see the full agenda within the next pages.</p>
NOVEMBER 5, 2005	
09:00 – 14:00	<p>THE 9th SPAI STEERING GROUP MEETING – second day</p> <p>MAIN TOPICS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ PLAN FOR ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE SPAI FRAMWORK, 2006 - 2007 ■ SPAI ANNUAL AWARD <p>Organizers: Stability Pact Anticorruption Initiative Regional Secretariat Liaison Office (SPAI RSLO)</p> <p>Host: Macedonian Ministry of Justice and State Commission on Prevention of Corruption</p> <p>Please see the full agenda within the next pages.</p>
AFTERNOON EVENING	DEPARTURE OF THE SG MTG PARTICIPANTS



DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

THE 9th SPAI STEERING GROUP MEETING

Chair of the Steering Group Meeting: Professor Ugo Draetta

Venue: Hotel INEX GORICA OHRID

FIRST DAY, November 3rd

21:00 WELCOMING RECEPTION

SECOND DAY, November 4th

11:00 – 11:30 OPENING SESSION

- Introduction: Professor Ugo DRAEETTA, SPAI Chairman
- Opening remarks:
 - Prof. Dr. Vlado BUCKOVSKI, Prime Minister (TBC)
 - Michael MOZUR, Deputy Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact
 - John MARKEY, Principal Advisor, US Department of State
 - Mrs. Meri MLADENOVSKA – DJORDJEVSKA, Minister of Justice
 - Mr. Dragan MALINOVSKI, President of the State Commission on Prevention of Corruption
- Announcement of appointment - new SPAI Senior representatives for Romania
- Adoption of the agenda by participants

11:30 - 12:00 NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS* (I)

- Briefing on progress made from the previous SPAI Steering Group Meeting by the host country
 - Representative of the Ministry of Justice (TBD)
 - Representative of the State Commission on Prevention of Corruption (TBD)
 - Prof. Dr. Nikola TUPANCEVSKI, GRECO National Representative
- General Discussion

***NOTE - SPAI Senior representatives are kindly asked to provide the progress reports based on the template developed by SPAI RSLO after the 7th Steering Group meeting in Sveti Stefan, on 5-6 May 2004**

12:00-12:30 COFFEE/TEA BREAK



12:30 -14:00 NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS (II)

- Tour de table of the SPAI Senior representatives briefing on progress made from the previous SPAI Steering Group Meeting
- General Discussion

14:00-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00-15:30 SPAI RSLO's PROGRESS REPORT

- SPAI RSLO's progress report (December 2004 – October 2005)
- General Discussion

15:30-17:00 REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UPDATES ON ONGOING ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PROJECTS FOR THE SPAI COUNTRIES

- Donor countries (Austria, France, Finland, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America, Germany)*
- SPAI partner organizations (ABA CEELI, Council of Europe, European Commission, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, World Bank, SIDA, USAID, Transparency International, OECD, OSCE, Open Society Institute)*
- General Discussion

20:00 OFFICIAL DINNER

***NOTE** List of donor countries and SPAI partner organizations that will take the floor is subject to further modifications based on requests received by the SPAI RSLO.



THIRD DAY, November 5th

09:00 – 10:00 PLAN for 2006 – 2007 (PART ONE)

- Presentation of the SPAI level activities/projects (SPAI Chairman and SPAI RSLO)
 - SPAI SG MTG
 - SPAI Chairman
 - SPAI annual award (separate panel discussion)
 - SPAI Resource Center
 - Cooperation with SPAI partners
- Q&A
- Decision of the Steering Group

10:00-11:30 PLAN for 2006 – 2007 (PART TWO)

- Presentation of the National Level activities/projects (SPAI Senior representatives)
 - priorities in implementing the Brussels Declaration
 - national/regional events planed together with RSLO
- Q&A
- Decision of the Steering Group

11:30 - 12:00 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

12:00 – 13:00 PLAN for 2006 – 2007 (PART THREE)

- Presentation of the RSLO activities/projects (SPAI RSLO)
 - national and regional events
 - twinning type activities
 - regional tour
 - internship program
 - summer school
- Q&A
- Decision of the Steering Group

13:00 – 13:30 SPAI ANNUAL AWARD

- Discussion and proposals regarding the Draft Terms of Reference
- Decision of the Steering Group

13:30 – 14:00 CONCLUSIONS AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Discussion and conclusions

14:00 PRESS CONFERENCE (TBC)

14:30 LUNCH AND DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPATS