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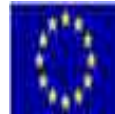
ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVE

***7th SPAI
Steering Group Meeting***

FINAL AGENDA

5&6, May, 2004

Sveti Stefan, Republic of Montenegro



Background

The Stability Pact Anti-Corruption Initiative (SPAI) was launched in Sarajevo on 16 February 2000 as a regional framework for the countries of South Eastern Europe to take effective measures to fight all types of corruption at all levels, in line with international standards. The Initiative has become a comprehensive framework for capacity building of the regional countries through ongoing policy dialogue and sharing of expertise, best practices and lessons learned in the anti-corruption field.

The previous Steering Group Meeting marked the beginning of the transition of the Initiative to regional ownership. A visible benchmark of this process was the official opening of the Regional Secretariat Liaison Office (RSLO) that took place during the Regional Meeting of the Ministers of Justice under the South-East European Co-operation Process, on 27-28 October 2003.

Objectives

The main objectives of the 7th Steering Group were:

- assessment of the progress made both at national and regional level in the implementation of the SPAI Strategy adopted in September 2003;
- debating and approving the SPAI RSLO DRAFT WORK PLAN for 2004;
- identifying the short and medium term priorities for the SPAI member states and areas of assistance;
- debating and adopting a decision on the role of the SPAI in SEECP Joint Campaign to Fight Organized Crime and Corruption.

Outcomes

The meeting participants had to agree on the next steps in implementing the SPAI STRATEGY and SPAI RSLO WORK PLAN.

Participants

- Senior Representatives from all SPAI countries
- Representatives from SPAI supporting countries and international organizations.

Logistics

The Steering Group Meeting took place in Sveti Stefan, Republic of Montenegro.

Participants were accommodated in Grand Hotel Sveti Stefan or Hotel Kraljicina Plaza, both located on the coast of Montenegro, near Budva.

The Montenegrin Government in cooperation with SPAI RSLO covered the cost related to the accommodation for the SPAI countries representatives.

International travel costs and arrangements were covered by the participants. The local transportation from and to the airport was provided by the organizers.

The Steering Group Meeting was held in the Conference Room of GRAND HOTEL SVETI STEFAN.

The working language of the meeting was English.

On request organizers provided facilities for PowerPoint presentations.

Documents

In order to facilitate the discussion the following documents were circulated among the participants prior to the meeting:

- Draft SPAI RSLO WORKPLAN for 2004-2005;
- Regional progress reports – projects carried out in the framework of the SPAI;
- National progress reports (abstract presentation). It is expected that every country representative will submit a brief written report. The report should address the following topics:
 - o progress made in implementing national anticorruption strategies;
 - o short and medium term legislative and institutional priorities;
 - o areas of assistance.

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AGENDA

4 May 2004

AFTERNOON ARRIVAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS

20:00 INFORMAL DINNER HELD WITHIN GRAND HOTEL SVETI STEFAN

5 May 2004

11:30 REGISTRATION FOR THE SG MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Venue: Conference Room, GRAND HOTEL SVETI STEFAN

12:00 – 12:20 OPENING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair of the Steering Group Meeting: Professor Ugo Draetta

- Introductory remarks by Mr. Miroslav Ivanisevic, Deputy Prime Minister, Government of the Republic of Montenegro
- Opening address by Professor Ugo Draetta, SPAI Chairman
- Adoption of the agenda by participants

12:20 -13:30 PROGRESS REPORTS – REGIONAL LEVEL

- General overview of the progress made from the last Steering Group meeting – Professor Ugo Draetta, SPAI Chairman
- Report on the establishment and activities done by SPAI RSLO - Mr. Josip Brkic, SPAI RSLO Executive Secretary
- Reports on ongoing activities in the framework of the SPAI - the activities/projects carried out by ABA CEELI, CoE, OECD, OSI, TI, US Government, World Bank, and other SPAI partner countries/organizations

13:30-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00-16:15 PROGRESS REPORTS – NATIONAL LEVEL

- High representatives of SPAI countries will briefly present a report on progress made in implementing the national strategies against corruption, short and medium term priorities and areas of assistance.
 - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania and Serbia
- Discussion

16:15-16:45 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

16:45-17:30 NEXT STEPS – REGIONAL CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION

- The role of the SPAI in SEECF Joint campaign to fight Organized Crime and Corruption – Mr. Pieter Verbeek, Stability Pact Office, Director of Working Table III
- Discussion and decision on next steps

20:00 OFFICIAL RECEPTION – HOSTED BY MIROSLAV IVANISEVIC, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

6 May 2004

9:30-11:00 NEXT STEPS – SPAI RSLO WORK PLAN

Chair of the Steering Group Meeting: Professor Ugo Draetta

- Towards the new SPAI Regional Secretariat – sharing the experience of the SPAI Secretariat work done by OECD and CoE till present day
 - Ms. Inese Gaika, OECD Anti-Corruption Division
 - Ms. Ardita N. Abdiu, PACO Impact Program Manager, CoE (tbc)
- SPAI RSLO Work Plan for 2004 - 2005
 - Mr. Josip Brkic, SPAI RSLO Executive Secretary
 - Mr. Cornel – Virgiliu Calinescu, SPAI RSLO Anticorruption Expert
- Discussion and approval of the SPAI RSLO Work Plan

11:00-11:30 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

11:30-12:30 NEXT STEPS – REGIONAL PROJECTS IDEAS

Suggested topics for discussion based on specific activities envisaged within the SPAI RSLO WORK PLAN

- Developing the Regional Anticorruption Training Program
- A new challenge in adopting and enforcing the available international anticorruption instruments — the UN Convention against corruption
- The role of civil society in the fight against corruption – Developing and implementing the Regional Anticorruption Awareness Campaign

12:30-13:00 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCLUSIONS

13:00-14:30 LUNCH AND DEPARTURE OF THE PARTICIPANTS