

CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF POLICE OFFICERS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Venue: Belgrade, Serbia, Hotel Zira (Ruzveltova 35)

Time: Thursday, 21 of December 2017, 09:00 – 14:00

The cooperation between the police internal control and the prosecution in criminal investigation of police illegal behavior, will be the main topic of the conference organized by the regional POINTPULSE network of civil society and Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative on 21 of December in Belgrade, Hotel Zira, from 09:00.

The conference will create an environment for debating the challenges in cooperation between police internal control bodies and prosecution with aim to propose solutions for more effective criminal liability system for police officers. The success of this cooperation contributes to police integrity building, but also to the general prevention of the criminal offenses committed by police officers.

The conference will directly address the following needs:

1. The lack of regional debate on most pressing issues and solutions for police integrity;
2. The absence of effective application of criminal liability procedures.

Members of the regional POINTPULSE network, representative of the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative, police professionals and prosecutors will discuss following issues:

1. What are the results of criminal investigations of police illegal behavior?
2. Are the results of criminal investigations good enough?
3. What is the quality of cooperation between the internal control and prosecution?
4. Is independence of each other an issue or not in a criminal investigation?
5. What are the Regional Anti-Corruption priorities in the field of police integrity?
6. How are priorities in starting criminal investigations determined?
7. How to improve the criminal liability of police officers?

Working languages for the conference are Albanian, Bosnian, Macedonian, Montenegrin, Serbian and English, with simultaneous translation provided.

The conference “Criminal Liability of Police Officers in the Western Balkans” is a joint initiative of the regional POINTPULSE network of civil society and the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative, and marks the finalization of the third year of the project “Western Balkans Pulse for Police Integrity and Trust”. The conference is supported by the Netherlands Embassy in Serbia and the European Union through the program “Civil Society Facility”.

The conference draft program and information about the POINTPULSE is attached below to this invitation.

For participation at the conference, it is necessary to confirm your attendance by **Wednesday, 20 of December 2017** the latest. Confirmations of attendance can be submitted either via telephone +381 11 3287226 or via email at sasa.djordjevic@bezbednost.org. Additional information on the conference can also be obtained through the contact points provided above.

Draft program of the regional conference:
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09:00 – 09:30 *Registration of participants*

09:30 – 11:00 Civil Society Perspective: Criminal Liability of Police Officers

- Sofija Mandić, Legal Researcher, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy, Belgrade
- Dina Bajramspahić, Public Policy Researcher, Institute Alternative, Podgorica
- Plator Avdiu, Researcher, Kosovar Centre for Security Studies, Pristine
- Mirela Hodović, Researcher, Centre for Security Studies, Sarajevo
- Magdalena Lembovska, Researcher, Analytica, Skopje
- Besjana Kuci, Researcher, Institute for Democracy and Mediation, Tirana
- Q&A

Moderator: Saša Djordjević, Researcher, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy

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1. Are the results of criminal investigations on police illegal behavior good enough?
 2. What is the quality of cooperation between the internal control and prosecution?
 3. Is independence of each other an issue or not in a criminal investigation?
 4. Describe three main tips for improving the criminal liability of police officers?
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11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 13:00 Institutional Perspective: Criminal Liability of Police Officers

- Vladan Joksimović, Head of Secretariat, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative
- Marinko Janjetović, Head of Administration, Service for the Protection of the Integrity and Legality of Operations, Ministry of Interior, Banja Luka
- Brahim Sadriu, Head of Working Group for the Integrity Plan, Kosovo Police, Pristine
- Aleksandar Đokanović, State Investigation and Protection Agency, Ministry of Security, Sarajevo
- Dejan Andonov, Assistant Minister, Department for Internal Control, Criminal Investigations and Professional Standards, Ministry of Interior, Skopje
- Dejan Bočevski, Investigator, Special Public Prosecution, Skopje
- Artisa Rrapi, Service for Internal Affairs and Complaints, Ministry of Interior, Tirana
- Q&A

Moderator: Sofija Mandić, Legal Researcher, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy

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13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

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Who are we?

The POINTPULSE is a regional network of civil society organizations. Members are: Analytica, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy, Balkan Investigative Reporting Network, Centre for Security Studies, Institute Alternative, Institute for Democracy and Mediation, and Kosovar Centre for Security Studies.

What do we offer?

The POINTPULSE offers evidence-based policy solutions for governments and regional initiatives for strengthening the police integrity in following areas: external oversight of the police, police internal accountability, human resource management, financial management, and criminal liability.

What do we serve?

The POINTPULSE serve as an independent civil society oversight mechanism for police integrity. Network work for as the key expert source of information on latest progress and achievements in regard to strengthening the police integrity in the Western Balkans.

How we do it?

The POINTPULSE constantly increasing the capacity, knowledge, and commitment to provide independent and value research through assessing the police integrity, exploring the citizens' attitudes toward the police, and influencing policy makers and raising awareness on police integrity.