

HIGH-LEVEL LAUNCH

FIFTH EVALUATION ROUND

Programme

Strasbourg, 20 March 2017

Council of Europe, Agora Building (Room G03)

9:30-13:00



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the Group of States against Corruption



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Background

In 2017, GRECO starts its 5th Evaluation Round on the themes of **preventing corruption and promoting integrity in central governments (top executive functions) and law enforcement agencies**.

As regards **central governments**, in light of each country situation, 5th round evaluations will focus on top executive functions at national level, such as those of heads of State, heads of central government, members of central government (e.g. ministers), as well as other political appointees who exercise top executive functions such as deputy ministers, State Secretaries, heads and members of a minister's private office and senior political officials.

Concerning **law enforcement agencies**, the evaluation will focus in particular on bodies performing core law enforcement functions, such as national police services, including agencies responsible for border control.

In this evaluation round, GRECO will assess topics such as the policy, regulatory and institutional framework for the prevention of corruption; conflicts of interest; prohibition of certain activities; declarations of assets, income, liabilities and interests; and accountability mechanisms.

Specifically with regard to **top governmental officials**, the round will also monitor transparency of government activities, lobbying and "revolving doors". As regards law enforcement agencies, it will pay special attention to matters such as the identification of risk prone services and risk-prone situations, recruitment and vetting, supervision and disciplinary proceedings.

This event will mark the official beginning of the 5th Evaluation Round. It will be an occasion for GRECO to gather inputs and expectations from public and private sector stakeholders, at a national and international level.



9:00-9:30

Registration

9:30-10:30

Opening remarks

Moderator Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime, Council of Europe

- ◆ **Mr Thorbjørn Jagland**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- ◆ **Mr Costas Clerides**, Attorney General of Cyprus
- ◆ **Mr Michele Nicoletti**, MP, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Rapporteur on “Corruption as a Governance Regime: A Barrier to Institutional Efficiency and Progress”
- ◆ **Ms Emily O’Reilly**, European Ombudsman
- ◆ **Mr Nicola Bonucci**, Director of Legal Affairs, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- ◆ **Mr John Brandolino**, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-12:45

Debate

Moderator Mr Manuel Lezertua, Ombudsman, Basque Country (Spain)

- ◆ **Mr Giovanni Kessler**, Director-General, European Commission Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)
- ◆ **Mr José Ugaz**, Chair of the Board, Transparency International (TI)
- ◆ **Mr Ceda Ogada**, Deputy General Counsel, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- ◆ **Mr Will Fitzgibbon**, Reporter, International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ)
- ◆ **Ms Laura Codruța Kövesi**, Chief Anti-Corruption Prosecutor of Romania
- ◆ **Mr Stephen Watson**, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police, United Kingdom
- ◆ **Ms Ina Rama**, former Prosecutor General of Albania

12:45-13:00

Closing remarks

Mr Marin Mrčela, President of GRECO



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