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High-Level Conference

Strengthening transparency
and accountability to ensure integrity:
United against corruption

Programme

Šibenik (Croatia), 15-16 October 2018
Amadria Park Convention Centre



*organised by the
Ministry of Justice of Croatia and the
Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)*

BACKGROUND

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nder the auspices of Croatia's Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, this one-and-a-half-day High-Level Conference is organised by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia, in cooperation with the Group of States against Corruption of the Council of Europe (GRECO).

The overall aim of the Conference is to strengthen transparency and accountability to ensure integrity. The Conference will highlight and promote the complementarity between traditional, national anti-corruption integrity mechanisms and authorities with that of public transparency and a vibrant media.

A free and independent media, whatever form it takes, is vital to transparency and accountability, as a means to ensure integrity and to prevent and track down corruption. Guiding Principle 16 of the Twenty guiding principles for the fight against corruption (Committee of Ministers' Resolution (97)24) requires States "to ensure that the media have freedom to receive and impart information on corruption matters, subject only to limitations or restrictions which are necessary in a democratic society". At the same time, it is important to promote professional journalistic standards of ethics as well as transparent advertising and a pluralistic media ownership. The Conference will discuss the key role played by the media to promote transparency and accountability, while at the same time the need to protect the media itself from corruption.

Specialised and adequately resourced anti-corruption bodies are essential to fight corruption; and Guiding Principle 7 calls upon States "to promote the specialisation of persons or bodies in charge of fighting corruption and to provide them with appropriate means and training to perform their tasks". The Conference will aim at promoting closer cooperation and synergies amongst the relevant national anti-corruption bodies or authorities.

The conference will bring together senior experts and policy makers at a national and international level. After two decades of Council of Europe action against corruption, the Ministerial high-level segment will provide an opportunity to reflect upon the progress made and give political guidance for the future. The working languages of the conference will be English, French and Croatian.

Sunday, 14 October 2018

19:00

Welcome dinner

Monday, 15 October 2018

8:45 – 9:20

Registration

9:30 – 12:00

High-Level Opening

[Dražen Bošnjaković](#), Minister of Justice of the Republic of Croatia

[Zdravka Bušić](#), State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Republic of Croatia

[Marin Mrčela](#), President of GRECO, Vice-President of the Supreme Court of Croatia

[Thorbjørn Jagland](#), Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Ministerial segment: Importance of strengthening international co-operation in fight against corruption

[Dražen Bošnjaković](#), Minister of Justice of the Republic of Croatia

Exchanges between Ministers

12:00 – 12:30

Family Picture

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Parallel interactive sessions

Panel 1: The role of free media to promote transparency and integrity, and to prevent corruption

- Media ethics and transparency (including transparency of media ownership), enabling environment for journalists

- Role of investigative journalism

Moderator: [Michele Nicoletti](#), Professor of political philosophy, former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and rapporteur

Speakers

[Olaf Steenfadt](#), Head of the Media Ownership Monitor for Reporters without Borders, Germany

[Will Fitzgibbon](#), Reporter, International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ)

[Andrew Caruana Galizia](#), son of assassinated journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, Malta

[Sanja Rabuzin-Pavić](#), Journalist, *Hrvatska Radiotelevizija* (HRT), Croatia

[Natalie Sedletska](#), Investigative reporter, chief editor and host of investigative TV-show "Schemes. Corruption in detail", Ukraine

Panel 2: Promoting integrity in tackling corruption in all its forms and scales

- Prevention of corruption among top executive functions

- Prevention of corruption among law enforcement

Moderator: [Gianluca Esposito](#), Executive Secretary of GRECO

Speakers

[Dražen Jelenić](#), General State Attorney, Croatia

[Ruben Lifuka](#), Vice Chair, Transparency International

[Marcin Walecki](#), Head of the Democratisation Department, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

[Nataša Novaković](#), President of the Commission for the Resolution of Conflict of interest, Croatia

[Martin Kreutner](#), Dean and Executive Secretary, International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)

15:30 – 15:45

Coffee break

15:45 – 16:30

Discussion summary of panels 1 and 2

19:30

Gala dinner

9:30 – 10:45

Panel 3: National bodies or authorities in charge of preventing and/or fighting corruption: the next steps of their cooperation at an international level

- Enhancing operational cooperation and networking

Moderator: Charles Duchaine, Director, French Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA), France

Speakers

Simon Peh Yun-lu, Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Hong Kong, China

Raffaele Cantone, President, National Anti-Corruption Authority, Italy

Artem Sytnyk, Director, National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU), Ukraine

Lyne Robinson-Dalbé, Director, Advisory and Compliance, Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner, Canada

Andreas Wieselthaler, President of the European Partners against Corruption/European contact-point network against corruption (EPAC/EACN), Director of the Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAK), Austria

Anne de Moussac, Deputy to the Head of the Legal Division, High Authority for Transparency in Public Life (HATVP), France

Kristian Turkalj, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Croatia

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00

Panel 3 (cont.d)

12:00 – 12:30

Signature of the Declaration for a Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities

Closure of the Conference

Conclusions of the Conference by Dražen Bošnjaković, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Croatia

Jan Kleijssen, Director of Information Society – Action against Crime, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

12:30

Lunch