

## Economic Crime and Cooperation Division:

The Economic Crime and Cooperation Division is part of the Action against Crime Department at the Directorate of Action against Crime and Information Society in Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law – DG I.

The Division is responsible for the Council of Europe's cooperation and assistance related activities and reforms concerning: good governance, corruption, ethics, conflict of interests, money laundering, asset recovery, terrorist financing, organised crime and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters as well as all related criminal law and judicial reforms pertaining to such areas.

The Economic Crime and Cooperation Division's activities comprise a wide variety of intervention tools, methodologies and guidance on implementation of standards and recommendations by involving in house knowledge and expertise while utilising a broad Council of Europe expert database.

## The conference is funded through the following programmes:

- Council of Europe' Programme – Combating threats to Rule of Law
- EU/CoE Partnership for Good Governance (PGG)
- EU/CoE Horizontal Facility for Western Balkans and Turkey
- EU/CoE Project against Economic Crime in Kosovo\* (PECK II)

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# International Conference Transparency of Beneficial



**30 - 31 October 2018**

**Venue: Hotel Rogner  
Tirana, Albania**



**International Conference**  
**“Transparency of Beneficial Ownership”**  
**30 - 31 October 2018, Tirana, Albania**

As part of Council of Europe’s efforts aimed at strengthening capacities of anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT), this international conference represents a significant inter-regional initiative related to four programmes in two regions: South East Europe (SEE) and Eastern Partnership (EaP). The Conference will be addressing transparency of beneficial ownership and related issues of misuse of legal entities and arrangements, and provide a road map for compliance with international standards and the required transparency of beneficial ownership information.

The international conference on “Transparency of Beneficial Ownership” represents one step forward in developing a common understanding of the European and international standards, as well as comparative practices related to transparency of beneficial ownership, and the required future steps through due diligence and registry policy solutions.

**Expected outcome:**

- 1) Increased awareness of senior policy makers on international and European standards regarding transparency on beneficial ownership;
- 2) Shared practices and practical information when introducing compliance and registries legislation; and international cooperation on these matters;
- 3) Map out next steps for developing and implementing transparency of beneficial ownership solutions in South East Europe (SEE) and Eastern Partnership (EaP) regions.

**Participating countries/jurisdictions:**

Albania	Croatia	Serbia
Armenia	Georgia	“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
Azerbaijan	Kosovo*	
Belarus	Montenegro	Turkey
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Republic of Moldova	Ukraine

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**Programme Overview**

Tuesday 30 October 2018		
09:00 – 9:30	Registration of participants	
09:30 – 10:00	Opening Session	
10:00 – 10:45	International standards on transparency of beneficial ownership of legal entities and legal arrangements	
10:45 – 11:15	Criminal misuse of legal entities and arrangements	
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break	
11:45 – 13:45	Beneficial ownership compliance and supervision obligations of the financial and non-financial sector	
13:45: 14:45	Lunch	
Workshops	Group 1 - SEE	Group 2 - EaP
14:45 – 16:45	Beneficial ownership compliance and supervision obligations of the financial and non-financial sector – discussion of regional practices	Beneficial ownership compliance and supervision obligations of the financial and non-financial sector – discussion of regional practices
16:45 – 17:30	Plenary: Summary of Group discussions from day one	
17:30	End of day one	
Wednesday 31 October 2018		
09:00 – 10:45	Lessons learned in establishing and running beneficial ownership registries	
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break	
Workshops	Group 1 - SEE	Group 2 - EaP
11:00 – 12:30	Beneficial ownership registries – discussion of regional practices	Beneficial ownership registries – discussion of regional practices
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:15	Plenary: Summary of Group discussions from day two	
14:15 -15:15:	Roadmap for enhancing policy solutions for enhancing beneficial ownership compliance and oversight	
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 -17:00	Roadmap for introducing beneficial ownership registries	
17.00	Closing remarks	