



TAIEX Regional Workshop on obstacles to good governance in the Western Balkans: how to effectively prevent and address corruption in the private sector

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The Italian Anti-Corruption National Agency (ANAC)**

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Trieste

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Beneficiary :

**Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia**

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Aim of the Workshop:

The aim is to foster better understanding on possible obstacles to good economic governance between anti-corruption authorities in the Western Balkans.

Economic reforms and a strengthening of the rule of law produce reinforcing benefits. Indeed, as stated in the 2016 Communication on EU enlargement policy, the investment climate in the region is negatively affected by the continuing weaknesses with the rule of law and signs of state capture in particular as regards independent and efficient court systems, the uneven enforcement of competition rules, weak public financial management and frequent changes in permits and taxes which exacerbate the risk of corruption.

This will partially be done by showcasing the experience of EU Member States in comparable situations. The programme is structured so as to stimulate dialogue and interaction between the representatives of the six beneficiary countries and to provide some initial guidance to meet the recommendations of the enlargement package in time for the next report in Spring 2018.

This workshop is also relevant for the Berlin Process aiming at enhanced integration between the Western Balkans preparation of the WB 6 and its forthcoming Summit in Trieste on 12 July 2017.

Day 1 : Monday 12 June 2017

Mr Bernard Brunet, Head of Unit, Thematic support, monitoring and evaluation, DG NEAR, European Commission

08:30	Registration
09:00	<p>Welcome addresses</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ms Anna Paola Porzio, Prefect of Trieste</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Michele Giacomelli, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Special Envoy for the Trieste Summit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Paolo Gozzi, Expert Advisor, ex-Institution Building TAIEX and Twinning Unit, DG NEAR European Commission</p>
09:30	<p>Workshop overview: Introduction of the aim of the workshop, presentation of participants and experts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Nicoletta Parisi, Member of the Council of the Italian National Anti-Corruption Authority (ANAC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Bernard Brunet, Head of Unit, Thematic support, monitoring and evaluation, DG NEAR, European Commission</p>
Five pillars in the fight against corruption: overview	
10:15	<p>Strengthening the prevention of corruption: identifying risks and eradicating the roots of corruption, incentives to discourage corruption and fight against conflict of interest</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mr Enrico Carloni, Expert of the ANAC's Council and Professor at the University of Perugia</p>
10:45	Q&A
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30	<p>Effective supervision on public procurement or the necessity to ensure effective and pervasive powers of supervision on public procurement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms Laura Stefan, founder of the Rule of Law and Anticorruption Coordinator for Expert Forum, former Director in the Ministry of Justice, Romania</p>
12:00	Q&A
12:15	<p>Transparency and integrity oversight system in the Italian anti-corruption system</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Giuseppe Abbatino, Executive of the Transparency Oversight Department, Italian Anticorruption Authority (ANAC)</p>

12:45	Q&A
13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30	Best practice in preventing and addressing conflict of interests Mr Joan Xirau Serra, Deputy Director of the Anti-Fraud of Catalonia
15:00	Protection of whistle blowers from a legal and practical dimension: best practices Mr Diego Alonso Quiroz Onate, Policy Officer, Scottish Human Rights Commission
15:15	Q&A
Impact of corruption on private sector and business development	
15:30	Definition and manifestations of the economic impact of state capture on the economy Ms Daphne Athanasouli, Senior Lecturer at the University of Derby, UK, and visiting lecturer at the European Law and Governance School (ELGS)
16:15	Q&A
16:30	Specific focus on obstacles to good governance in public procurement and privatisation: from theory to practice in the case of Bulgaria Mr Ruslan Stefanov, Director of the Economic Programme of the Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) and coordinator of the Southeast European Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI)
17:15	Q&A
17:30	End of Day one

Day 2 : Tuesday 13 June 2017

**Mr Paolo Gozzi, Expert Advisor, ex-Institution Building TAIEX and Twinning Unit,
European Commission**

**Mr Luca Trifone, Diplomatic Advisor of Italian Anticorruption Authority (ANAC),
Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Enforcement Record of national anti-corruption authorities	
09:00	<p>Welcome address and recap from previous day</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mr Paolo Gozzi, Mr Trifone, Mr Petrangeli</p>
09:15	<p>Regional Cooperation on asset declaration and conflict of interest</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mr Vladan Joksimovic, President of RAI</p>
09:30	<p>List of working groups: Country interventions on measures to identify, prevent and address suspicion of corruption in the economic reforms, according to the different thematic areas (short input presentation/intervention per country)</p> <p>First working group: Prevention of Corruption and Conflict of Interest Experts: Mr Carloni, Mr Xirau Target group: representatives of Anti-corruption Agencies</p> <p>Second working group: Public Procurement & Whistle-blower protection Experts: Mr Quiroz, Ms Stefan Target group: representatives of public procurement directorates</p> <p>Third working group: Transparency and economic governance Experts: Ms Athanasouli, Mr Abbatini, Mr Stefanov Target group: representatives of Economic recovery programmes</p>
10:30	<i>Group picture</i>
10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15	<p>Presentation of results regarding possible future activities (one representative of each working group)</p> <p>Conclusions and recommendations</p>
12:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mr Alberto Petrangeli, Directorate General for the European Union, Italian</p>

	<p style="text-align: right;">Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mr Paolo Gozzi, Expert Advisor</p>
12:30	End of the workshop

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