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**WORK PROGRAMME**  
**2024-2025**

## EPAC/EACN Work Programme 2024-2025

### Context

This document constitutes the Work Programme for the EPAC/EACN for the period of 2024-2025 and it was developed and adopted at the EPAC/EACN Board meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 2024.

The Work Programme outlines the EPAC/EACN strategic objectives for 2024-2025, reflecting the EPAC/EACN mission and vision and building on the results of the previous Work Programme 2022-2023. The Work Programme will assist EPAC/EACN members and observers to learn from each other and act together to further prevent and combat corruption in Europe. The EPAC/EACN Work Programme presented herewith will remain a living document, which can be adjusted according to changing priorities of the Board or a changing situation in the European anti-corruption landscape.

### Mission and vision

According to the Article 2 of the EPAC Constitution the EPAC/EACN's mission is to:

- Establish, maintain, and develop contacts between specialised anti-corruption and police oversight authorities;
- Promote independence, impartiality, legitimacy, as well as accountability, transparency, and accessibility in all systems created and maintained for the independent oversight of policing and anti-corruption work;
- Promote international legal instruments and mechanisms from a professional perspective;
- Support the development and the promotion of common working standards and best practices for police oversight bodies and anti-corruption authorities;
- Provide a platform for the exchange of information and expertise concerning developments in police oversight and anti-corruption matters;
- Provide support to other countries and organisations that are looking to establish or develop oversight mechanisms and anti-corruption authorities;
- Co-operate with other organisations, authorities, networks, and stakeholders in compliance with the foregoing objectives.

EPAC/EACN vision is to be an active and open platform of anti-corruption and police oversight professionals across the Europe, who are ready and willing to contribute to better police oversight and global fight against corruption through dialogue, joint efforts, exchange of expertise and sharing best practices.

The European Partners against Corruption (EPAC) and European contact-point network against corruption (EACN) are independent forums for anti-corruption and police oversight practitioners. While EPAC was initiated in 2001 and subsequently established in 2004, EACN grew out of EU Council Decision 2008/852/JHA of October 2008 as a more formal network based on EPAC's pre-existing structures.

EPAC and EACN are two of the oldest and biggest anti-corruption networks in Europe, currently altogether comprising of 115 anti-corruption and police oversight bodies from 39 Council of Europe Member Countries and European Union Member States. Over the years, the network grew to include new authorities from EU Member States. At the moment EPAC/EACN community consist of 42 anti-corruption authorities, 24 police oversight bodies and 49 members that cover both functions. The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) is a member of both networks, while the European Commission, Europol and Eurojust are fully associated with the activities of the network according to the Article 1 of the Council Decision.

Together, EPAC and EACN provide a platform for practitioners to exchange expertise and information, assist each other, and cooperate across national borders, both on a practical and professional level. In line with their respective constitutions, EPAC and EACN also advocate international legal instruments and offer assistance to other bodies for establishing transparent, efficient mechanisms.

## Priorities of the EPAC/EACN 2024-2025 Work Programme

The Work Programme is organised along three main thematic clusters:

- **Supporting the rule of law** – the rule of law is one of the fundamental values and keystones of our European identity. In the face of current global threats, including the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, climate change, depletion of natural resources and illegal migration, we are more than ever obliged to stand up for our values, including the rule of law. Integrity and anti-corruption are one of the key elements of the rule of law. While fulfilling each of our national and organisational mandates, together we support and maintain Europe as an area where there is no place for corruption, cronyism, kleptocracy, abuse of office for personal or any other gain. By this, we also contribute to the prosperity, stability and national security of countries that we represent. To achieve this goal, we will continue promoting independence, impartiality, legitimacy, as well as accountability, transparency, and accessibility in all systems created and maintained for the independent oversight of policing and anti-corruption work.
- **Transfer of knowledge** – exchange of expertise and best practices shall continue to be further strengthened to ensure independence, trust and professionalism of EPAC/EACN members for reducing corruption and delivering high-quality services to citizens and societies in their respective countries. This will be achieved through series of best practice exchange visits (such as those supported by the EU funded project “Best Anti-Corruption Practice Exchange (BACPE)” currently implemented by the EPAC/EACN Secretariat), online and onsite trainings, dissemination of best practice examples, quality presentations and discussions during our annual events.
- **Communication and cooperation** – by communicating and cooperating with each other, we can better achieve our mission goals and ensure the best results. By this, we also support one another in our challenges and build trust. We will continue improving internal and external communication channels, employing social media, establishing and/or strengthening cooperation with EU institutions, international organisations, other networks.



## Main activities of the EPAC/EACN Work Programme 2024-2025

Objective	Activity	Deliverables	Timeline	Leaders
Supporting the <i>rule of law</i>	Provide annual input for the EU Rule of Law report	One written input on behalf of EPAC/EACN per year	2024 1Q 2025 1Q	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Where requested or upon own initiative, provide policy advice for EU institutions or other international actors	Written feedback upon demand	2024/2025	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Integrate the Rule of Law topic into agenda of annual event and its declaration	One conference and one declaration, which includes Rule of Law topic, per year	2024 4Q 2025 4Q	EPAC/EACN Board, EPAC/EACN Secretariat, EPAC/EACN member (host organisation)
	Defend and support the Rule of Law in our external and internal communication	Communication messages	2024/2025	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
Ensuring <i>transfer of knowledge</i> between EPAC/EACN members	Continue to implement best practice exchange visits under EU funded project “Best Anti-Corruption Practice Exchange (BACPE)” for EPAC/EACN members and observers	24 best practice exchange visits on topics: - Big Data analysis - Criminal investigation of corruption and fraud - Anti-corruption awareness – raising	Starting in 2024 2Q	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Prepare and publish a summary of the best practices of EPAC/EACN members in the fight against corruption, including within police forces	One published summary	2025 2Q	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Organise Annual Conference and General Assembly 2024	One conference	2024 4Q	EPAC/EACN Board, EPAC/EACN Secretariat EPAC/EACN member (host organisation)
	Organise Annual Conference and General Assembly 2025	One conference	2025 4Q	EPAC/EACN Board, EPAC/EACN Secretariat, EPAC/EACN member (host organisation)

	Initiate a programme for workshops/trainings for EPAC/EACN members	At least one developed project proposal for EU funding	Project proposal - in 2024 Implementation – in 2025	EPAC/EACN Board member(s), EPAC/EACN Secretariat Interested EPAC/EACN Members
	Initiate webinars for EPAC/EACN members	At least two webinars per year	2024-2025	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
Enhancing communication and cooperation	Maintain and further improve EPAC/EACN website “www.epac-eacn.org”	- Develop an online repository of best practice of anti-corruption and police oversight from EPAC/EACN members - Maintain data base on anti-corruption and police oversight standards	Continuous	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Initiate a podcast on anti-corruption and police oversight with top anti-corruption experts on EPAC/EACN YouTube channel	At least 4 top anti-corruption experts involved	2024 2Q	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Publish EPAC/EACN newsletters	At least three EPAC/EACN newsletters per year	2024-2025	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Maintain EPAC/EACN annual catalogue	Update and publish at least once per year	2024 1Q 2025 1Q	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Strengthen partnership with monitoring bodies of international organisations in the area of anti-corruption and police oversight, as well as other international networks of anti-corruption and police oversight authorities	Meetings and, where appropriate, partnership agreements, joint declarations or similar outputs with monitoring bodies	2024 3Q	EPAC/EACN President, EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Represent EPAC/EACN at the international events and conferences in the area of anti-corruption and police oversight	Workshop at the IACC2024 in Vilnius, Lithuania	2024 3Q	EPAC/EACN President, EPAC/EACN Secretariat

		Representation of EPAC/EACN at EU Network against Corruption and other similar forums	Continuous	EPAC/EACN President, EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Involve other anti-corruption and police oversight authorities from European countries to join EPAC/EACN	Number of new members and/or observers joining EPAC/EACN	Continuous	EPAC/EACN Board

