

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

With pleasure we present you with the first newsletter for 2014. Topic proposals for the next newsletter and suggestions for improvement are most welcome.

Your Secretariat

Request for contact details for the EPAC/EACN Contact Catalogue 2014

As in previous years the updating of the EPAC/EACN Contact Catalogue has begun. In order for the Catalogue to adequately present all members, we kindly ask all Points of Contact for updated contact details to be sent to secretariat@epac-eacn.org at their earliest convenience.

The distribution of the hardcopy Contact Catalogue 2014 will be done by post, while an electronic version will be available on the EPAC/EACN website.

European Anti-Corruption Report

The European Commission published its first EU Anti-Corruption Report on 3 February 2014. By presenting an analysis of corruption within each of the EU's Member States, the steps taken to prevent and fight it, and possible ways of improvement, it aims to support the anti-corruption work in EU Member States, shore up political commitment to the fight against corruption, and identify how the European dimension can help.

The EU Anti-Corruption Report covers all 28 EU Member States. It consists of:

- A general chapter summarising the main findings, describing corruption-related trends across the EU, and analysing how Member States deal with corruption in public procurement.
- 28 Country chapters providing a snapshot of the situation on corruption, identifying issues that deserve further attention, and highlighting good practices which might inspire others.
- The Report also includes the results of two Eurobarometer surveys on the perception of corruption amongst European citizens on the one hand and companies on the other.

The Report is based on data from existing anti-corruption monitoring mechanisms (GRECO, OECD, UNCAC), as well as information from EU Member States' public authorities, civil society, independent experts and academic research. Information from the Commission's departments and from EU agencies in connected policy areas (e.g. public procurement, regional policy) were also used. Finally, indicators of perception of and experience with corruption (e.g. the Eurobarometer on corruption) were taken into account.

The next EU Anti-Corruption Report will be issued two years from now.

EU Anti-Corruption report including country chapters, Eurobarometer surveys, factsheets, and questions and answers: <http://ec.europa.eu/anti-corruption-report>.

Application Period IACSA and MACS 2014 now open

Over the past few years, the International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA) has developed into one of IACA's most successful programmes. With the application period for this year's edition now opened, we would like to invite all interested candidates to apply before 15 March.

The fourth annual IACSA will take place from 3 to 12 July. It will provide professionals in the field of anti-corruption the chance to network with other experts, while strengthening their experience and building up their competencies.

The application period for the second Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) has also been opened and will close on 31 March. The MACS is a two-year, part-time programme designed for working professionals who wish to remain fully employed while pursuing their degree.

For more information on both programmes, please visit IACA's website: www.iaca.int.

NACOLE Conferences 2014 and 2015

The 20th Annual Conference of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) will take place from 14 to 18 September 2014 in Kansas City, Missouri, United States. The 21st Annual Conference is scheduled to take place in September or October 2015. The NACOLE Board of Directors invites proposals to be submitted by Friday 14 March 2014.

To support the development of those involved in civilian oversight of law enforcement, the annual conferences consist of extensive workshops, panel discussions, training sessions, and plenary presentations. Around 250 participants attend each year, including a variety of representatives from countries such as the United States, Brazil, and Nigeria.

For more information about NACOLE and its annual conferences, visit www.nacole.org.

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