

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We have the pleasure of presenting you with the first edition of our newsletter this year. Topic proposals for the next newsletter and suggestions for improvement are most welcome.

Your Secretariat

Request for input from members for the EU Anti-Corruption Report – final call

The Communication on Fighting Corruption in the EU of 6 June 2011 pledged for an EU Anti-Corruption Report to be issued every two years. The purpose of the Report is to boost political will in the EU Member States or sectors where the fight against corruption could be more pro-active and prompt firmer action in the implementation of effective anti-corruption policies.

The European Commission is currently in the process of preparing the first EU Anti-Corruption Report. In this context input from EU Member States and Croatia by 1 March 2013 would be greatly appreciated.

We do hope that this request will be seen by the relevant EPAC/EACN members as an opportunity to share their views, experience, success stories or concerns that can help the EU Anti-Corruption Report become a helpful tool for boosting effective anti-corruption policies.

Thank you to those who have already submitted their contributions. We look forward to receiving further input at your earliest convenience.

Request for contact details for the EPAC/EACN Contact Catalogue 2013 – last minute input

The Secretariat is currently in the process of updating the EPAC/EACN Contact Catalogue 2013 and would like to thank you for your help so far.

There is still an opportunity to submit last minute changes before the catalogue goes into printing next week. Therefore, please send your up-to-date contact details to <secretariat@epac-eacn.org> at your soonest convenience so that the Secretariat can continue being the efficient contact point and network that it is.

The hardcopy of the Contact Catalogue 2013 will be distributed by post and uploaded to the website in due course.



IACSA 2013 applications are closing soon

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) will offer its third annual Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA) from 4 to 13 July 2013. The application period opened on 15 January and will close on 15 March 2013. IACSA is an intensive ten-day programme designed for familiarizing participants with contemporary insight in selected areas of corruption theory and anti-corruption practice. The programme aims to foster a culture of the reflective practitioner while providing knowledge and tools for helping bridge the gap between theory and practice. Representatives from EPAC/EACN authorities are particularly encouraged to apply. Please visit www.iaca.int for further information.



Meetings and Conferences

- The 7th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) will convene in Panama from 22-24 November 2013.
- The 5th Conference of the States Parties (CoSP) to the UNCAC will be held in Panama, 25-29 November 2013.
- The IACA's 2nd Assembly of Parties will be hosted by the Kingdom of Thailand in Bangkok, from 9-11 December 2013.

Information on EPAC/EACN's Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly 2013, to be held in Krakow, Poland, will be available shortly.

Nineteenth NACOLE Conference

The 19th Annual Conference of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah, from 22 to 26 September 2013. This is an opportunity for oversight professionals, law enforcement and elected officials, academics, journalists and other parties to dialogue and exchange information about civilian oversight of law enforcement.



Conference delegates will have the chance to discuss police accountability topics such as federal pattern and practice litigation, developing policy recommendations, constitutional policing and investigating force in custody. In addition, sessions will be offered that focus on basic and intermediate-level skills necessary for effective oversight.

In addition, NACOLE will continue to offer a NACOLE Trained Practitioner (NTP) Credential through its annual conferences. Individuals who participate in designated training sessions at three qualifying conferences within five years, and satisfy supplemental reading requirements will earn the NACOLE Trained Practitioner Credential. For more information, please visit www.nacole.org/ntp-credential.

First Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) starts at IACA

On 16 February thirty-one students from seventeen different countries arrived at the International Anti-Corruption Academy in Laxenburg, Austria, to take part in the two-year, part-time Master in Anti-Corruption Studies. The students have a broad range of professional backgrounds from the public and private sector, civil society, academia, business corporations to international organizations. This dynamic student body is being led by an experienced academic consortium consisting of Professor Susan Rose-Ackerman, Professor Nikos Passas, and Professor Mark Pieth. Consequently, MACS is set to be a thoroughly interesting and fruitful course.



Government Defence Anti-Corruption Index by Transparency International's Defence & Security Program

In January Transparency International's Defence & Security Program released the first global analysis of corruption risk in defence establishments worldwide. The Index analyses what 82 countries do to reduce corruption risks. These countries accounted for 94 percent of the global military expenditure in 2011, equivalent to USD 1.6 trillion. Countries are scored in bands from very low risk (A) to critical risk (F) according to detailed assessment across 77 indicators that cover five prominent risk areas in the sector: politics, finance, personnel, operations, and procurement. This Index is the latest step in the programme's aim to give governments, armed forces, civil society and citizens the tools to avoid the dangers and inefficiencies that corruption in defence brings.



The European Chamber's CEE Business Integrity Forum: Against Corruption



The European Chamber (EuCham) is hosting a Central and Eastern European (CEE) Business Integrity Forum in Budapest on Monday 4 March 2013. This event will bring professionals from the public and the private sector together to share their experiences and views on business integrity and anti-corruption. The event will consist of presentations and a panel discussion with business representatives of companies from different European countries. Discussion will focus on why and how anti-corruption measures should be implemented in CEE and improve business ethics in the region. This event is free of charge. For further information please visit www.eucham.eu.

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