

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We have the pleasure of presenting you with the spring edition of our newsletter.

Firstly, we are pleased to announce that the 16th Annual Professional Conference and session of the General Assembly will take place in Riga in November 2016, hosted by the Corruption Prevention and Combatting Bureau (KNAB) of Latvia. More details will follow soon.

We would also like to remind the points of contact of the EPAC/EACN network to send us the updated contact details of your organizations as requested.

If you wish to provide input for one of our forthcoming newsletters, please let us know. Your proposals are most welcome.

Your Secretariat

EPAC/EACN Working Groups Launched

Following the inquiry for expressions of interest, EPAC/EACN is pleased to announce the establishment of two Working Groups (WGs), which will hold their first meetings in May 2016.

The meeting of the WG on “Corruption within the healthcare system”, chaired by the National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA) of Romania, will take place in Bucharest. The substantive themes will be based on the results of the questionnaire previously circulated by the DNA.

The WG on “Criteria for evaluation of efficiency of a Police Oversight Body”, chaired by the General Inspection of the National Police (IGPN) of France, will meet in Paris.

We look forward to sharing the outcomes of both Working Groups with you in due course.

European Commission Launches Public Consultation on a Proposal for a Mandatory Transparency Register



The European Commission seeks the views of all interested parties on the performance of the current Transparency Register for organizations and self-employed individuals engaged in EU policymaking and policy implementation. This consultation aims to assess future evolutions towards a mandatory scheme covering the European Parliament, the Council of the EU, and the European Commission.

The Commission is committed to increased transparency in the way it operates, and in European Union decision-making overall. In this context, it has announced its intention to propose improvements to the Transparency Register, a tool put in place by the European Parliament and the European Commission in 2011 to cast light on lobbying activities seeking to influence European policymaking.

The purpose of this public consultation, taking place from 1 March to 1 June 2016, is to ensure that the Register maximizes its potential as a meaningful tool governing relations between the EU institutions and interest groups. The results will support the preparation of the Commission's proposal for a mandatory Register.

More detailed information is available on the webpage dedicated to the Transparency Register at <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/homePage.do?redir=false&locale=en#en>.

European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) Hosts and Chairs the 4th Annual Meeting of the Economic Crime Agencies Network (ECAN)

Overcoming obstacles in international cooperation and limiting the circulation of cash topped the agenda at the 4th annual meeting of ECAN hosted by OLAF from 2 to 4 March 2016 in Brussels.



ECAN is a high-level worldwide network of law enforcement organizations, primarily involved in the investigation and prosecution of economic crimes. The network counts OLAF as one of its founders, and its members include the Serious Fraud Office (UK), City of London Police (UK), the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Independent Commission Against Corruption of Hong Kong, China (ICAC). ECAN encourages organizations to cooperate in the fight against complex, cross-border economic crimes, including those of a cross-jurisdictional nature, to disseminate information, and share best practices.

OLAF press release:

http://ec.europa.eu/anti-fraud/media-corner/news/03-03-2016/rising-challenge-%E2%80%93-economic-crime-agencies-cooperate-fight-against_en

5th Anniversary of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)



The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) celebrated the 5th anniversary of its establishment as an international organization on 8 March 2016 with an event to mark its efforts and achievements in the fight against corruption. The festive reception was attended by high-level guests, diplomatic corps, heads of international organizations, as well as partners and friends.

The reception was honoured by addresses from H.E. Ms. Margarita Popova, Vice President of the Republic of Bulgaria and the first Chairperson of IACA's Board of Governors, H.E. Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Director-General of the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV), and Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary of IACA.

H.E. Mr. Fedotov also conveyed a message from H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, who congratulated IACA on its accomplishments and acknowledged the Academy's role in fighting and preventing corruption via training and education.

IACA Programmes to Apply for



IACA has opened applications for a number of programmes scheduled to take place in the coming months:

- Master in Anti-Corruption Studies, 4th intake (October 2016 – December 2018), applications close on 31 May 2016;
- Best of Seminar with Prof. Johann Graf Lambsdorff, designer of the Corruption Perceptions Index on behalf of TI (5 and 6 July 2016), applications close on 13 May;
- Anti-Corruption in Local Governance Training (11 to 15 July 2016), applications close on 16 May;
- Procurement Anti-Corruption Training (22 August to 16 September 2016), applications close on 20 May.

Detailed information on the programmes, including online application forms, is available at www.iaca.int.

The OECD Integrity Forum in Paris Fighting the Hidden Tariff: Global Trade without Corruption



The OECD's Integrity Forum has established itself as one of the leading public fora on integrity and anti-corruption worldwide. It creates a platform of dialogue for policy communities, the private sector, civil society organizations, and academia. Taking place in Paris on 19 and 20 April 2016 as an integral part of the wide-ranging OECD Integrity Week, this year's Forum will focus on two main tracks:

- The Integrity and Trade Track, addressing integrity and trade from different angles and perspectives;
- The more general Integrity Track, focusing on other pressing issues such as the refugee crisis, climate change, extractive industries, and state-owned enterprises.

More information is available on the OECD's website at <https://www.oecd.org/cleangovbiz/integrity-forum-2016.htm>.

34th Cambridge Symposium on Economic Crime

The 34th Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime will take place from 4 to 11 September 2016. The title of this year's Symposium is "Economic Crime - where does the buck stop? Who is responsible - facilitators, controllers and/or their advisers?"

The objective of this year's conference is to determine whom society should blame for crimes perpetrated against it, through or with financial and business structures, with its various systems of law, compliance, or public criticism.



This non-profit event has previously attracted over 1,600 participants from 100 countries. The registration deadline is 19 August 2016.

More detailed information and the registration form are available on the Symposium webpage <http://www.crimesymposium.org/>.

9th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA)



The 9th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the IAACA will take place in Tianjin, China, from 10 to 13 May 2016, on the theme of “The Future of Anti-Corruption Authorities: Lessons Learned and Charting the Way Forward.”

The conference aims to serve as an occasion for representatives from anti-corruption institutions, bodies, and international organizations to exchange experiences on the future development of anti-corruption authorities.

More information is available at <http://www.iaaca.org/>.

Events

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| 19-20 April 2016 | OECD Integrity Forum (Paris, France) |
| 10-13 May 2016 | 9 th IAACA General Meeting (Tianjin, China) |
| 4-11 September 2016 | 34 th Cambridge Symposium on Economic Crime (Cambridge, United Kingdom) |