



INTERNATIONAL
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Memorandum of Understanding
between
The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)
and the
European Partners Against Corruption (EPAC/EACN) Network

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) and the European Partners Against Corruption (EPAC, incl. EACN) Network, hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties", for the purpose of jointly fostering the prevention of and the fight against corruption,

Concerned about the seriousness of threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice, and jeopardizing sustainable development, social and economic prosperity and the rule of law;

Recalling the numerous international conventions, instruments and mechanisms on corruption, especially the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC); the Council of Europe Civil and Criminal Law Conventions on Corruption; the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions; the EU Hague Programme; the Comprehensive EU Policy against Corruption; and the EU Stockholm Programme;

Reiterating the need to ensure transparency, accessibility, accountability, legitimacy, impartiality and integrity in all systems created for the anti-corruption work;

Promoting the respect for the rule of law and human rights in all anti-corruption activities;

Being aware that preventing and combating corruption, which often is transnational in nature, can be substantially enhanced by international co-operation through sharing knowledge and expertise;

Noting that a primary impediment to effectively preventing and fighting corruption often is a lack of expertise and capacity;

Noting also that effective training and research programmes are essential to the efforts of countries and other entities to redress the worst effects of corruption;

Desiring to explore, develop and strengthen collaborative efforts and co-operation in the field of anti-corruption training and research;

Acknowledging the efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Republic of Austria, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and by a growing family of other international stakeholders that led to the establishment of the first International Anti-Corruption Academy in Laxenburg, Austria, which shall function as an international, inter-cultural, inter-sectoral and inter-disciplinary centre of excellence in the fields of anti-corruption education, training, cooperation and academic research;

Welcoming the achievements of the 3rd Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC in Doha, Qatar, in November 2009, in particular the adoption of a review mechanism, whose future experts might be trained at IACA;

Determined to create a strong partnership that will enhance the sharing of anti-corruption knowledge and expertise between the Parties and other stakeholders;

On the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit intend, as appropriate and within the scope of their mandates, to cooperate closely and consult with each other on a regular basis and therefore agree on the following:

1. Undertake joint activities to prevent and combat corruption; this may include providing training and research activities for anti-corruption stakeholders, such as through (joint) courses, seminars, events and conferences. The Parties will also undertake joint efforts to foster and promote capacity and institutional building programmes, as well as networking activities between anti-corruption stakeholders;

2. On a voluntary basis, exchange anti-corruption information and related resources. This may include, *inter alia*, training and research achievements and publications. IACA upon request may also provide secretarial support to EPAC.
3. The Parties will inform one another of relevant activities which they organise and which may be of common interest;
4. Promote anti-corruption research and training projects, send personnel to visit each other, study and discuss issues arising from international cooperation against corruption, e.g. by providing for a forum in which ideas and further studies are discussed;
5. Meet periodically to identify possible priority areas for cooperation that present common strategic or operational objectives;
6. Designate contact points to facilitate and further communication between the Parties;
7. Any commitment on the part of IACA or EPAC within the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of resources;
8. The cooperation under this Memorandum is non-exclusive. The activities carried out on the basis of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be without prejudice to the privileges and immunities reserved for each Party and these may be invoked at any time;
9. This intention is not to modify, or create any obligations contrary to, the institutional and policy framework of either Party and the scope of their respective mandates. In the event that there is an inconsistency between this Memorandum of Understanding and a Party's framework, the latter shall govern;
10. Upon request of either Party, consultations may be held on the need for an amendment to be made to this Memorandum of Understanding. Any such amendments will come into effect on the date on which it is duly signed by the representatives of the Parties and have the same duration as provided for in paragraph 11, or as agreed to by the Parties;

11. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date on which it is duly signed by the Parties. It will remain in effect for subsequent three-year terms, if neither of the Parties denounces it by giving not less than 180 days notice in writing to the other Party. Such termination shall become effective on the date specified in the termination notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, the authorized representatives of the respective Parties, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

DONE in duplicate in Vienna on this 2nd day of September in the year two thousand and ten in English language.



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Vice-President EPAC



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Chair Steering Committee IACA