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23rd Annual Conference 26 - 27 nov 2024

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23rd EPAC/EACN ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

26-27 November 2024, Bucharest

AGENDA

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| Day 1 - 26/11/2024 | |
| 8:30-9:00 | Registration and welcome coffee |
| PLENARY ROOM | |
| 9:00-9:15 | <p>Welcome word from the host and EPAC/EACN board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ciprian ANTOHE, General Director, Anticorruption General Directorate (DGA), Romania – representative of the hosting institution • Linas PERNAVAS, EPAC/EACN President / Director of the Special Investigation Service (STT), Lithuania |
| 9:15-9:30 | <p>Official opening of the 23rd Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level representative of the Romanian Government (TBD) • High level representative of the Romanian prosecution authority (DNA, PICCJ - TBD) |
| 9:30-10:30 | <p>Strategic context and recent developments on prevention and combatting of corruption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Codruta Kovesi, European chief prosecutor, European Public Prosecutor Office (EPPO), EU • High level representative of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC, TBD) • High level representative of Group of States against Corruption (GRECO, TBD) • High level representative of European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF, TBD) • Jeroen Blomsma, Head of Sector Anti-Corruption at the European Commission |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break and Family Picture |



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Theme 1 - Investigating and prosecuting corruption and fraud

Moderator: National Anticorruption Directorate (DGA), Romania

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| 11:00-11:15 | Key cooperation issues in investigating corruption and any other illegal activities affecting the EU financial interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European prosecutor, European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO, <i>TBD</i>) | | | |
| 11:15-11:30 | Tools and new developments in financial investigations of corruption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Financial and Economic Crime Centre, European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) (<i>TBD</i>) | | | |
| 11:30-11:45 | Cooperation with EPPO and OLAF in investigating and prosecuting fraud and corruption cases – perspective of a national prosecuting/investigative authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Anticorruption Directorate (DGA), Romania | | | |
| 11:45-12:00 | Tackling corruption and fraud, as enablers of organised crime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Halpern, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT), Department of Justice, United States | | | |
| 12:00-13:00 | BREAK-OUT SESSIONS | | | |
| | Plenary room | Break out room 1 | Break out room 2 | Break out room 3 |
| | Contemporary challenges and opportunities in investigating corruption and fraud | Challenges associated with identifying and recovering criminal assets | Best practices in investigating transnational corruption | Best practices in preventing corruption and fraud |
| | Moderator: National Anticorruption Directorate (DGA), Romania | Moderator: National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets (ANABI), Romania (<i>TBD</i>) | Moderator: European Financial and Economic Crime Centre (EFECC), Europol (<i>TBD</i>) | Moderator: EPAC/EACN board |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of technology in corruption investigations and overcoming technical challenges -- | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transparency, accountability and participation in asset recovery – success stories in | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Success stories in cooperating with third | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using whistle-blowers to prevent and detect fraud and corruption (<i>TBD</i>) | |



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| | <p>EPAC/EACN representative (Anticorruption General Directorate (DGA))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artificial intelligence – challenges and opportunities in investigating corruption – EPAC/EACN representative <i>(TBD)</i> Data-driven approach in corruption investigation – Special Investigation Service (STT), Lithuania | <p>EPAC/EACN countries. EPAC/EACN representative <i>(TBD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best practices and recent developments in the area of investigating crypto assets and digital currency. EPAC/EACN representative <i>(TBD)</i> Cooperation best practices and informal networking in identifying and recovering criminal assets – (StaR initiative, CARIN network?) EPAC/EACN representative <i>(TBD)</i> | <p>countries – Romanian law enforcement <i>(TBD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPAC/EACN representative <i>(TBD)</i> Information exchange and the usage of operational platforms: SELEC, GLOBE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPAC/EACN representative <i>(TBD)</i> EPAC/EACN representative <i>(TBD)</i> |
| <p>13:00-14:30</p> | <p>Lunch</p> | | | |
| <p>PLENARY ROOM</p> | | | | |
| <p>Theme 2 – Preventing corruption and integrity building in law enforcement</p> | | | | |
| <p>Moderator: EPAC/EACN board</p> | | | | |
| <p>14:30-14:45</p> | <p>Mechanisms and tools for preventing and investigating corruption in law enforcement – lessons learned from the GRECO 5th round of evaluations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRECO representative <i>(TBD)</i> | | | |
| <p>14:45-15:00</p> | <p>Internal protection, pre-employments background checks and vetting regarding the access to classified information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Directorate of Internal Protection (DGPI), Romania | | | |



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| 15:00-16:00 | BREAK-OUT SESSIONS | | | |
| | Plenary room | Break out room 1 | Break out room 2 | Break out room 3 |
| | Corporate culture, raising awareness and integrity training, with a focus on law enforcement organizations | Improving resilience of police profession, with a focus on integrity vetting | Fighting corruption in law enforcement linked to serious and organized crime | Emerging issues in corruption prevention and police oversight |
| | Moderator: Anticorruption General Directorate (DGA), Romania | Moderator: General Directorate of Internal Protection (DGPI), Romania | Moderator: EPAC/EACN board or Anticorruption General Directorate (DGA), Romania | Moderator: EPAC/EACN board |
| 16:00-16:30 | Coffee Break | | | |
| PLENARY ROOM | | | | |
| 16:30-17:30 | Presentations and awards for anti-corruption initiatives and awards | | | |
| 17:45-18:45 | Visit of the National Museum of Art (former Royal Palace) | | | |
| 19:00-22:00 | Evening Dinner at the Palace of the National Military Circle | | | |



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Day 2 - 27/11/2024

PLENARY ROOM

Theme 3 – Moving forth the anti-corruption agenda – building resilient anticorruption frameworks for public institutions and private sector

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| 9:00-9:15 | National strategies and engaging with civil society in monitoring anticorruption agenda | |
| 9:15-9:30 | Using IT tools to promote integrity within the public sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florin Moise, President of the National Integrity Agency (ANI), Romania | |
| 9:30-9:45 | Best practices in building integrity frameworks | |
| 9:45-10:00 | Best practices in building integrity frameworks | |
| 10:00-11:00 | BREAK-OUT SESSIONS | |
| | Plenary room | Break out room 1 |
| | Marking the 25 th anniversary of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention – Global reforms and progress of partner countries | Use of the automatic tools for ensuring integrity in public offices |
| | Moderator: Ministry of Justice, Romania | Moderator: National Integrity Agency (ANI), Romania |
| | <p>Concept note</p> <p>Marking the 25th anniversary of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, this panel will explore its significant role in driving global anti-corruption initiatives and reforms.</p> <p>Panellists will highlight the Convention's effectiveness in setting international anti-bribery standards, promoting strong anti-</p> | <p>Concept note</p> <p>IT applications, whether traditional digital tools or AI-based solutions, offer significant opportunities for oversight bodies to uphold the integrity of public officials.</p> <p>This session will provide a platform to explore the transformative potential of these tools, including their usage for various purposes, such as online disclosure of financial interests, automated</p> |



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| | corruption frameworks and enhancing international cooperation. Key examples of reforms in partner countries will be discussed in order to showcase its transformative impact worldwide. | verification of assets declaration, prevention of conflicts of interest, or raising awareness towards integrity incidents. |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee Break | |
| 11:30-13:00 | EPAC/EACN General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accepting new Members and Observers• Best anti-corruption practice award• Activity Report• Election of an EPAC/EACN board member• Adoption of Bucharest Declaration | |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00-15:00 | Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-term and long-term priorities for strengthening regional cooperation and multidisciplinary approach in combating fraud and corruption, in particular, affecting EU financial interests• EPAC/EACN board• Anticorruption General Directorate (DGA), Romania | |
| 15:30-17:00 | Tour of the Parliament building | |