

**Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,**

EPAC/EACN Conference 2010

From 17 to 19 November 2010, the 10th EPAC/EACN Conference will take place in Oradea, Romania. Under the motto "European conditions for integrity – new perspectives", practitioners from all over Europe will once again come together to unite for their common cause, the fight against corruption and abuse of power. Jointly hosted by our colleagues and friends from AGD, DNA, and DGIPI in Romania, this conference will surely mark another milestone in the history of EPAC/EACN.

All members and observers of EPAC and the EACN will be cordially invited to participate in this annual event. Further details and information regarding registration and content will be published on www.epac.at in the forthcoming weeks. The next newsletter will also provide further detailed information.

Grants by the European Commission

The European Commission announced that on 27 April 2010, the following calls of interest were published:

- Targeted call for proposals for action grants in the field of financial and economic crime (deadline 18 June 2010)
- Call for proposals restricted to framework partners under the 2010 Annual Work Programme (deadlines 15 June 2010, 30 July 2010 and 29 October 2010)



The following activities of the network were specifically mentioned as priorities: the prevention of and fight against corruption in Europe: improving the exchange of information, best practices and professional standards between Member States, including the support of the activities of the European Anti-Corruption Network (EACN) established by Council Decision 2008/852/JHA".

More information on the published calls as well as all documents for applicants can be found on the following website:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/funding_isec_en.htm#

For your information, the BAK, currently running the EPAC/EACN Secretariat, will, together with other EPAC/EACN partners, strive to apply for a short-term funding within the framework of the above mentioned action grants. Doing so in order to support the EPAC/EACN Secretariat's activities as well as the Annual Conference in 2011.

EPAC Working Groups

EPAC (EACN) Finances WG

The first meeting of the EPAC (EACN) Finances WG was held from 29 to 30 April in Vienna. In an open discussion process delegates from six EU Member States drafted first parameters of possible financing instruments and fee models.

The jointly elaborated suggestions and results will be presented as financing possibilities at the Annual Conference in November. Furthermore, it was decided that a short survey on the EPAC/EACN organisations' preferences regarding financing models will be issued to all organisations by mid-June approximately.

At the beginning of autumn, a second informal gathering will be held. Thereto all interested EPAC/EACN partner organisations are invited.



AC Standards WG

On 22 April 2010, participants of the AC Standards Working Group met for a first round of talks in Slovenia. Important questions - necessary for anti-corruption agencies to fulfil their tasks in an effective, efficient and professional manner - were discussed, such as independence, financial and operational autonomy, integrity and other principles.

On the basis of the former AC Standards WG, this gathering served as a platform of discussion and production of written guidelines for possible anti-corruption standards according to which anti-corruption agencies need to be established. The participants agreed on the terms of reference for the AC Standards WG.

If necessary, a second meeting will be held at the beginning of October 2010.

CACOLE Conference Reminder

As the annual conference of the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE), held in Canada from 7 to 9 June 2010, is quickly approaching, we would like to once again remind you of this event. The excellent programme of the conference centres on the theme "Civilian Oversight -

Strengthening Public Confidence in Police". Among a variety of interesting topics, the renowned keynote speaker Mr Vertlieb, Commission Counsel to the Braidwood Inquiry, will provide his interesting perspective regarding various aspects of the Inquiry.

Further information as well as the registration form are available on the website:

<http://www.cacole.ca>

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