

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our pleasure to present you with the fourth newsletter for this year and inform you of the latest developments in the anti-corruption arena. We would also like to invite you to inform us of any international conferences or events which you feel would be pertinent to our network.

Your EPAC/EACN Secretariat

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### **Annual Professional Conference (and General Assembly)**

From **22 to 25 November** the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Conference** (and General Assembly), "Standards in Integrity", will take place at **International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)** in Laxenburg, Austria. The conference is in particular dedicated to the consideration of the draft papers on the principles of European Standards for Police Oversight Bodies, Anti-Corruption Authorities and Independence, which will be presented to the General Assembly for adoption. Furthermore, the event will be complimented by the Transparency International Integrity Awards.



We would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the following **deadlines**:

- 11 Oct 2011      Deadline for reservations at *Hotel Renaissance Wien*
- 25 Oct 2011      Deadline for the **conference registration**
- 25 Oct 2011      Deadline for reservations at *Hotel NH Belvedere* and *Lindner Hotel Am Belvedere*

To make a reservation at one of the hotels, please refer to the Info for Participants document which you will find attached to this newsletter, and contact the respective hotel.

In addition, in order to register for the conference, please fill out the registration form attached and return it to us via e-mail <bmi-epac-secretariat@bmi.gv.at>. The registration form can also be found on our website <www.epac.at>.

## Set-up of the Group of Experts on Corruption – Call for Applicants

The Official Journal of the European Union recently published the Commission Decision dated 28 September 2011 on setting up the Group of Experts on Corruption (2011/C 286/03). The European Commission decided on 6 June 2011 to set up the “EU Anti-Corruption Report”, a mechanism for the periodic assessment of EU Member States’ efforts in the fight against corruption. This mechanism will be managed by the Commission and assisted by an expert group whose members will be appointed by the Commission following an open call procedure.



According to the Commission’s most recently published decision, the expert group should be composed of 17 members who are nationals of an EU Member State, ensuring balanced representation with regard to institutional and professional backgrounds as well as geographic regions.

The deadline for application is **27 October 2011**. You will find a copy of the Commission Decision and the application form attached to this newsletter. Further information concerning the Decision is available under the following links:

<[ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/doc\\_centre/crime/crime\\_corruption\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/doc_centre/crime/crime_corruption_en.htm)>

<[ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/doc\\_centre/main/main\\_law\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/doc_centre/main/main_law_en.htm)>

<[ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/policies/crime/crime\\_corruption\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/policies/crime/crime_corruption_en.htm)>

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## European Anti-Corruption Training (EACT)

From 20 to 24 September, the Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption organised the European Anti-Corruption Training (EACT) in cooperation with the Slovak Anti-Corruption Unit, the National Unit of Anti-Corruption Investigation of the Slovenian Ministry of the Interior and the Slovenian Commission for the Prevention of Corruption. The five-day training event was organisationally co-sponsored by International Anti-Corruption Academy.



EACT attracted around 50 participants from anti-corruption and judicial authorities of EU Member States, the Western Balkans and other partner countries. The working groups established addressed topics of investigation, prosecution, prevention and international cooperation, and are expected to meet throughout 2012 for the preparation of a manual for anti-corruption practitioners. For more details visit: <[www.bak.gv.at/cms/BIA/iacss/start.aspx](http://www.bak.gv.at/cms/BIA/iacss/start.aspx)>.

## Resumed 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the UNCAC Implementation Review Group

From 7 to 9 September 2011 the resumed 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the United Nations against Corruption (UNCAC) Implementation Review Group, set up by the Conference of the States Parties, was held at the United Nations Office in Vienna. Apart from reports and lessons learnt from the first year, the session focused on the issue of technical assistance. The review group's provisional report, adopted on 9 September, is available under: [www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/IRG-session2-resumed.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/IRG-session2-resumed.html).

## UNCAC Working Groups on Corruption Prevention and Asset Recovery

The Second Intersessional Meeting of the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption took place at the United Nations Office in Vienna between 22 and 24 August. The working group was to adopt a report on its meeting, containing



recommendations on how to promote the implementation of Articles 4 to 14 of the UNCAC. The draft is to be prepared by the Secretariat and considered at the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC. For further information, consult [www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/working-group4.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/working-group4.html).

Likewise, from 25 to 26 August, the Fifth Intersessional Meeting of the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery convened at the United Nations Office in Vienna. The working group adopted a series of recommendations, which can be found in its report under: [www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/working-group2.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/working-group2.html).

## Recent Developments

As informed by the Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia, the Secretariat would like to communicate that Mr. Daniel de Alfonso Laso was appointed Director of the Anti-Fraud Office and took up the post in September.



We would also like to invite you to notify us of any changes within your organization in order to adapt the contact details on the website accordingly.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the COSP to the UNCAC

The EPAC/EACN Secretariat would like to remind readers that the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the States Parties (COSP) to the UNCAC will take place from 24 to 28 October in Marrakech, Morocco. The five-day programme will focus on the review of the implementation of the Convention, asset recovery, prevention, and technical assistance. During the CoSP, side events will be held by organizations such as the International Anti-Corruption Academy, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. For all those invited, please keep in mind that the deadline for registration is 12 October. For more details, please visit <http://www.cosp4.ma/>.



On a similar note, the Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of International Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA), also hosted by the government of Morocco, will precede the CoSP. Taking place between 22 and 23 October, the IAACA conference is open by invitation only. Additional information is available under: [www.iaaca.org/focus/201107/t20110725\\_580291.shtml](http://www.iaaca.org/focus/201107/t20110725_580291.shtml).



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