

Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN)

9TH MEETING OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT NETWORK

INDEPENDENCE OF PROSECUTORS, DETECTION OF CORRUPTION AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CORRUPTION CASES

AGENDA

14-16 November 2018

Prague



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■ Background

The Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN) is one of the global relations programmes of the Working Group on Bribery (WGB) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). ACN supports anti-corruption reforms and promotes the exchange of experience and good practice among the ACN countries, in co-operation with OECD countries and other regions and organisations.

More information is available on the ACN website at www.oecd.org/corruption/acn.

■ Objectives

The main objective of the ACN LEN is to help law-enforcement practitioners working on corruption cases to build their capacity and to learn about modern investigation and prosecution techniques. The Network also enhances professional contacts throughout the ACN region, which are necessary for effective investigation and prosecution of complex cross border corruption cases.

The main focus of this LEN meeting will be on the issue of the independence of prosecutors, as one of fundamental factors for efficiently fighting corruption. This discussion will be supported by the ACN Study on this issue that was conducted during 2018. The meeting will address the topic in the framework of an overview of the different legal and technical tools which improve the possibility of detecting domestic and foreign bribery.

Following the previous meeting of the in 2017 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the ACN LEN will continue addressing the challenging issue of detecting and investigating corruption in our fast and technologically interconnected world. This 9th meeting will deepen the discussion and offer a space for sharing relevant experiences of modern tools to detect corruption. The meeting will also focus on the increasing use of cryptocurrencies to commit or conceal bribery, the new methods to conduct IT investigations and fight this new form of criminality, as well as the potentialities offered by the obligation to disclose the beneficiary ownership of companies and assets.

Investigators and prosecutors at this meeting will discuss the following issues:

- Challenges and solutions for ensuring independence of prosecutors;
- Modern methods for detecting domestic and foreign bribery;
- Importance and challenges of access to financial data, assets and beneficiary ownership disclosure;
- Modern methods for IT investigations and the role cryptocurrencies
- Enhancing international cooperation in corruption cases.

■ Participants

The seminar is for national authorities in charge of investigating and prosecuting corruption-related crimes in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, including specialized anti-corruption prosecutors and investigators, and other relevant authorities, when appropriate. Investigators and prosecutors from OECD countries and other international bodies can be invited.

The OECD Secretariat, in cooperation with ACN National Coordinators, will select one to two participants from each ACN country who would most benefit from the seminar. Given the focus of this meeting on prosecutorial independence and modern methods for detecting and investigating corruption, law-enforcement practitioners with direct personal experience in these issues will be selected. Officials not personally engaged in investigation and prosecution of corruption will not be allowed to take part in the meeting.

■ Working language

The meeting will take place in **English** with simultaneous interpretation into **Russian**.

■ Date, time and venue

14-16 November 2018, Hotel Olšanka, Prague, Czech Republic.
Meeting room Praha, 2nd floor

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AGENDA

DAY 1

09:30-
09:45

OPENING

- Welcoming remarks by Czech Republic, **Mr Pavel Zeman**, Supreme Prosecutor
- Welcoming remarks by the OECD/ACN, **Mrs Olga Savran**, ACN Manager
- Introduction of the agenda by the LEN Chair, **Mrs Anca Jurma**, Acting Chief Prosecutor of the National Anti-corruption Directorate (DNA), Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice, Romania

09:45-
11:00

SESSION 1: Detection of corruption and access to information

- Key note presentation – main challenges and solutions, 2017 OECD study “The Detection of Foreign Bribery”, **Mr Andrii Kukharuk**, ACN Anti-Corruption Consultant
- Case study by Ukraine on asset declarations, **Mr Vadym Pautov**, Detective, National Anti-Corruption Bureau

11:00-
11:30

Coffee break

11:30-
13:00

Continuation

- Disclosure of beneficial ownership: international standards and good practices – **Mr Dmytro Kotliar**, ACN Anti-Corruption Consultant
- Central registers of bank accounts, **Mr Marius Bogdan Bulancea**, Chief prosecutor of the Section for combating offences assimilated of those of corruption, the National Anti-corruption Directorate (DNA), Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice, Romania
- Round table discussion

13:00-
14:30

Lunch break

14:30-
16:00

SESSION 2: Independence of Prosecutors in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

- General overview, key findings and recommendations of the ACN/ Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and Pacific Study “The Independence of Prosecutors”, **Mr Simone Rivabella**, ACN Anti-Corruption Analyst, OECD
- Deputy chair **Mr Vitalii Kasko**, former Deputy Prosecutor General of Ukraine, Member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Prosecutors, partner of the Vasil Kisil & Partners

Questions and answers

16:00-
16:30

Coffee break

16:30-
18:00

SESSION 3: Speed dating

- Delegates will have the opportunity to have a quick bi-lateral meeting with other delegates to find out about the law-enforcement bodies in other countries that work on corruption cases and to establish persons contacts that can be useful in cross-border cases

18:00

End of day 1

DAY 2

09:30-
11:00

SESSION 4: Challenges and good practices

- Case study on detection of corruption, **Mr. Zdenek Matula**, Public Prosecutor from the High Public Prosecutor's Office in Prague, Czech Republic
- Presentation on the independence of prosecutors, **Mr Giovanni Tartaglia Polcini**, Magistrate, Legal Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- Presentation on independence of prosecutors by Azerbaijan, **Mr Elnur Musayev**, Senior Prosecutor, Anticorruption Directorate with the Prosecutor General
- Round table discussion

11:00-
11:30

Coffee break

11:30-
13:00

SESSION 5: IT investigations and the new role of cryptocurrencies

- Presentation on blockchain and cryptocurrencies, **Mr Simone Rivabella**, ACN Anti-Corruption Analyst, OECD
- Case study, **Mr Will Frentzen**, Assistant United States Attorney in San Francisco
- Presentation on using IT and AI tools in investigations for corruption-related crimes, **Ms Laura Temerlies**, Head of Policy and Engagement, Serious Fraud Office (UK)
- Round table discussion

13:00-
14:30

Lunch break

14:30-
16:00

SESSION 6: Working groups

- Hypothetical case

16:00-
16:30

Coffee break

16:30-
17:30

SESSION 7: International cooperation

- Presentation on international networks (example of CARIN)- **Mr Cavallo Soane**, the CARIN contact for Gibraltar
- **Ms Debra Chan**, Deputy to the National Member for the UK, EUROJUST
- Case study, **Mr Volodymyr Kryvenko**, Deputy Head of the Specialised Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office, Ukraine
- Round table discussion

17:30

End of day 2

DAY 3

10:00-11:30 **SESSION 8: LEN Development**

- Country profiles (ACN)
- Online communication (ACN)
- Focal points (ACN)
- Round table discussion (ACN)
- Discussion of a possible thematic study (ACN)

11:30-12:00 **CLOSING**

- Wrap up
- Next steps
- Closing remarks

12:00 **End of the meeting and lunch**

