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International conference
"Specialized Anti-Corruption Agencies:
independent to be effective, effective to lose
independence"

Jurmala (Latvia), March 25- 26, 2010

PROGRAMME

The conference is intended as a platform for leading experts and officials in the field of anti-corruption.

The goal of the conference is to analyze contextual reasons for creation of specialized anti-corruption agencies, their most effective institutional set-ups (subordination) and available safeguards against the attempts to weaken their independence. Best practices of organizing anti-corruption work and methodology for monitoring the work of anti-corruption institutions by the civil society will be discussed as well.

Wednesday, March 24

During the day	Arrival
19:00- 21:00	Welcome reception

Thursday, March 25

9:00- 10:00	Registration
10:00- 11:00	Opening Session & Welcome Ms. Lolita Čigāne , Chairperson of the Board, Transparency International - Latvia Mr. Jean-Michel Baer , Director, Directorate L: Science, Economy and Society, Research Directorate General, European Commission
11:00- 12:30	Session I: Contextual factors: when, how and why specialized anti-corruption agencies are created

	<p><i>Key speakers:</i> Mr. Martin Kreutner, European partners against Corruption, President, Austria Mr. Edmond Dunga, GRECO Bureau Member and Head of Regional Anti-corruption Initiative (RAI) Secretariat Ms. Inese Voika, Member of the Board, Transparency International Latvia, Latvia Mr. Zimantas Pacevicius, Director, Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12:30- 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30- 15:30	<p>Session II: Status of anti-corruption agencies: models conducive to independence and effectiveness</p> <p><i>Key speakers:</i> Mr. Luis de Sousa, Coordinator of Anchorage-Net, Portugal Mr. Pawel Wojtunik, Head of the Central Anticorruption Bureau, Poland Mr. Stanislav Aleksandrov, Anti-corruption expert, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative Dr. Rasma Kārklīņa, Anti-corruption Adviser to Minister of Defence of Latvia</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15:30- 15:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:50- 17:50	<p>Session III: The role of civil society in safeguarding the independence of Anti-Corruption Agencies: monitoring methodologies</p> <p><i>Key speakers:</i> Ms. Inga Liepa-Meiere, Legal Analyst, Transparency International - Latvia, <i>Methodology for Civil Society Monitoring of KNAB activities and research of the work of KNAB</i> Mr. Grzegorz Makowski, Senior Analyst and Project Manager, at the Institute of Public Affairs, Poland Ms. Iveta Kažoka, Researcher, Centre for Public Policy "Providus", Latvia</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
17:50- 18:00	<p>Closing the 1st day of Conference</p> <p>Ms. Lolita Čigāne, Chair of Council, Transparency International Latvia</p>
19:00	Buffet dinner

Friday, March 26

09.30- 09.45	Address by Mr. Normunds Vilnitis , Director of the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau of the Republic of Latvia
09.45- 11.00	Session IV: Investigative function of anti-corruption agencies and cooperation with other institutions and organizations Key speakers: Ms. Juta Striķe , Deputy Director of the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau of the Republic of Latvia Dr. Wolfgang Hetzer , European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) Representative of the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Latvia Ms. Žaneta Jaunzeme-Grende , Chair of Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
11.00- 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15- 13.00	Work in workshops: Workshop 1: Status of anti-corruption agencies and survival in the face of political pressure Workshop 2: Prevention of corruption and social involvement Workshop 3: Control of the financing of political parties Workshop 4: Causes of corruption and effective counter-measures: the role of research & analysis
13:00- 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00- 15:00	Presentations of the results of workshops
15:00- 15:20	Closing of the Conference Ms. Lolita Čigāne , Chair of Council, Transparency International Latvia