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AGENDA

Towards the EU: Enhancing Integrity and Independence of Criminal Justice in the Western Balkans

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Grand Plaza, Slovenska 60, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Monday, March 10th

| TIME | TOPIC |
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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Welcome and Introduction Ms. Andreja Katič, Minister of Justice of Slovenia Mr. Mark Shaw, Director of GI-TOC <i>Key-note speakers:</i> Mr. Mark Williams, Head of the International Serious & Organised Crime Unit at the Home Office, United Kingdom Ms. Marta Kos, EU Commissioner for Enlargement (<i>video address</i>) |
| 09:30 – 11:15 | Leadership and political will to promote a culture of integrity: International/EU anti-corruption commitments: achievements, challenges, and expectations <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Mark Shaw, Director, GI-TOC |

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| | <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ministers of Justice from the Western Balkans region and Slovenia and Croatia</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Mr. Constantine Palicarsky, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice officer in the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch and Regional Anti-Corruption Adviser for South Easter Europe, UNODC Ms. Desislava Gotskova, Head of Secretariat, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI)</p> |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Coffee break and Group Photo |
| 11:45 – 12:45 | <p>Strengthening gender perspectives and the role of women in criminal justice institutions</p> <p><i>Moderator and Introduction:</i> Ms. Andreja Katič, Minister of Justice of Slovenia</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ms. Bojana Savović, Public Prosecutor, Higher Public Prosecutor`s office, Belgrade, Serbia Ms. Kristina Jozić, Directorate for coordination of Police bodies B&H, Head of Section for cooperation with Europol and President of Policewomen's Network Association Ms. Katarina Bergant, State Prosecutor General, Slovenia Mr. Ioannis Vlassis, Analyst, GI-TOC</p> <p>Q&A</p> |
| 12:45 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | <p>Integrity and independence of criminal justice institutions in the Western Balkans</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Walter Kemp, Director of Communications, GI-TOC</p> <p><i>Introduction to the study:</i> Ambassador Ugljesa Zvekić, Senior Advisor, GI-TOC</p> <p><i>Efforts and achievements towards alignment with international and EU standards:</i></p> |

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| | <p>Ms. Sunčana Roksandić, Associate professor at the Department of Criminal Law, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb</p> <p>Police and Prosecution</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Mr. Andi Hoxhaj, OBE, Lecturer at Kings College London Ms. Slagjana Taseva, Dean of International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) Mr. Alfredo Nunzi, Head of the Institutional and Legal Affairs Department at the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (EUROPOL) Mr. Matej Oštir, European Public Prosecutor’s Office (EPPO), Slovenia</p> <p>Q&A</p> |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee break |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | <p>Integrity and independence of criminal justice institutions in the Western Balkans - Judiciary and Anti-Corruption Bodies</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Ioannis Vlassis, Analyst, GI-TOC</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ms. Aneta Arnaudovska, Regional Expert, GI-TOC Mr. Drago Kos, Regional Expert, GI-TOC Mr. Boštjan Škrlec, Supreme State Prosecutor and National Member for Slovenia at EUROJUST Mr. Eduardo Vetere, International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA)</p> <p><i>Conclusions and recommendation of the study:</i> Ambassador Ugi Zvekić, Senior Advisor, GI-TOC</p> <p>Q&A</p> |

Tuesday, March 11th

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| 09:00 – 09:20 | <p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Ms. Fatjona Mejdini, Director of SEE Obs, GI-TOC</p> |
| 09:20 – 10:30 | <p>Experiences and achievements of specialized anti-corruption and anti-organized crime bodies</p> <p><i>Moderator and introduction:</i></p> <p>Mr. Ciril Keršmanc, Head of Specialised Department for Serious and Organized Crime, District Court of Ljubljana, Slovenia</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Mr. Sven Mišković, Office for the Suppression of Corruption and Organised Crime, USKOK, Croatia</p> <p>Ms. Katja Mihelič Sušnik, Head of Operational Services, Commission for the Prevention of Corruption, Slovenia</p> <p>Mr. David Smolej, Head of Unit Corruption, Police, Slovenia</p> <p>Mr. Trpe Stojanovski, Senior Advisor, GI-TOC</p> <p>Mr. Fabian Zhilla, Chief of Cabinet, Special Structure against Corruption and Organized Crime (SPAK), Albania (<i>online address</i>)</p> <p>Q&A</p> |
| 10:40 – 11:40 | <p>Reducing the vulnerability of ports to corruption and organized crime</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p>Mr. Odd Berner Malme, Senior Advisor, GI-TOC</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Mr. Ruggero Scaturro, Senior Analyst, GI-TOC (<i>online address</i>)</p> <p>Ms. Katja Eman, Professor, Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security, University of Maribor, Slovenia</p> <p>Mr. Matjaž Dodič, the Port of Koper, Slovenia</p> <p>Q&A</p> |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | <p>Coffee Break</p> |

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| <p>12:00 – 13:00</p> | <p>The role of civil society in anti-corruption prevention, education and monitoring</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Fatjona Mejdini, Director of SEE Obs, GI-TOC</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ms. Sunčana Roksandić, Associate professor at the Department of Criminal Law, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia Ms. Slagjana Taseva, Dean of IACA Ms. Katja Eman, Professor, Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security, University of Maribor, Slovenia Mr. Eduardo Vetere, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center (ROLACC)</p> <p>Q&A</p> |
| <p>13:00 – 13:30</p> | <p>Closure Ljubljana Conclusions</p> <p>Ms. Andreja Katič, Minister of Justice of Slovenia Ms. Fatjona Mejdini, Director of SEE Obs, GI-TOC</p> |