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MANAGING CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Agenda

**Regional Thematic Seminar:
Anti-corruption Services and the Implementation of Conflict-of-Interest Laws**

**Belgrade, Serbia, 18-19 November 2005
“Intercontinental” Hotel**



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FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2005

ANTI-CORRUPTION SERVICES

09:00-09:30 (Plenary)	<i>Chair:</i> Ms Aleksandra Popović, Country Project Director for Serbia Opening and Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr Zoran Stojković, Minister of Justice of Serbia▪ Ms Nadia Ćuk, Deputy Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade▪ Mr Christian Vergez, Acting Head, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD▪ Mr Veselin Suković, Executive Secretary, SPAI Regional Secretariat Liaison Office
09:30-10:00	Coffee Break
10:00-11:00 (Plenary)	<i>Chair:</i> Ms Aleksandra Popović Follow up on the recommendations/needs for reform from the Regional Thematic Seminar in Skopje PC-TC-(2005)8 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Summary of recommendations/commitments since the beginning of PACO Impact. Ms Ardita Abdiu, PACO Impact Project Manager▪ Each project area presents in 10' major improvements/challenges since April 2005 (Albania, BiH, Croatia, "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia)
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-11:45 (Plenary)	<i>Chair:</i> Ms Aleksandra Popović Follow up on the recommendations/needs for reform from the Regional Thematic Seminar in Skopje PC-TC-(2005)8 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Each project area presents in 10' major improvements/challenges since April 2005 (Albania, BiH, Croatia, "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia)
11:45-12:30 (Plenary)	<i>Chair:</i> Ms Ardita Abdiu Measuring and Monitoring Corruption and Anti-corruption: how to determine progress when taking specific and general measures. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr Bertrand de Speville, Council of Europe Expert
12:30-13:00	<i>Chair:</i> Ms Ardita Abdiu Questions & Answers

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break	
14:30-15:15 (Working Groups)	<p><i>Chair:</i> Ms Vera Devine</p> <p>Performance indicators of Anti-corruption Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participants will discuss a given case study
15:15-15:45 (Plenary)	<p><i>Chair:</i> Ms Vera Devine</p> <p>Discussion</p>
Coffee Break	
15:45-16:30 (Working Groups)	<p><i>Moderators:</i> Mr Bertrand de Speville and Ms Vera Devine</p> <p>Developing Success Indicators for Anti-corruption Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participants will discuss a given case study
16:30-17:15 (Plenary)	<p><i>Chair:</i> Ms Aleksandra Popović</p> <p>Reporting of Working Groups and Follow-up Recommendations</p>
17:15-17:30	Concluding Remarks

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<p>09:00-09:15 (Plenary)</p>	<p>Introductory Remarks</p> <p><i>Co-chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Christian Vergez, Acting Head, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Ms Aleksandra Popovic, Assistant to the Minister of Justice, Serbia <p>The co-chairs will set the scene by outlining the objectives of the second day of the Seminar in the framework of the OECD/SPAI project “Managing Conflict of Interest in Government and the Public Sector”.</p>
<p>9:15-12:45</p>	<p>Plenary session I: Country cases: Assessing conflict-of-interest policies, legal frameworks and implementation practices</p>
	<p><i>Co-chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Christian Vergez ▪ Ms Aleksandra Popovic <p>Each panel session will review the effectiveness of current conflict-of-interest policies, legal frameworks and implementation practices in a SPAI country. The session will start with a presentation by a representative from the country concerned. A panel will bring in the views of an OECD expert and a representative from another SPAI country, followed by a more general discussion.</p>
<p>09:15-10:00</p>	<p>Panel session: Assessing the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws in Serbia</p> <p><i>Country presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Branko Lubarda, Member, Republican Council of Conflict of Interests, Serbia <p><i>Respondents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Janos Bertok, Principal Administrator, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Mr Krsto Pavicevic, Chairman, Parliamentary Working Group on Conflict of Interests, Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>10:00-10:45</p>	<p>Panel session: Assessing the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws in the Republic of Montenegro</p> <p><i>Country presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Slobodan Lekovic, President, Commission for determination of Conflict of Interest, Republic of Montenegro

	<p><i>Respondents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Howard Whitton, Principal Administrator, SIGMA¹, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Ms Agata Nasti, Director of Cabinet, High Inspectorate of Declaration and Control of Assets, Albania <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:00	<p>Panel session: Assessing the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws in Romania</p> <p><i>Country presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Cristian Anghel, Prosecutor, Directorate for the Relation with Public Ministry, Crime and Corruption Prevention, Ministry of Justice, Romania <p><i>Respondents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Howard Whitton ▪ Ms Sladjana Taseva, Member, State Commission for Prevention of Corruption (SCPC), Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12:00-12:45	<p>Panel session: Assessing the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws in Moldova</p> <p><i>Country presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Anatolie Donciu, Chief of Analysis and Prevention Direction, Center for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption, Moldova <p><i>Respondents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Elodie Beth, Administrator, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Ms Catalina Stroe, Legal advisor, Department for the Relation with Public Ministry, Crime and Corruption, Prevention, Ministry of Justice, Bucarest, Romania <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12:45-14:15	Lunch Break
14:15-15:45	<p>Plenary session II: Lessons learned in developing and implementing conflict-of-interest laws and policies</p>
	<p><i>Co-chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Christian Vergez ▪ Mr Veselin Sukovic, Executive Secretary, SPAI Regional Secretariat Liaison Office <p>This session will provide an opportunity, in particular for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to present the lessons learned in developing and</p>

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	<p>implementing conflict-of-interest laws and policies. The ensuing discussion will focus particularly on the challenges and difficulties faced in the implementation process.</p> <p><i>Country presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Zoran Gaspar, Head of Office of Committee on deciding on Conflict of Interest, Croatian Parliament ▪ Ms Fatmira Laskaj, General Inspector, High Inspectorate of Declaration and Control of Asset, Albania ▪ Ms Lidija Korac, Member, Election Commission of BiH, Bosnia and Herzegovina ▪ Ms Vanja Mihajlova, Member, State Commission for Prevention of Corruption (SCPC), former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-17:15	Plenary session III: Future directions for supporting the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws and policies
	<p><i>Co-chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Christian Vergez ▪ Mr Veselin Sukovic <p>Building on previous discussions during the day, the session will allow countries' representatives to review challenges, identify national priorities and define possible future steps for supporting the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws and policies and monitoring progress.</p> <p><i>Presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Janos Bertok <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
17:15-17:30	<p>Conclusions of the day</p> <p><i>Co-chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Christian Vergez ▪ Mr Veselin Sukovic <p><i>Closing remarks</i></p>