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**“Developing trends in combating corruption, money laundering
and recovering criminal assets in Europe”**

Agenda

20-21 October 2015

Top Hotel Praha, Blažimská 1781/4, Prague, Czech Republic

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**Day 1:
Tuesday, 20 October 2015
Conference Hall No. II**

8.30 - 9.00 Registration of participants (morning coffee and light refreshment)

9.00 – 9 :30 Opening addresses:

- **Mr Andrej Babiš**, Minister of Finance of the Czech Republic
- **Mrs Elsbeth Tronstad**, State Secretary at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- **Mr Philippe Boillat**, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe;

Moderator: Ms Zuzana Tvarůžková – rapporteur, journalist, moderator - Czech Television

Theme I : Transparency and political funding

Moderator: Dr Anna Matušková – political scientist, teacher at the Charles University in Prague – expert for election campaigns

Rapporteur: Mr Robert Břešťan – editor, political rapporteur

9.30 - 10.30 Financing of political parties and electoral campaigns: continuing challenges to effective implementation in European countries

Introduction from moderator: The Importance of Party Financing Transparency in Politics

Mr Yves Marie Doublet - Head of the department of public procurements and legal affairs of the administration of the French National Assembly – Transparency and supervision on political financing/GRECO's perspective;

Ms Chiora Taktakishvili, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Georgian Parliament - Election campaigns and party funding: some

findings arising from the Parliamentary Assembly's election observation missions;

*Mr Christophe Speckbacher – Council of Europe, GRECO Secretariat- **Integrity in Parliaments;***

*Mr Jiří Dienstbier – Minister of the Czech Republic's Government for Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and Legislation, Chairman of the Government Legislative Council - **Financing of political parties in the Czech Republic, draft of the new Act.***

10.30-11.00

Questions and answers - open discussions

11:00 – 11 :20 Coffee break

11 :20 – 12 :20 Lobbying: challenges for parliamentary transparency and the legislative process

*Mrs Guro Slettemark, Secretary General, Transparency International Norway - **Lobbying for more transparency in lobbying – the Norwegian experience;***

*Mr Luís de Souza – Researcher, University of Aveiro, Portugal - **Why bother with regulating lobbying? - Challenges and constraints to legislators;***

*Dr Raj Chari - Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin - **Lobbying Regulation: An analysis of developments in the EU and globally;***

*Ms Ivana Dufková – Project manager, Transparency International Czech Republic - **Methods of lobbying regulations – current challenges with focus on the Czech Republic;***

12.20-13.00

Questions and answers - open discussions

13 :00 – 14 :30 Lunch break

Theme II : Preventing and combating judicial corruption

Moderator: *Mrs Tina Søreide, Associate Professor, Norwegian School of Economics.*

Rapporteur: *Mr Marius Bulancea - Counsellor of the Chief Prosecutor of National Anti-Corruption Directorate, Romania*

14 :30 – 15 :30 Preventing and combating corruption in the prosecution and judiciary: state of play and way forward

*Mr Christian Manquet – GRECO Vice-President, Austria - **Preventing and combating corruption in the prosecution and judiciary - what GRECO recommends;***

Ms Nina Betetto - Vice-President and Judge of the Supreme Court, Member of the Consultative Council of European Judges, Slovenia, GRECO evaluator
Law v. Ethics: Standards and Examples

*Mr Giedrius Būdytis - Chief specialist of the Division of Anti-corruption assessment, Department of Corruption prevention, Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania - **Road to transparency: Lithuania's experience***

*Dr Lenka Bradáčová – Chief Public Prosecutor, until 2014 President of the Union of State Prosecutors of the Czech Republic - **Rights and duties of the state prosecutors – responsibility and ethical frame.***

15.30-16.00

Questions and answers - open discussions

16:00 – 16 :20 Coffee break

Theme III : Whistleblower protection

Moderator: *Ms Lenka Franková – Analyst at “Oživení” NGO (supporting principles of transparent civil service, sustainable development and anti-corruption)*

Rapporteur: *Mr Mark Worth – investigative journalist*

16:20 – 17 :20 Whistleblower protection: international trends, national implementation models and effectiveness issues

Introduction from moderator: The Whistleblowing

***Mrs Birthe Eriksen, University Lector, NHH - Norwegian School of Economics
Whistleblower protection in Norwegian Law: Strengths and weaknesses;***

***Dr Ondřej Závodský – Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Finance Czech Republic
- Personal Experience with the Whistleblowing in the Czech Republic –
Proposals for Improvement of the Current Status ;***

***Mr Mark Worth – investigative journalist - International Whistleblower
Project - Blueprint for Free Speech;***

***Ms Jelena Stojanović, Whistleblower Helpline lawyer, Pištaljka, Serbia Serbian
Experience in Whistleblower Protection.***

17.20-18.00

Questions and answers - open discussions

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Parallel round-table session: implementation of the 4th EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive

Moderator: Mr Boudewijn Verhelst - Deputy director Belgian Financial Intelligence Unit, MONEYVAL Scientific Expert;

Rapporteur: Mr Jan Macháček – Institute for Politics and Society - Chairman of the Board, Lidové noviny - Commentator and Analyst;

9.30-10.15 Politically Exposed Persons: Fighting both Corruption and Money Laundering

Mr. Jiří Tordý, International and Legal Department, Czech Financial Intelligence Unit - **New definition of PEP in AML act – extension of domestic PEPs;**

Mr. Petr Barák, Czech Banking Association - **Practical experiences with identifying PEPs**

10.15-10.45

Questions and answers - open discussions

International experts participating to the round table:

Mr Arakel Meliksetyan – Deputy Director Armenian FIU;

Ms Elena Scherschneva-Koller - Head of Austrian FIU;

Mr Philipp Roeser, Liechtenstein, MONEYVAL Scientific Expert;

Mr Nedko Krumov - Head of Analytical and International Relations Unit, Financial Intelligence Directorate, Bulgaria;

Mr Frédéric Cottalorda – MONEYVAL evaluator, AML expert Monaco;

10.45-11.00

Coffee brake

11.00 – 11.45 Creation of the Beneficial Ownership (BO) registrars: What are the implications?

Ms. Michaela Katolická, International and Legal Department, Czech Financial Intelligence Unit - **Creation of the Czech BO register: Opportunities and threats;**

Mr. Pavel Sýkora, Czech National Bank - **Enforceability and practical implications for supervisory authorities and other entities;**

11.45-13.00		<p>Questions and answers - open discussions</p> <p>International experts participating to the round table: Mr Arakel Meliksetyan – Deputy Director Armenian FIU; Ms Elena Scherschneva-Koller - Head of Austrian FIU; Mr Philipp Roeser, Liechtenstein, MONEYVAL Scientific Expert; Mr Nedko Krumov - Head of Analytical and International Relations Unit, Financial Intelligence Directorate, Bulgaria;</p> <p>Mr Frédéric Cottalorda – MONEYVAL evaluator, AML expert Monaco;</p>
13 :00 – 14 :30	Lunch break	
14 :30 – 15 :30	National and Supranational Risk-Assessments (NRA): increase the awareness of threats faced by the financial sector.	<p>Ms. Tereza Bábová, International and Legal Department, Czech Financial Intelligence Unit - Czech NRA process: state of play, main goals and take-away;</p> <p>Ms. Kateřina Zemanová, Czech Police - Threats –main predicate offences and ML/FT techniques;</p> <p>Mr. Martin Mužný, Czech National Bank - NRA from the perspective of the Czech National Bank;</p>
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Mr Frédéric Cottalorda – MONEYVAL evaluator, AML expert Monaco;

16:00 – 16 :20 Coffee break

16:20 – 18 :00 Drafting the conclusions for presentation on *All*
Day 2.

**Day 2:
Wednesday, 21 October 2015
Conference Hall No. II**

Theme IV : Key challenges in implementing the new anti-money laundering standards

Moderator: *Mr Arakel Meliksetyan – Deputy Director Armenian FIU, MONEYVAL evaluator;*

Rapporteur: *Mr Jan Macháček – Institute for Politics and Society - Chairman of the Board, Lidové noviny - Commentator and Analyst;*

9.00 - 9.30 Presentation of results from Day 1 parallel session: *Mr Jan Macháček – Commentator and Analyst;*

9.30-10.30 National and Supranational Risk-Assessments;

Atle Roaldsøy - Special advisor, Ministry of Justice and Public Security - National Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing risk assessment – Norwegian experiences;

Mr Arakel Meliksetyan - Deputy Director Armenian FIU - National Risk Assessment Methodologies and Practices – a Look from Within and Outside

Mr Boudewijn Verhelst - Deputy director Belgium FIU, MONEYVAL Scientific

Expert – National Risk Assessment - the Belgian experience under the new methodology;

10.30-11.00

Questions and answers - open discussions

11:00 – 11 :20 Coffee break

11 :20 – 12 :30 Creation of the BO registrars: What are the implications?
Politically Exposed Persons: Fighting both Corruption and Money Laundering;

*Mr Philipp Roeser, MONEYVAL Scientific Expert - **Beneficial owner registers - how beneficial are they?;***

*Ms Elena Scherschneva-Koller - Head of Austrian FIU - **Practical expectations about the added value of BO-registrars for the FIU/LE work;***

*Mr Frédéric Cottalorda –MONEYVAL evaluator, AML expert Monaco - **Implementing the requirements covering PEPs : a lot of questions to answer;***

*Mr Nedko Krumov - Head of Analytical and International Relations Unit, Financial Intelligence Directorate, Bulgaria – **PEPs: Identification and cases;***

12.30-13.00

Questions and answers - open discussions

13 :00 – 14 :30 Lunch break

Theme V : Asset recovery

Moderator: Mr Robert Wallner, Prosecutor General of Liechtenstein

Rapporteur: Mr Jens Madsen – Former Director General, the State Prosecutor for Serious Economic and International Crime, Denmark;

14 :30 – 15 :30 Financial investigations: a key to effective freezing, confiscation and restitution of criminal assets

Mr Jean-Michel Verelst – Central Office for Seizure and Confiscation Belgium - A multidisciplinary approach in a one –office setting;

Mr Dimo Grozdev- Commission for illegal assets forfeiture “International activities and protocol” unit, Bulgaria - Non-conviction based confiscation: main advantages and challenges;

Mr Pier Attilio Stea – Deputy Public Prosecutor, Italy - Asset Recovery and Italian Judicial Experiences;

Mr Ivo Škrobák Ministry of Interior Asset Management specialist Czech Republic - Management of frozen assets as proceeds of crime in the Czech Republic: opportunity for change.

15.30-16.00

Questions and answers - open discussions

16:00 – 16 :20 Coffee break

Closing of the Conference

Moderator: Ms Zuzana Tvarůžková – rapporteur, journalist, moderator - Czech Television

16:20 – 17 :00 Summary and wrap-up by rapporteurs

Transparency of political funding - Mr Robert Břešťan – editor, political rapporteur;

Preventing and combating judicial corruption - Mr Marius Bulancea - Counsellor of the Chief Prosecutor of National Anti-Corruption Directorate, Romania;

Whistleblower protection - Mr Mark Worth – investigative journalist;

Key challenges in implementing the new anti-money laundering standards - Mr Jan Macháček – Commentator and Analyst;;

Asset recovery - Mr Jens Madsen – Former Director General, the State Prosecutor for Serious Economic and International Crime, Denmark.

17 :00 – 17 :30 Closing remarks

- **Dr. Ondřej Závodský** – Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Finance Czech Republic;
- **H.E. Mrs. Siri Ellen Sletner**, Ambassador of Norway;
- **Mr Ivan Koedjikov**, Head of Action against Crime Department, Council of Europe;
- **Mr Robert Wallner**, Prosecutor General of Liechtenstein;