



**STABILITY PACT FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE**

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**ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVE (SPAI)  
REGIONAL SECRETARIAT LIAISON OFFICE (RSLO)**

**HIGH LEVEL EVENTS ON FIGHTING CORRUPTION  
IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE**



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#### **GENERAL PRESENTATION**

##### **1. MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETINGS**

- To analyze the costs and consequences of corruption for the business/investment climate in South East European countries
- To identify practical solutions for improving the business/investment climate
- To prioritize the measures to be taken by the countries of the region on short and medium term;
- To endorse the high-level commitment of the South East European countries to meet European and international standards in fighting corruption and to gradually take over the responsibilities within the Anticorruption Initiative – SPAI as expression of the regional ownership.

##### **2. SUGGESTED FORMAT – back-to-back conferences**

- High level expert Conference on “Fighting corruption to improve the business/investment climate in South East European countries” – May 11, 2005;
- Ministerial Conference on “Joint measures to curb corruption in South East Europe” – May 12, 2005.

##### **3. PARTICIPANTS**

- **National delegations of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia:**
  - Minister in charge with coordinating anticorruption activities
  - High level/Senior governmental expert in business environment
  - National SPAI senior representative
- **Donor countries and international organizations/institutions.**

##### **4. DRAFTING A DECLARATION ON JOINT MEASURES TO CURB CORRUPTION IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE**

- The process of drafting the declaration will be based on:
  - Requirements of the international legal instruments and recommendations;
  - Specific action oriented measures against corruption identified by each SPAI member country;
  - Findings of the scoping paper 'International Co-operation to Fight Corruption in South East Europe: Achievements, Lessons Learned and Future Challenges';
  - Existing regional co-operation initiatives, such as the London Statement on organized crime, Thessaloniki Declaration on Western Balkans and SEECP Joint Statement on fighting organized crime and corruption.



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### ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVE (SPAI) REGIONAL SECRETARIAT LIAISON OFFICE (RSLO)

#### DRAFT OVERALL PROGRAM

May 11, 2005

CONFERENCE ON FIGHTING CORRUPTION TO IMPROVE THE BUSINESS/INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES	
9:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <p><b>Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Professor <b>Ugo DRAETTA</b>, SPAI Chairman</li></ul> <p><b>Keynote speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● World Bank (TBC)</li><li>● European Commission (Commissioner on related area – TBC)</li><li>● OECD (TBC)</li><li>● Stability Pact (TBC)</li><li>● TBD</li></ul>
10:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Analyses of costs and consequences of corruption for the business/investment climate</b></p> <p>Keynote speakers to be determined in consultation with OECD/Investment Compact, World Bank, Business Advisory Committee, International Chamber of Commerce, International Labor Organization, European Trade Congress etc.</p> <p>The request is also extended to all SPAI donor countries and partner organizations.</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<p><b>Lunch break &amp; Press briefing</b></p>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Practical solutions for improving the business/investment climate</b></p> <p>Keynote speakers to be determined in consultation with OECD/Investment Compact, World Bank, Business Advisory Committee, International Chamber of Commerce, International Labor Organization, European Trade Congress etc.</p> <p>The request is also extended to all SPAI donor countries and partner organizations.</p>



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May 12, 2005

<i>MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON JOINT MEASURES TO CURB CORRUPTION IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE</i>	
<b>9:00: 9:45</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b>  <b>Chair:</b> ● <b>Dr. Erhard BUSEK</b> , Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact  <b>Keynote speakers</b> ● European Commission (Commissioner on related area – TBD) ● <b>Drago KOS</b> , GRECO Chairman (TBC) ● <b>Professor Ugo DRAETTA</b> , SPAI Chairman - Outcomes of the meeting on Fighting Corruption to Improve the Business/Investment Climate in South East European Countries
<b>9:45 – 10:45</b>	<b>National statements</b> ● Albania ● Bosnia and Herzegovina ● Croatia ● FYR Macedonia
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>National statements</b> ● Moldova ● Montenegro ● Romania ● Serbia
<b>12:00 - 12:30</b>	<b>Endorsement of the Declaration on “Joint measures to curb corruption in South East Europe”</b>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Press conference</b>