



STABILITY PACT FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

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

SPAI RSLO'S TOUR IN THE REGION

- General presentation -



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PURPOSE OF THE TOUR

The purpose of the tour in the SPAI region is to establish direct contacts with the main institutions involved in the fight against corruption and to identify together practical ways of cooperating in implementing the SPAI Strategy and SPAI RSLO Workplan for 2005.

To this end the RSLO's team is aiming to have meetings with:

- Minister of Justice or other relevant minister involved in the fight against corruption
 - o suggested format - **bilateral meeting**
- SPAI Senior representative
 - o suggested format - **bilateral meeting**
- Law enforcement agencies
 - o suggested format - **bilateral meeting**
- Agencies with competences in preventing corruption, NGOs, business environment, mass-media
 - o suggested format – **round table followed by a joint press conference**

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AND ACTION REQUIRED DURING THE MEETINGS

Topic 1 - SPAI RSLO role, mandate and activities

Description:

SPAI RSLO representatives will provide the countries of the region with a comprehensive update on activities undertaken in implementing the Workplan for 2004 – 2005.

Topic 2 - The SPAI High Level Meeting in Bruxelles

Description:

SPAI RSLO representatives will provide the countries of the region with an updated report on the current status of organizing the SPAI High Level Meeting.

Action required from SPAI countries:

SPAI member countries will be requested to provide RSLO with information about:

- o participants – to whom to extend the official invitation for the SPAI High level Meeting;
- o agenda – point of view regarding topics to be addressed;
- o national reports and joint declaration – SPAI countries are requested to provide RSLO with their inputs according to the attached template.



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Topic 3 – Project on UN Convention against Corruption

Description

SPAI RSLO representatives and SPAI countries will discuss the measures adopted or envisaged with regard to supporting the process of in adopting and implementing the UN convention against Corruption.

Action required

SPAI countries are requested to provide RSLO with information about the following issues:

- Sarajevo Calendar – update on the measures undertaken by SPAI countries in implementing the Calendar for signing, ratifying and implementing the UN Convention against corruption – adopted in Sarajevo, September 2004.
- Compliance matrix – information about legislative and institutional measures adopted regarding the preventive measures, criminalization and law enforcement (according to the template number 2 attached)
- follow up workshop – suggestions and proposals for follow up events

Topic 4 – Project on Fighting High Level Corruption

Action required

SPAI countries are requested to provide RSLO with information about the following issues:

- the booklet on best practices in fighting high level corruption in SPAI countries.
- proposals for follow up workshops.

Topic 5 – SPAI Anticorruption Resource Center

Description:

According to the decision taken during the 8th SPAI Steering Group Meeting, RSLO is finalizing the SPAI Anticorruption Resource Center. The center will provide via INTERNET relevant information about the measures adopted by all 8 members of SPAI. The information is structured in 4 main categories:

1. ANTICORRUPTION LIBRARY
2. ANTICORRUPTION NETWORK
3. ANTICORRUPTION PROJECTS
4. ANTICORRUPTION CALENDAR

Action required

SPAI countries are invited to provide RSLO representatives with relevant necessary information to be included within the SPAI Anticorruption Resource Center.

The documents should be prepared in electronic format (doc. or pdf. format) and available in both local and English languages. The documents will be posted on the public section of the SPAI web page.

By request, drafts reports, studies or laws can be also posted on the Web page within the restricted sector – available only to the permanent members of the Steering Group.



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Necessary information:

1. ANTICORRUPTION LIBRARY.

- national strategies
- relevant legislation
- institutional framework – institutions with competences in fighting corruption
- progress reports
- UN compliance matrix (according to the template number two – attached)
- studies
- statistics

2. ANTICORRUPTION NETWORK – list of policy makers and experts involved in the fight against corruption. The information should cover the following sectors:

- governmental
- nongovernmental
- resident international organizations
- business environment
- mass media

Suggested template:

COUNTRY	NAME AND SURNAME	POSITION & INSTITUTION	MAILING ADDRESS	ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFO
				Telephone: fax email: web page:

3. ANTICORRUPTION PROJECTS

- Project proposals (standard project proposal will be available via INTERNET)
- Ongoing projects
- Archieve

4. ANTICORRUPTION CALENDAR

- envisaged events at national and regional level

CALENDAR FOR THE RSLO TOUR

- Zagreb – 8 February
- Bucuresti – 10 - 11 February
- Skopje – 14 February
- Tirana – 16 - 17 February
- Belgrade – 18 February
- Chisinau – 21 - 22 February
- Podgorica – 24 - 25 February
- Sarajevo – 4 March