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This newsletter is a periodic update on the activities of the SPAI RSLO

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SPAI RSLO REGIONAL TOUR February 18th, 2005, BELGRADE, SERBIA

SPAI RSLO's VISIT TO BELGRADE

On February 18th, SPAI RSLO's representatives, **Mr. Veselin Sukovic**, Executive Secretary and **Mr. Cornel - Virgiliu Calinescu**, Anticorruption Expert visited Belgrade, Serbia.



BILATERAL MEETINGS

SPAI RSLO's representatives, together with **Ms. Aleksandra Popovic**, Senior SPAI representative, met with the following counterparts:

- **Mr. Nebojsa Tramoslika**, Deputy Director Office for Fighting Organized Crime;
- **Mr. Predreg Jovanovic**, Director, Office for the Public Procurement;
- **Mrs. Olgica Backovic**, Deputy Public Prosecutor;
- **Mr. Jovan Krstic**, Deputy Public Prosecutor and Chairman of SEEPAG;
- **Mr. Nebojsa Maras**, Deputy Special Prosecutor for Fighting Organized Crime;
- **Mr. Dimitrije Popic**, Deputy Special Prosecutor for Fighting Organized Crime;

- **Mrs. Verica Barac**, President of the Anticorruption Council;
- **Mr. Danilo Sukovic**, Member of the Anticorruption Council and Chairman of the working group for drafting the National Anticorruption Strategy;
- **Ms. Tatjana Djurasinovic**, Chief of Department for International Relations, Office for Fighting against Money Laundering (FIU);
- **Dejan Carevic**, Chief of Department for Internal Control, Custom Office.

ROUNDTABLE

Following the bilateral meetings RSLO and the Ministry of Justice from Serbia co-hosted the public debate regarding the recent developments within the SPAI framework.

Following institutions and organizations were represented: **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Finance, Public Procurement Office, State Public Prosecutor's Office and Special Prosecutor's Office for Fighting against Organized Crime, Office for European Integration, Anticorruption Council, Institute for Comparative Law, Association of Public Prosecutors and Judges, European Commission Delegation, Council of Europe, OSCE, US Embassy, USAID, US State Department, SEEPAG, TI Serbia, Politika** (newspaper) and **Beta** (news agency).

MAIN OUTCOMES

RSLO was requested to organize the following activities:

- **Twinning projects** among SPAI countries, especially for the prosecutor's offices and anticorruption law enforcement agencies;

- Workshops on fighting **high level corruption** (privatization, public procurement and conflict of interest), **corruption in private sector**, use of **SIMS** and implementation of **international legal instruments** (criminal liability of the legal person and international cooperation);
- Regional conference of **anticorruption NGOs**;
- Preparatory meeting between Serbia and Montenegro regarding the process of drafting the **new public procurement laws**;
- **Networking** among investigative journalists and mass media agencies;
- **Fundraising** for a Project proposal on combating corruption and strengthening customs administration integrity.

ANTICORRUPTION NEWS

- **National Anticorruption Strategy**, developed under PACO IMPACT Program, is expected to be adopted by Parliament during the first half of the year;
- New **draft law** on fighting money laundering and financing terrorism is under Parliament debate;
- In March the Judge association is organizing a roundtable regarding the **corruption within judiciary**;
- In April, Serbia will be under the joint - first and second - **GRECO evaluation round**;
- Starting February the **SEEPAG Secretariat** is operational in Belgrade and ready to cooperate with SPAI RSLO.



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