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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 16 - 17th, 2005, TIRANA, ALBANIA

SPAI RSLO's VISIT TO TIRANA

On February 16 - 17, SPAI RSLO's representatives, **Mr. Veselin Sukovic**, Executive Secretary, **Mr. Cornel - Virgiliu Calinescu**, Anticorruption Expert and **Ms. Jonida Gaba**, Intern, reached the fourth destination of the Regional tour - Tirana, Albania.

During the two days visit SPAI RSLO had a series of bilateral meetings and public debates with all main stakeholders from Albania involved in the fight against corruption.

BILATERAL MEETINGS

On February 16th SPAI RSLO's representatives, together with Mr. Edmond Dunga SPAI Senior representative, met with the following:

- **Mr. Ardian Dvorani**, Chairman of the Anticorruption Monitoring Board, General Director, General Directorate of Codification, Ministry of Justice;
- **Mr. Zhani Shapo**, Director, Public Administration Department
- **Mr. Genc Cifliku**, Director, Legal Department, Ministry of Finance;
- **Mr. Gjon Ndreja**, Director, General Directorate of Audit, Ministry of Finance;
- **Mr. Lutfi Minxhozi**, Director of Coordination of the Fight against Money Laundering;
- **Mr. Zamir Shtylla**, Director Organized Crime Directorate;
- **Mr. Koli Bele**, Advisor to the General Prosecutor;

- **Mr. Agim Rrapaj**, Director of the Albanian Agro-Business Council and member of the Anticorruption Monitoring Board.

ROUNDTABLE

The second day of the visit was dedicated to the public debate organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice.

The meeting was chaired by the **Mr. Marko Bello**, State Minister for Coordination.



The following institutions and organizations were represented: **Public Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Public Order, Ministry of Finance, Financial Intelligence Unit, Public Administration Department, Albanian Public Television, PAMECA, Chamber of Commerce, CASALS & Associates, Office of the Public Advocacy, USAID, OSCE, World Bank, SIDA, Council of Europe, ABA CEELI.**

The meeting was covered by public and private TV stations and newspapers.

MAIN OUTCOMES

- RSLO was asked to further develop its workplan in order to cover the **reform of the public administration and civil service**;

- RSLO was tasked to ensure a direct cooperation among **centers for training** the judges, prosecutors, police and public officials;

- RSLO was encouraged to organize **twining projects** among SPAI countries especially for prosecutor's office, good governance units, internal audit offices and financial intelligence units;

- The following **training topics** are of a great interest for the Albanian experts: SIMS, courts case management, e-governance.

ANTICORRUPTION NEWS

- The Parliament currently debates the draft laws on **conflict of interest** and **criminal liability of legal persons**;
- The draft **Anticorruption Strategy** developed under the PACO IMPACT program will be submitted to the Parliament during the first half of the year;
- The Albanian Public television and the Anticorruption Monitoring Unit will start the necessary procedures for ensuring the broadcast of the UN **anti-corruption clip**;
- World Bank in cooperation with Foreign Investment Advocacy Service is preparing a **study on impact of corruption for the business environment** based on a recent survey conducted in Albania.

NEXT SPAI RSLO VISITS

- BELGRADE, 18 February
- CHISINAU, 21 - 22 February
- PODGORICA, 24 - 25 February



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