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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 21 – 22nd, 2005, CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

SPAI RSLO's VISIT TO CHISINAU

On February 21 - 22, SPAI RSLO's representatives, **Mr. Veselin Sukovic**, Executive Secretary and **Mr. Cornel - Virgiliu Calinescu**, Anticorruption Expert visited the capital of Moldova, Chisinau.

During the two days visit SPAI RSLO's representatives had bilateral meetings and roundtable discussions with the representatives of public authorities, NGOs, international organizations, civil society and mass media.

The agenda of the visit was developed with the full support from **Mr. Anatolie Donciu**, SPAI Senior Representative and Chief of Section within the Center for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption.

The following institutions were visited for bilateral meetings: **Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, State Public Prosecutor's Office - Section against organized crime and corruption and the Center for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption.**

These institutions were also represented during the roundtable along with representatives of the **TI Moldova, US Embassy and ABA CEELI**. A special meeting was organized with the representatives of the **mass media** - public and private TV stations, central newspapers and news agencies.



MAIN OUTCOMES

- SPAI RSLO was requested by the law enforcement agencies to organize a **follow-up event** within the project on "Fighting high level corruption" in order to address the **use of SIMS by SPAI countries**;
- The anticorruption bodies stressed the need for **exchanging relevant information at operational level** in corruption cases; In this regard, RSLO representatives highlighted the importance of making best use of the already existing regional mechanisms: **SEEPAG and SECI**;
- RSLO was urged to **further disseminate** the activities of the Office in Moldova and to analyze the possibility of conducting training events in Chisinau;
- Moldavian authorities are currently analyzing the possibility of hosting the **9th SPAI Steering Group Meeting** in Chisinau;

ANTICORRUPTION NEWS

- Moldova signed the **UN convention against Corruption** in 2004 and is undertaking all necessary steps in order to ratify it in the first half of the year;
- In February 2005, by Presidential Decree it was established the **National Working Group for Monitoring** the implementation of the

National Anticorruption Strategy and Action Plan. (24 members representing public institutions and civil society);

- The **Law on Fighting Money Laundering** was recently amended by incriminating also the terrorism financing;
- Within the Center for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption it will be established a **division specialized on preventing corruption**;
- **ABA CEELI** is currently implementing a **SPAI project** focusing on **reducing corruption in court management system**. Within this project a specialized software for case tracking and management system was developed;
- **Council of Europe** initiated a **pilot project on fighting corruption** in partnership with the Center for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption;
- **Council of Europe** experts are reviewing the draft laws on amending the **Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure Code**;
- An **expert working group** is analyzing the possibility of amending the procedural laws in order to introduce the **plea bargaining procedure**;



NEXT SPAI RSLO VISIT

- **PODGORICA, 24 - 25 February**



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