

The Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities,

at its meeting n.2 (held on 20 and 21 of March 2019), has decided the following:

1. Establish an agenda aimed at finding consensus on minimum good standards on corruption prevention tools, such as:
 - a. Codes of conduct
 - b. Transparency
 - c. Risk-assessment
2. Establish a "Technical guide" in order to develop and implement GRECO recommendations on corruption prevention.
3. Engage in an exercise of mapping of anti-corruption agencies internationally;
4. Providing guidance on Small Facilitation Payments
5. Discuss about Perception of Corruption in relation to Prevention of Corruption

The group has approved the annual plan to discuss, inter alia, on:

- a. Codes of conduct: March 2019 (network meeting 2)
- b. Transparency: June 2019 (network meeting 3)
- c. Risk-assessment: December 2019 (network meeting 4).

These subjects are among those that will be presented, discussed and possibly approved during this first annual Presidency. Nonetheless, other subjects related to the prevention of corruption will be presented during future Presidencies.

The group has approved the draft technical guide (see below), provided some slight amendments and clarifications are added, namely:

- a) the handbook is a collection of good practices on single themes related to corruption prevention (such as, but not limited to, codes of conduct, transparency and risk-assessment);
- b) the handbook will provide a list of good practices, stemming from different regions (including those outside GRECO), jurisdictions and sectors, that could inspire and assist institutions in developing and implementing relevant mechanisms for the prevention of corruption;
- c) the goal of the technical guideline is to organize, categorize, systemize as well as promote good practices and possible solutions.

On the content of the handbook, the group has then approved the proposed recommendations on codes of conduct, with some slight amendments and clarifications, namely:

- a) further reference will be done to the values and integrity pursued by the codes of conduct;
- b) additional structural elements are added at the bottom of each recommendation, in order to specify and clarify few important points, such as:
 - a. Challenges and solutions

- b. Key questions
- c. Basic pre-conditions

A consolidated version of the recommendation will be circulated shortly.

During day 2, the following items were discussed:

- a) Engage in an exercise of mapping of anti-corruption agencies internationally. A questionnaire was distributed, in order for the Agency to collect information on existing ACAs with one or more of the following powers:
 - a. Coordination
 - b. Prevention
 - c. Repression
 - d. Investigation
 - e. Compliance monitoring and control
 - f. Other specific tasks

The collection, recognition and analyses exercise should start soon, and last till the end of the year, approximately. The leader agency will present available preliminary results during the next session, in June.

- b) Providing guidance on Small Facilitation Payments. It will consist in an exercise to gather good practices on how different jurisdiction react and deal with small facilitation payments. The results of the examination will be probably end up in a study report, to be shared with the network, and/or in a training program.
- c) Perception of Corruption in relation to Prevention of Corruption.
Many countries are preoccupied by perception indexes. Perception has a vicious effect: the more a Country engages against corruption, the more cases may be discovered and sentenced; more cases in court equal to stronger publicity and therefore higher perception of corruption. How can we stop that vicious circle? How can we use perception in a positive way, in order to increase pressure and ability to prevent corruption? How can we reconcile perception with reality? These are few of the questions that the leading agency proposes to explore. The subject received support from other members, which may engage in a combined activity to draft a study report on this matter. The leading agency has anticipated that the discussion should be included in a concept note or discussion paper, whose results should be presented during next Network session, of mid-June.

End of report.