



Meeting of the democratic cohort within the Year of Action
Anti-Corruption and National Security

21 March 2023
Sredets Hall, Sofia Hotel Balkan and Zoom

Agenda

10.00 EEST

Welcome coffee

Group photo

10:30 EEST

Opening

Krum Zarkov, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Bulgaria

Welcoming address

Rumen Radev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria

The global perspective on anti-corruption policies and national security:

Ruslan Stefanov, Program Director, Center for the Study of Democracy; SELDI Knowledge and Outreach Coordinator (moderator)

Andrea Brouillette-Rodriguez, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy in Bulgaria

Ambassador Simon van der Burg, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bulgaria

Peter Maurer, President of the Board, Basel Institute on Governance (online)

Jacques Paparo, Resident Representative, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

Keynotes on the Anti-Corruption Year of Action

Shanthi Kalathil, Former Deputy Assistant to the President and Coordinator for Democracy and Human Rights, U.S. National Security Council

Maja Popovic, Minister of Justice of Serbia

Marko Kovač, Minister of Justice of Montenegro

Veronica Bradăuțanu, Adviser to the President of Moldova on Justice (online)

Desislava Gotskova, Head of Secretariat, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative

12:00 EEST

Cocktail

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Workshop

Strengthening Anti-Corruption Policies through Public-Private Partnership

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Ruslan Stefanov, Program Director, Center for the Study of Democracy
Krum Zarkov, Minister of Justice, Bulgaria

Keynote

Atanas Pekanov, Deputy Prime Minister for EU Funds Management, Bulgaria
Paul Massaro, Senior Policy Advisor for Counter-Corruption and Sanctions, U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

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Asset declarations, politically exposed companies and persons

Daniela Mineva, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
Desislava Gotskova, Head of Secretariat, Regional Anti-Corruption Agency
Daniel Belingher, Head, Service for Implementing Structural Funds, Studies and Strategies, National Integrity Agency, Romania
Dr. Kálmán Dabóczy, Vice President, Hungarian Integrity Authority (online)
Mirela Gega, Cabinet Adviser, High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interest, Albania

Discussion

Moderator: **Thomas Stauffer**, Head Swiss Contribution Office, Embassy of Switzerland in Bulgaria

14:40 EEST

Collective action and the high-level reporting mechanism (HLRM): benefits, challenges and interna experiences

Vanessa Hans, Head of Private Sector, Basel Institute on Governance
Hendrik Bosshammer, Economist/Project Manager South East Europe Division, Global Relations and Cooperation Directorate, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
Kalin Slavov, Executive Director, Transparency International Bulgaria

Discussion

Moderator: **Renne Traicova**, Team Leader Bulgaria, Basel Institute on Governance

15:30 EEST

Coffee break

16:00 EEST

Implementation and assessment of anti-corruption policies

Dr. Todor Galev, Director of Research, Center for the Study of Democracy
Yil Buleshkaj, Director, Kosovo Anti-corruption Agency
Jelena Perović, Director, Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Montenegro
Sofiya Petkova, Senior Program Manager in Bulgaria, International Republican Institute
Andrei Macsut, Senior Researcher, Romanian Academic Society

Discussion

Moderator: **Aleksandar Krzalovski**, Coordinator, SELDI, Director, Macedonian Center for Interna Cooperation

17:20 EEST

Closing

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