

Fourth specialised regional training for R2G4P members

Third summer school

Follow the Money: Tracking Illicit Financial Flows and Countering of Sanctions' Evasion Schemes

29-31 May 2023

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Corruption and Political Patronage Risks at the Local Level

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- 12:30 CET** ***Welcome lunch***
- 13:30 CET** *Welcoming remarks*
Andrija Mladenović, Project Manager, European Policy Centre - CEP, Serbia
Daniela Mineva, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria
- 13:55 CET** *Corruption and political patronage risks and counter-measures in the discretionary financial distribution towards the local level units*
Dr. Vanya Petrova, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy / **Dr. Alexander Gerganov**, Director, Sociological Program, Center for Study of Democracy, Bulgaria
Danijel Dašić, Expert, ex-Director of the National Coalition for Decentralisation, Serbia
Discussion
Moderator: Dr. Josip Franić, Researcher, Institute of Public Finance, Croatia
- 15:15 CET** *Coffee break*
- 15:30 CET** *Corruption and political patronage risks and counter-measures in the discretionary public procurement distribution towards the local level units. Introducing the new Opentender.eu*
Viktorija Poltoratskaia, Senior Analyst, Government Transparency Institute, Hungary
Discussion
Moderator: Dr. Josip Franić, Researcher, Institute of Public Finance, Croatia
- 17:00 CET** *Closing*

Summer school

Countering of Illicit Financial Flows and Sanctioning of Corruption Crimes. Rebuilding Political and Economic Alliances in a Post-war World

Agenda, 30 May 2023

Hotel Mona Plaza, Belgrade and [Zoom](#)

- 10:00 CET** *Welcome coffee & registration*
- 10:30 CET** *Welcoming remarks*
Milena Lazarević, Programme Director, European Policy Centre - CEP, Serbia
Dr. Todor Galev, Director of Research, Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria
- 11:00 CET** *Investigating and tackling illicit financial flows and undue foreign influence. Use of anti-money laundering and investment screening mechanisms*
Dr. Vanya Petrova, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria
Dragan Marinković, Assistant Director, Administration for the Prevention of Money Laundering, Ministry of Finance, Serbia
Ana Toskić Cvetinović, Executive Director, Partners Serbia, Serbia
Stephen Reimer, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Financial Crime & Security Studies, RUSI, UK
Dr. Ivica Simonovski, AML/CFT Consultant, Lecturer - Combating Corruption, DIILS New Port, USA
- Discussion*
Moderator: Andrei Macsut, Senior Researcher, Romanian Academic Society
- 12:30 CET** *Lunch*
- 13:30 CET** *Protecting media pluralism and challenging disinformation*
Ivana Jeremić, Editor, Balkan Insight, Serbia
Dr. Todor Galev, Director of Research, Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria
- Discussion*
Moderator: Anesa Omeragić, Communication Manager, CEP, Serbia

14:15 CET

Key steps towards efficient sanctioning of corruption and illicit finance

Bojana Savović, Public Prosecutor at Higher Prosecutor's Office in Belgrade, Serbia

Nenad Vuković, President of the Serbian Association of Lobbyists, Serbia

Radmila Dragičević-Dičić, Former Judge of the Supreme Court, Serbia

Bart Sheffers, Expert on anti-corruption and public sector integrity, Austria, and member of the R2G4P International Advisory Board

Discussion

Moderator: **Aneta Arnaudovska**, former RAI Senior Anti-corruption Advisor, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) - Secretariat

16:00 CET

Coffee break

16:20 CET

Preparing for a post-war world: rebuilding political and economic alliances

Sasa Djordjevic, Field Coordinator for Serbia and Montenegro, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, Belgrade, Serbia

Strahinja Subotić, Programme Manager and Senior Researcher, European Policy Centre - CEP, Serbia

Discussion

Moderator: **Daniela Mineva**, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria

17:00 CET

Closing

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The Way Ahead: Forging Partnerships for Successful Collaboration

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- 10:00 CET** *Welcoming remarks*
Daniela Mineva, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria
- 10:15 CET** *Creating narratives: how patronage-based politics distorts democracy*
- Why do we care about patronage-based politics*
David Jackson, Senior Adviser, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, Christian Michelsen Institute, Norway
- Local politics in BiH, North Macedonia and Montenegro*
Haris Karabegović, Project Coordinator, Civic Association Why Not, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Misha Popovikj, Head of the Center for Good Governance, Institute for Democracy Societas Civilis - IDSCS, Skopje
Milica Kovacevic, President, Center for Democratic Transition (CDT), Montenegro
- Moderator: Dr. David Jackson*, Senior Adviser, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, Christian Michelsen Institute, Norway
- 11:45 CET** *Coffee break*
- 12:00 CET** *Open discussion: Facing future corruption challenges together*
- Strengthening the cooperation with the government bodies*
Aneta Arnaudovska, Senior Anti-corruption Advisor, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) - Secretariat
- Discussion questions:*
- *What are the most important emerging governance issues in your country / the region?*
 - *Why should we care (political, economic and social impact)?*
 - *To what extent is it a regional challenge?*
 - *What are the concrete opportunities, if any, to work on this issue jointly with other partners?*
- Moderator: Dr. David Jackson*, Senior Adviser, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, Christian Michelsen Institute, Norway
- 13:00 CET** *Lunch – cocktail*