

EU NETWORK Against Corruption



With the **EU anti-corruption package adopted on 3 May 2023**, the European Commission stepped up its action to supporting Member States' anti-corruption policies and legislation and on building a common culture to challenge corruption. The European Commission also committed to enhance its role in international fora and to increase synergies between all stakeholders. The **EU network against corruption** was set up to bring together national authorities, practitioners, civil society, international organisations, EU agencies and relevant services of the European Commission.

The Commission set out possible **objectives** for the EU network, such as providing a new impetus to corruption prevention efforts across the EU and to develop best practices and practical guidance in various areas of common interest. The EU network can also contribute to the European Commission's anti-corruption work, such as through the mapping of high-risk areas for corruption which is a concrete deliverable for 2024. The knowledge and best practices shared in the EU network, as well as the mapping of high-risk areas in the EU, will also be used for the development of the **first EU strategy against corruption**.

In this inaugural first meeting of the EU network against corruption, we will together discuss its objectives and potential added value, followed by an exchange on trends and topics for in-depth exchange in future meetings. In the afternoon we will have interactive discussions on some of the good practices and trends identified in the 2023 Rule of Law report. Finally, we will present participants with funding opportunities for anticorruption projects under the Technical Support Instrument (TSI), Erasmus+ and Internal Security Fund.

First Meeting agenda

20.09.2023 – Brussels, Berlaymont – Schuman room

09:00 – 09:30

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

OPENING STATEMENTS

09:30 – 10:00

- *Welcome by Ms Ylva Johansson, Commissioner for Home Affairs (video message)*
- *Ms Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman*
- *Ms Ramona Strugariu, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group*

WHAT CAN THE EU NETWORK DO FOR YOU?

This part starts with a presentation by the Commission of the structure and objectives of the new EU network against corruption. This will be followed by interventions by selected speakers and a discussion with all participants.

10:00 – 11:00

- *European Commission, DG HOME*
- *UNCAC Coalition*
- *German Federal Ministry of Justice*
- *Finnish Ministry of Justice*
- *Italian National Anticorruption Authority (ANAC) and Network of European Authorities for Whistleblowing and Integrity (NEIWA)*

- *Ecorys (Moderator)*

Questions and answers

11:00 – 11:30

GROUP PHOTO FOLLOWED BY COFFEE BREAK

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE EU NETWORK?

11:30 – 13:00

This part aims to identify topics on which the EU network could focus on in the future. There will be a panel discussion on possible topics for further exchange and network guidance in the EU network, followed by a discussion with all participants.

- *Corruption in sports by International Olympics Committee (IOC)*
- *Prevention by French High Authority for Transparency in Public Life*

- Cross-border corruption by Eurojust and Europol
- University of Gothenburg (Moderator)

Questions and answers

13:00 – 14:00

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2023 RULE OF LAW REPORT – TRENDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Presentation by the European Commission on the EU Rule of Law Report and good examples from Member States.

14:00 – 15:00

- Rule of Law Report by European Commission, DG HOME
- Combating corruption in seaports by Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security
- Anti-corruption education and awareness raising by Estonian Ministry of Justice
- Use of technology for prevention and repression of corruption by Expert Forum in Romania
- European Commission, DG HOME (Moderator)

Questions and answers

2023 RULE OF LAW REPORT - GOOD PRACTICES BREAK OUT GROUPS

In this session, participants will be divided into break out groups for an interactive exchange on the three good practices.

15:00 – 16:30

- Use of technology for prevention and repression of corruption, moderated by K-Monitor in Hungary
- Combating corruption in seaports, moderated by Ecorys
- Anti-corruption education and awareness raising, moderated by Ecorys

*One half of the participants will discuss the good practices in 3 break-out groups while the other half has a **coffee break**. After half an hour, the ones that had coffee will discuss the good practices in 3 break out groups, and those that discussed the good practices will have a **coffee break**.*

After this, there will be a discussion in plenary, moderated by European Commission, DG HOME

ANTI-CORRUPTION EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

16:30 – 17:00

- Erasmus+ programme by *European Commission, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (EAC)*
- Rule of Law under the Technical Support Instrument (TSI) by *European Commission, Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (REFORM)*
Internal Security Fund (ISF) by *European Commission, DG HOME*
- *European Commission, DG HOME (Moderator)*

Questions and answers

CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

17:00 – 17:30

- *European Commission, DG HOME*

