

PANEL DISCUSSION ON CROSS-BORDER ANTI-CORRUPTION NETWORKS

EU NETWORK AGAINST CORRUPTION

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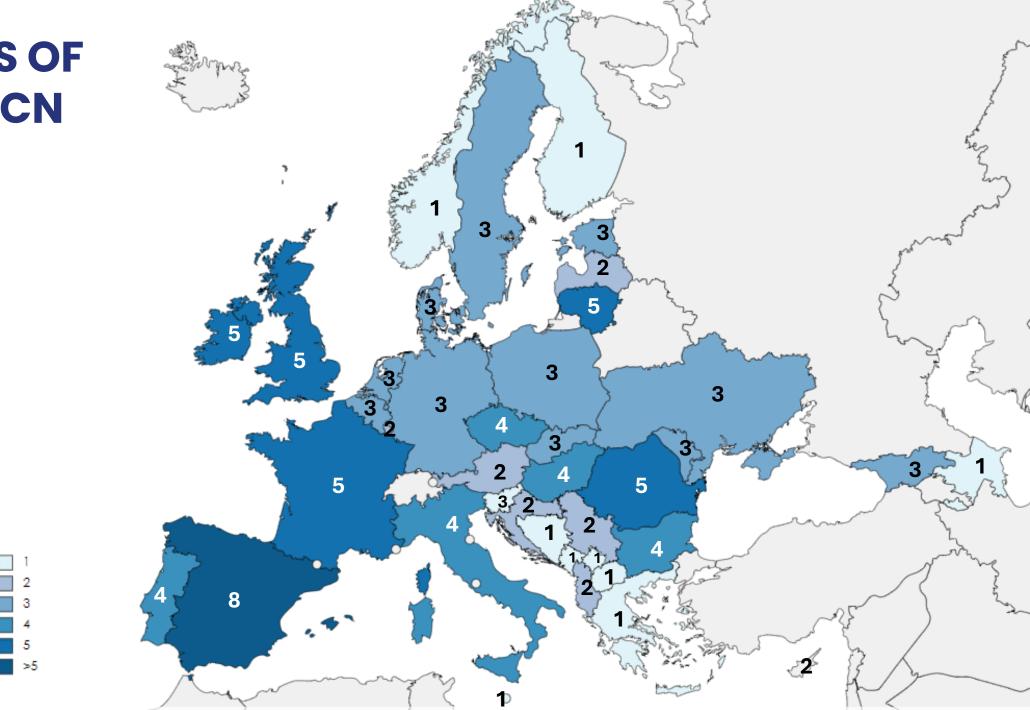




European Partners Against Corruption

European Contact-Point Network against Corruption

MEMBERS OF EPAC/EACN



43 **ACAs**

48 ACA/POBs 24 **POBs**

115

MEMBERS



COUNTRIES 39

50 EPAC (+3 observers)

15 **EACN**

47 EPAC/EACN



Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly

Annual Professional Conference

- Convenes once a year bringing together all members to discuss what has been done and future plans, to share experience and exchange best practices;
- Adopts Conference ending document Declaration.

General Assembly is the ultimate decision-making body of the EPAC/EACN

- Strives to make decisions based on consensus;
- It convenes at least once a year usually during the Annual Conference.



20th Vilnius, Lithuania, 2021



21st Chişinău, Republic of Moldova, 2022



22nd Dublin, Éire/Ireland, 2023



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Deputy Head of the French National Police General Inspectorate



Secretariat

Secretariat run by the Lithuanian STT:

- preparing Board meetings and implementing its decisions;
- · maintaining social media accounts;
- preparing Contact catalogue and Newsletters;
- responding to members' requests
- maintaining and servicing the EPAC/EACN website
- sharing information via emails with the members

Head of the Secretariat



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Contact catalogue

EPAC/EACN Secretariat has completed the 19th edition of the EPAC/EACN Contact Catalogue. The latest version of the Contact Catalogue is available for download from EPAC/EACN website www.epac-eacn.org







Newsletters

EAPC/EACN Secretariat at least three times per year publishes the EPAC/EACN Newsletter containing the latest news from the EPAC/EACN networks and information on the events that took place over the last couple of months.

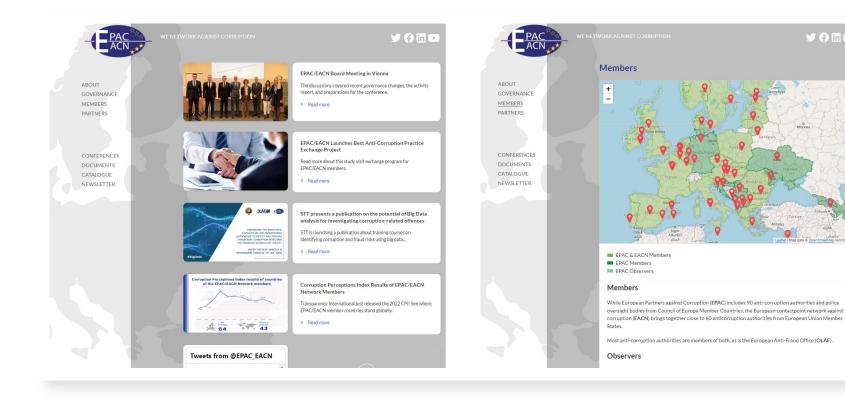
In total 58 newsletters







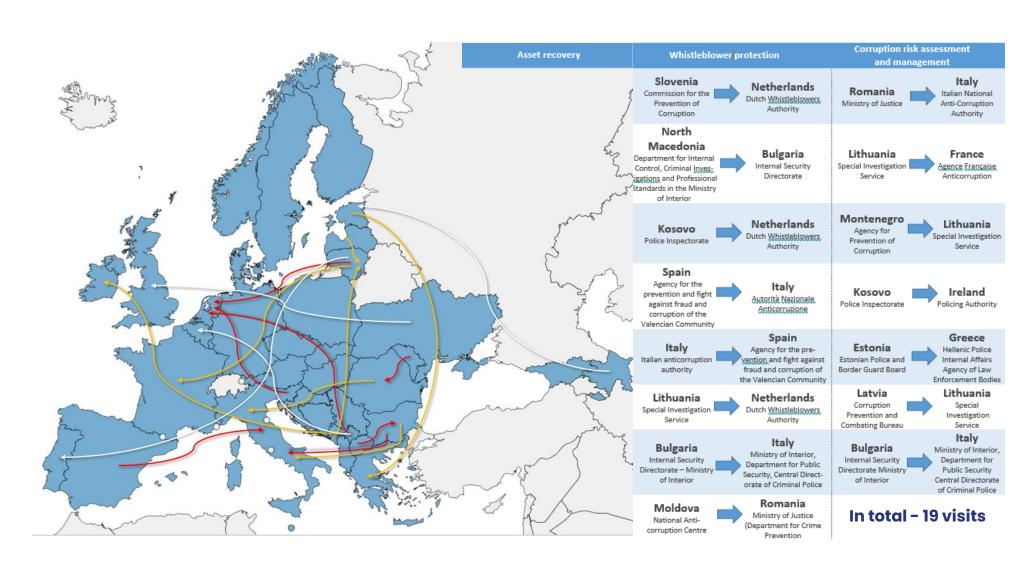
A newly designed EPAC/EACN website was launched in 2021 (www.epac-eacn.org) It contains information about the EPAC/EACN governance, members, conferences, main documents and other relevant information.





Best Anti-Corruption Practice Exchange Project a new

project under Union Anti-Fraud Programme





Work Programme 2024-2025



Supporting the Rule of Law

To achieve this goal, EPAC/EACN will continue promoting independence, impartiality, legitimacy, as well as accountability, transparency, and accessibility in all systems created and maintained for the independent oversight of policing and anti-corruption work.



Transfer of knowledge

Exchange of expertise and best practices through series of best practice exchange visits, online and onsite trainings, dissemination of best practice examples, quality presentations and discussions during our annual events.



Communication and cooperation

EPAC/EACN will continue improving internal and external communication channels, employing social media, establishing and/or strengthening cooperation with EU institutions, international organisations, other networks.



Upcoming events

23rd EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference & General Assembly

November 26-27, Bucharest, Romania



Bucharest



Upcoming events

Conference "Police Action - Control Models"

15 October 2024, Lisbon, Portugal

Co-organised by the EPAC/EACN and Inspectorate General of the Internal Administration (IGAI)

Speakers:



Anabela Cabral Ferreira

Inspector General of Home Affairs

Inspectorate General of the Internal Administration (IGAI)



Oleksii Sukhachov

Director

State Bureau of investigation (SBI)



Juan Jesús Herranz Yubero

Chief Commissioner

Inspectorate of Personnel and Services of State Police Agencies (IPSS)



Thierry Gillis

Inspector General

General Inspectorate of the Federal and Local Police (AIG)



Agnès Thibaultlecuivre

Head

General Inspectorate of the National Police (IGPN)



Hugh Hume

Chief Executive

Office of the Police Ombudsman

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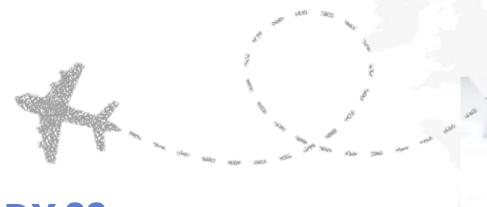
Upcoming events





The second year of **BACPE** project featuring three new topics

- 1. Anti-Corruption awareness raising
- 2. Criminal investigation of corruption and fraud
- 3. Big Data analysis



ALREADY 22 VISITS PLANNED!



Deadline 14 October 2024



The Network of corruption prevention authorities (NCPA)



The NCPA initiative



GRECO International Conference "Strengthening transparency and accountability to ensure integrity: united against corruption", Šibenik (Croatia), Oct 2018.

At the initiative of the French, Italian and Croatian corruption prevention authorities, the **Sibenik declaration**, launching an international network of prevention anticorruption bodies, was opened for signature. Corruption prevention agencies from 17 countries signed the founding declaration, joining the network.

Today, the network comprises **32 members** and **8 affiliates** (partners and observers).



The NCPA goals and organization

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- Enable the various members to pool their efforts to improve the systematic collection, management and exchange of information (i.e. respective experiences and best practices);
- Allow the various members to strengthen their capacities and promote their operational independence;
- Recognize and promote international standards in the prevention of corruption
- Stimulate reflection and discussion on integrity and anticorruption topics and challenges;
- Establish partnerships with other international stakeholders in the promotion of integrity.



The NCPA members and affiliates

32 members and affiliates (partners and observers)

Large coverage of network members

- Africa: Benin, Lybia, Morocco, Tunisia,
- America: Brazil, Canada (Quebec), Chile, Ecuador,
- Asia: Azerbaidjan, Egypte, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Palestinian Authority,
- **Europe:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain (observers), Ukraine

Affiliates

- Basel Institute on Governance,
- East African Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (EAAACA)
- Program on Corporate Compliance and Enforcement, New York University School of Law
- Transcrime Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)



The NCPA daily activities (1/2)

Activities relating to exchanges of experiences and best practices

In partnership with and/or inviting national administrations, intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations, experts and researchers

Webinars

- "Tackling corruption in public procurement"
- "Tackling corruption in sports"

Technical documents / Guidelines

- Technical guide on Codes of conducts
- Guidelines for businesses on facilitation payments
- Guide on Gender and corruption



The NCPA daily activities (2/2)

Compendium / mapping

- Realized by coordinating members, on the basis of members' answers to questionnaires
- Global mapping of anti-corruption authorities
- Report on the similarities and differences in the mandates of the members of the NCPA
- National anti-corruption strategies and plans: the importance of common features and shared challenges in the richness of diversity of national responses

International gathering' side events

- 2021 Conference of State Parties (CoSP) of the UN Convention against corruption (Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt)
- 2023 Global Anticorruption and Integrity Forum (GACIF) of the OECD (Paris)



The NCPA 2024 Presidency & roadmap

The Plenary sessions (July - Nov - Jan)

2. Creation of a monthly (or bi-monthly) newsletter

Share encouraging reforms, facts, data or good practices, so as to offer visibility and possible reputational gain and maybe inspire others

Some examples: organization of future events / report on past events, example of the implementation of transactional justice for companies, new tools in the field of anti-corruption (AI, statistics about corruption, etc.)

3. Organisation of webinars

A Webinar on "Corruption and Sport" (past)

- Establishment and implementation of corruption regulations in the area of sports: examples through a presentation of AFA's missions, especially while preparing the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, and through other national experiences
- Presentation of various UNODC initiatives and project on the fight against corruption in sports
- Intervention by an academic expert

A Webinar on "Integrity in the private sector" with a focus on "Collective action" (to come)

- Presentation of Collective action mechanisms, advantages and good practices (Basel Institute of Governance)
- Presentation of innovative initiatives and projects in members (Morocco and Brazil) and other partners



Future and potential developments

Several topics of interest for future work:

- "Corruption and environmental crime" (a questionnaire is currently being drafted)
- "Corruption and organized crime", "Corruption in ports"

The next presidency will be elected during the plenary session of January 2025 → all members are welcome to step in!

New development at EU level:

- A specific network of EU prevention authorities linked to support the implementation of the Directive
- Better guidance for private sector on anticorruption compliance program: toward EU guidelines for private companies



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European Network for Public Ethics



Who we are

14 members

- 1. Austria (Federal Bureau of Anti-corruption)
- 2. Belgium (Federal Ethics Commission)
- 3. Croatia (Commission of Decision on Conflicts of interest)
- **4. Cyprus** (Independent Authority Against Corruption)
- **5. Czech Republic** (Conflict of Interest and Anti-Corruption Department of the Ministry of Justice)
- **6. France** (High Authority for transparency in public life
- 7. Greece (National Transparency Authority)
- 8. Hungary (Integrity Authority)
- Italy (National Anticorruption Authority)
- 10. Lithuania (Chief Official Ethics Commission)
- 11. Malta (Commissioner for Standards in Public Life)
- 12. Portugal (Transparency Entity)
- **13. Romania** (National Integrity Agency)
- **14. Slovenia** (Commission for Prevention of Corruption)

4 observer members

- 1. Poland (Civil Service Department of the Chancellery of the President of the Council of Ministers)
- 2. Spain (Office of Conflicts of interest of the Ministry of Finance and Public Service)
- 3. Sweden (Agency for Public Management)
- 4. European Ombudsman



Who we are

Creation

In June 2022 at the initiative of the French HATVP, which currently holds the presidency and secretariat of the Network.

Objectives

- 1. Promote a culture of public integrity
- 2. Harmonise the rules among EU Member States
- 3. Share insights with the European institutions
- 4. Exchange good practices
- 5. Create a practitioners' community

3 conditions to join Art. 4 of the ENPE charter)

- 1. Be a national authority or ministerial department of an EU MS or an institution, body or agency of the EU;
- 2. Carry out missions relating to transparency, ethics or public integrity [...]
- 3. Present functional guarantees of independence in order to allow the impartial exercise of its competences [...]



Example of actions

3 plenary thematic meetings (and 4 online meetings)

- 10 June 2022: Paris (launch)
- 10-11 November 2022: Zagreb on revolving-doors policies
- 4-5 October 2023 : Ljubljana on reporting obligations

A common minimum standard for the reporting obligations of public officials

Two comparative studies on revolving-doors policies and practices and on reporting obligations (asset and interest declarations) and sanctions

A position paper on the importance of including preventive measures in the EU anticorruption directive



Forthcoming



10-11 October 2024: Rome Conference on "Preventing corruption in Europe: a new perspective" and ENPE plenary meeting on member authorities' independence and conflicts of interest regulations

Expected deliverables

- Members' declaration supporting preventive measures in the anticorruption directive proposal
- Comparative study of conflicts of interest regulation and practice in ENPE countries



Follow the ENPE activites and publications on Linkedin

https://www.linkedin.com/company/european-network-for-public-ethics

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NETWORK OF EUROPEAN INTEGRITY AND WHISTLEBLOWING AUTHORITIES



ESTABLISHMENT OF NEIWA

NEIWA was established in MAY 2019 at the first meeting in Hague.

Initiated by the Dutch Whistleblowing Authority.

Reaction to the passing of the **DIRECTIVE**.

PLATFORM TO EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS,

on both a practical and a strategic level.

Initially 8 authorities.

2024 - **36** authorities





MISSION STATEMENT (DECEMBER 2021)

Platform to **EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE**, documentation, initiatives, case law and best practices.

collaboration between NEIWA members and national, European, and international public organisations for the development of common activities in the areas of whistleblowing and integrity.

Proper TRANSPOSITION OF EU DIRECTIVE 2019/1937 on reporting persons by Member States and practical implementation in Member States.

PROMOTION AND DISSEMINATION

of NEIWA's experience, knowledge and recommendations and active engagement of stakeholders, including civil society and legislators.



FORMALIZATION OF THE NETWORK

STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP (JUNE 2022)

Organizations with a **central and pivotal role** in the field of whistleblowing.

Focus on the investigation of whistleblowing reports, protection of whistleblowers, prevention, education and advice.

CONSTITUTION AND ELECTION OF NEW LEADERSHIP (MARCH 2023)

Formalisation of objective, rules and structure in the NEIWA Constitution.

Election of the Chair, Vice-Chair and establishment of the Board.

RULES OF PROCEDURE (APRIL 2024)



FROM THE FOCUS ON THE TRANSPOSITION OF THE DIRECTIVE TOWARD UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER

Regular monitoring of the state of play in the process of transposition of the Directive.

Understanding the powers and competence of NEIWA members.





WHO WE ARE

Network of authorities with great deal of variation in: TYPE OF INSTITUTION

Portugal: Ombuds

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Greece: NTA	Belgium: Ombuds Brussels	Germany:Federal	Slovakia	Denmark: Datatilsynet
Italy: ANAC	Belgium: Vlaamse Ombuds	Iceland: Prime Minister's		Sweden: Work Environmen
Montenegro: ASK	Belgium: DG Ombuds	Latvia: the State Chancellery		Lithuania: General prosecutor
Romania: ANI	Croatia: Ombuds	Romania: MoJ		
Slovenia: CPC	France: DDD	Spain: MoJ		
Spain: AVAF	Hungary: CFR			
Spain: OAAF	Ireland: GSOC			
Spain: OAIB	Ireland: OPDC			
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Spain: OAC

WHY NEIWA?

NETWORK OF PRACTITIONERS

- Direct contact with whistleblowers
- Firsthand experience of the whistleblowers' protection enforcement - its strengths & weaknesses, gaps & legislative loopholes

KNOWLEDGE SHARING PLATFORM

- Tool for fueling effective application of the Directive principles
- Expert deliberation on the functioning of countries' models of working with whistleblowing reports and protection of whistleblowers

COLLABORATION HUB

- Advocacy for members in the implementation of the Directive
- Central hub for the development of cooperation between members, EU institutions, International organizations, and NGOs



MAIN GOALS OF WORKING GROUPS

WORKING GROUPS

- → to summarize and share best practice in member States
 - → to point out challenges in application of the directive

Current Working Groups: WHISTLEBLOWER SUPPORT

and WHISTLEBLOWING REPORTS



WHISTLEBLOWER SUPPORT

- How to listen and talk to whistleblowers (hotline, training)
- Recognizing a whistleblower
- How to help a whistleblower filing a report
- Possible measures of protection
- Accompanying a whistleblower
- Psychological support
- Legal support
- Economic support
- Support with report follow-ups





WHISTLEBLOWING REPORTS

- Channels for receiving WB reports
- Anonymous reporting
- Investigating WB or retaliation reports
- Corrective actions follow-ups
- Data protection/Confidentiality
- Compilation of guidelines and awareness raising documents





Internal Criminal Investigations Network

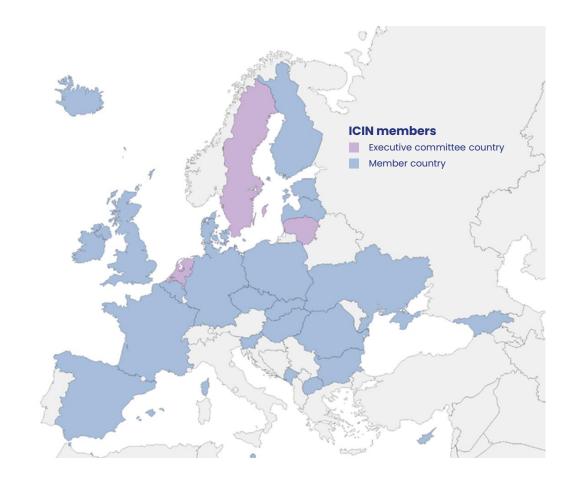








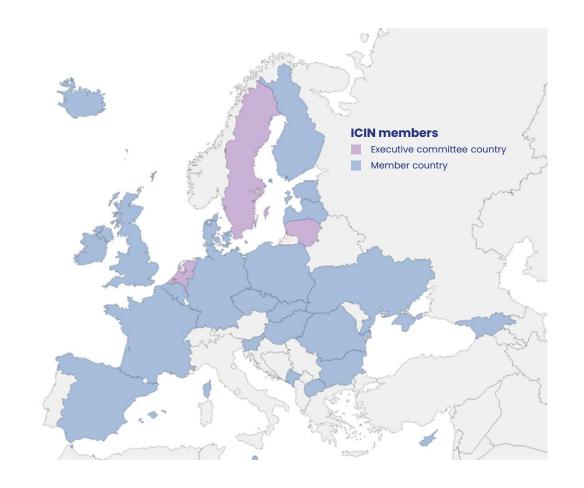
- Who we are
- Our mission
- What we do





Operational network:

- 27 countries
- 32 partner organisations





Providing a platform for law enforcement organisations conducting criminal investigations into employees of a police organisation and/or a public sector organisation.

- Share good practices and methods regarding prevention, detection, investigation of criminal offences done by police officers of public sector employees;
- Facilitate the exchange of information;
- Increase the public confidence in the member organisations, the police organisations and Europol;
- Strengthen the cooperation between the countries;
- Increase the competence within the Network by encouraging joint training in relevant and specific areas.



- Yearly annual general meeting
- Yearly workshops
- Bilateral meetings to exchange knowledge
- Expand our network
- Webinars
- Exchange program

