

REGIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVE

42nd STEERING GROUP MEETING



Summary and Decisions

December 18, 2023 (Online)

42nd Regional Anti-corruption Initiative (RAI) Steering Group (SG) Meeting took place on December 18, 2023 in the online format. The meeting was organized by the RAI Secretariat.

Participants

42nd RAI SG Meeting was chaired by the Acting Chairperson, Ms. Laura Stefan. It was attended by 9 member countries' representatives:

Albania – Mr. Florin Demollari, Director General of Anticorruption Department, Ministry of Justice;

Bosnia and Herzegovina – Mr. Adnan Dlakic - Senior Representative, Expert Adviser, Department for Combating Organized Crime and Corruption, Ministry of Security;

Bulgaria – Ms. Dora Zgurovska – Deputy Senior Representative, Head of International Legal Affairs Unit, EU and International Co-operation Directorate, Ministry of Interior;

Croatia – Mr. Ivan Odeljan Senior Representative, Head of Sector for Prevention of Corruption, Directorate for European Affairs, International and Judicial Cooperation and Prevention of Corruption, Ministry of Justice and Administration

Moldova – Mr. Valeriu Cupcea, Deputy Senior Representative, Head of the International Cooperation Directorate, National Anti-corruption Centre;

Montenegro – Ms. Aleksandra Vojinovic, Delegated Representative, Secretary of the Council of the Agency, Agency for Prevention of Corruption;

North Macedonia – Mr. Nikola Prokopenko, Senior Representative, State Advisor, Ministry of Justice;

Romania – Ms. Roxana Florentina Serbanoiu, Senior Representative, Legal counsellor, Crime Prevention Department, Ministry of Justice;

Serbia – Ms. Bojana Scepanovic, Senior Representative, State secretary, Ministry of Justice, and Milica Pavlovic, Deputy Senior Representative, Ministry of Justice.

RAI Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Desislava Gotskova – Head of Secretariat;

Mr. Nikola Naumovski, Senior Anti-corruption Advisor

Ms. Aida Zukic – Chief Finance and Operations Officer.

Summary of Discussions

Acting Chairperson, Ms. Laura Stefan, opened the meeting and welcomed all participants joining online.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The proposed Agenda was adopted unanimously.

2. Chairperson election

The Head of Secretariat and Chief Finance and Operations Officer presented the interview and election procedure of the eligible candidates for the RAI Chairperson post.

It was agreed that, following the interviews, the voting/election procedure would be performed in maximum four rounds. In line with the organizational documents, in the absence of consensus, the decision on Chairperson election shall be taken by two-thirds of the votes cast (qualified majority).

Interviews were conducted with all candidates whose applications were determined as responsive/compliant/ acceptable. Interviews were an opportunity for candidates to express their motivation for applying and verbalize overall understanding of RAI.

Following the interviews with eight interviewed candidates, and two rounds of election, Mr. Drazen Jelenic was elected as Chairperson for a period of one year with a qualified majority votes cast.

Conclusions and Decisions

1. Following the two rounds of election, Mr. Drazen Jelenic was elected as RAI Chairperson for a period of one year.