

REGIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVE

35th STEERING GROUP MEETING



Summary and Decisions

October 22, 2021 (Online)

35th Regional Anti-corruption Initiative (RAI) Steering Group (SG) Meeting took place on October 22, 2021 in the online format, due to continued travel and gathering restrictions brought upon by the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was organized by the RAI Secretariat via the Zoom platform.

Participants

35th RAI SG Meeting was chaired by the Head of Secretariat, Ms. Desislava Gotskova. It was attended by 9 member countries' representatives:

Albania – Ms. Adea Pirdeni, Senior Representative, Deputy Minister of Justice and Ms. Rovena Pregja – Deputy Senior Representative, Head of the Anticorruption Programs Unit in the Anticorruption Directorate in the Ministry of Justice of Albania;

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. Tomislav Matoc, Deputy Senior Representative, Senior Advisor, the Anti-Corruption Sector, Directorate for European Affairs, International and Judicial Cooperation and Prevention of corruption, Ministry of Justice and Public Administration

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

Montenegro – Mr. Boris Vukasinovic, Senior Representative, Deputy Director, Agency for Prevention of Corruption and Ms. Marina Micunovic, Deputy Senior Representative, Head of Unit for International Cooperation, Agency for Prevention of Corruption;

North Macedonia – Mr. Ivan Todorovski, Senior Representative, Special Advisor at the Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of North Macedonia in Charge of Fight against Corruption and Crime, Sustainable Development and Human Resources;

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

Serbia – Ms. Milica Pavlovic, Deputy Senior Representative, Ministry of Justice.

RAI Secretariat was represented by:

Ms. Desislava Gotskova – Head of Secretariat;

Ms. Aneta Arnaudovska, Senior Anti-corruption Advisor

Ms. Aida Zukic – Chief Finance and Operations Officer.

Summary of Discussions

RAI Head of Secretariat, Ms. Desislava Gotskova, opened the meeting and welcomed all participants joining the Zoom meeting

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 four eligible candidates for the RAI Chairperson post.

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. Steering Group members had an opportunity to pose questions to all candidates, but there were no predefined questions.

It was agreed that the elected candidate be notified after concluding of the Steering Group meeting.

Conclusions and Decisions

1. Following the evaluation procedure of the 4 interviewed candidates, deliberation of the decision was made **that** the candidate Ms. Laura Stefan was appointed as Chairperson for a period of one year with a qualified majority voting.