



NEWSLETTER

Dear ladies and gentlemen,
colleagues and friends,

We hope you are all healthy and have managed to adapt to the new situation. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, many events have been cancelled or postponed, such as the meetings of the *EU Integrity sub-working-groups 1 and 4* as well as the *Specialised training on big data analysis to prevent and detect fraud and corruption*. Alternatives are being discussed – you will be notified as soon as there is any news.

In the meantime, you should **save the date** for this year's special anniversary event, the **20th Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly**, taking place in December in Vilnius, Lithuania. Scroll down to find out more.

As always, we would appreciate your input regarding future or past events, conferences, seminars, training courses, studies, project findings, etc. to include in the next newsletter.

We wish you a lot of positive energy for these turbulent months!

Stay healthy!

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SAVE THE DATE

20th EPAC/EACN ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



“After 20 Years: Re-Thinking Anti-Corruption and Police Oversight”



Please save the date in your calendar for the 20th EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly from **01 to 03 December 2020 in Vilnius, Lithuania**, kindly **hosted by the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania (STT)**.

This year we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of one of the biggest European networks in the field, with over 80 members united for the purpose of tackling corruption. The conference and the anniversary will provide an opportunity to look back at the results achieved and pave the way for the upcoming 20 years. We expect to have a number of guest speakers from various European agencies and international organisations, as well as a variety of

thematic discussions, including on data protection, impartiality, big data analytics, measuring corruption, etc.

Further information and details regarding the conference, registration and social programme will follow in due time.

To get an idea of what to expect in December, check out this link:
www.wherisvilnius.com

We look forward to welcoming you in Lithuania!

FIRST EPAC/EACN BOARD MEETING OF 2020

On 2 and 3 March, the first EPAC/EACN board meeting in 2020 was hosted in Luxembourg by Ms Monique Stirn, Vice President of EPAC/EACN for the POB strand and General Inspector of the Police of Luxembourg.

Discussions included the agenda of the 20th EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly to be held from 1 to 3 December 2020 in Vilnius, Lithuania, the state of play of the current EPAC/EACN working groups, and the positions to be filled on the EPAC/EACN board in 2020.

UPDATE ON CURRENT EPAC/EACN “EU INTEGRITY” SUB-WORKING GROUPS



Sub-Working Group 1: “Support and protection of whistle-blowers”

The first sub-working group meeting took place at the State Criminal Police Office of North Rhine-Westphalia (LKA NRW) from 12 to 13 November 2019. On the first day, keynote speeches dealt with the current EU directive on whistle-blowers, the tasks of the whistle-blower house in the Netherlands and the introduction of a whistle-blower system in a private company. Participants from ten EPAC/EACN member authorities and the private sector discussed the impact of the EU directive. The aim was to identify potential problems in the practical implementation of the directive.

Several key points were addressed in the course of this workshop, the most important being: how do we behave in actual cases and what advice can we give here? Among other things, possible reporting channels of whistle-blowers (internal or external) and the obligatory feedback were discussed and recognized as problematic. Another key issue was the financial support for whistle-blowers mentioned in the directive. In addition, potential problems with the implementation and comprehensibility of the directive for possible whistle-blowers were identified as a challenge. The possible abuse of established communication channels by misrepresentation or misuse of safeguards as well as the question of where to set the threshold to protect whistle-blowers were also discussed. Contributions to these topics are currently being developed together with the participating countries and will be finalized in another workshop in 2020.

Sub-Working Group 2: “Interagency cooperation and common standards for its improvement”

On 7 October 2019, the French Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA) hosted the first meeting of the EPAC/EACN “EU Integrity” Sub-Working Group 2 on “Interagency cooperation and common standards for its improvement”. The meeting brought together representatives of the Prevention and Fight against Corruption Office of the Balearic Islands, the Agency for the Prevention and Fight against Fraud and Corruption of Valencia, the Special Investigation Service of Lithuania, the Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAK) of Austria, the General Inspectorate of the French National Police (IGPN) and AFA.

Participants reviewed the current interagency cooperation initiatives and assessed unmet cooperation needs. In particular, the need for enhancing operational information exchange between foreign agencies was highlighted. Then, participants focused on the challenges they faced in implementing international cooperation projects, such as the lack of dedicated resources. Finally, all members discussed possible solutions and explored common standards for improving peer-to-peer cooperation. Practical recommendations were formulated and also shared at the 19th EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly last December in Stockholm.

Sub-Working Group 3: “Educational and value management measures”

The status of Sub-Working Group 3 remains unchanged since the last update.

Sub-Working Group 4: „Integrity and anti-corruption standards“

A second meeting of Sub-Working Group 4 was planned to convene in Vienna in April 2020. Due to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the meeting had to be postponed and will be held later this year.

The meeting will be based on the discussions, contributions and results of the first meeting. The main topics will be to finalize the integrity framework and to work on additional best practice examples. The main objectives, target group and different elements of the integrity framework will be on the agenda. The integrity framework will be supported by best practice examples for the different elements. The sub-working group will deal with additional best practice examples from different sectors. In order to obtain a representative number, these examples will possibly be collected through a participatory process involving national stakeholders and actors. As a result, the agreed approach regarding the integrity framework and its best practice examples will be used as a contribution to the “Integrity Manual”.

RAI'S SECRETARIAT IS STARTING A NEW REGIONAL PROJECT ON WHISTLE-BLOWING!

RAI's secretariat is starting a new regional project on whistle-blowing titled *Breaking the silence: enhancing the whistle-blowing policies and culture in Western Balkans and Moldova*.

The project aims to launch a discourse with legislators and selected public institutions on how whistle-blowing can be encouraged by improving the legislative framework and resilience of the institutions in implementation of a country's whistle-blowing policies and mechanisms.

The project will focus on the training of and regional exchange between selected institutions and civil society organisations (CSOs) with the objective to strengthen their disclosure channels, protection against retaliation as well as advocacy and promotion of whistle-blowers.

It will deal with clear positive messaging to the general public, sensitizing citizens to whistle-blowing, and addressing deep-rooted stereotypes and prejudices.

The project is funded by the European Commission and will start on 1 April 2020.
(<http://www.rai-see.org/its-official/>)

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ON BIG DATA ANALYSIS TO PREVENT AND DETECT FRAUD AND CORRUPTION – POSTPONED

Taking into account the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania (STT) has decided to postpone the *Specialised training on big data analysis to prevent and detect fraud and corruption affecting EU financial interests* under the EU HERCULE III Programme.

In order to contribute to the work done by the EPAC/EACN Working Group on big data analysis and to address the needs of parties interested in strengthening their analytical capacities in big data analysis, the STT – funded by the European Union's HERCULE III Programme – is organising an international training for analysts working in the area of combating fraud and, in particular, corruption affecting EU financial interests.

The training project aims to improve the analytical capacities of law enforcement institutions involved in the protection of the Union's financial interests through the acquisition of new skills, knowledge of specialised methodologies and techniques, as

well as through provision and sharing of best practices. Three leading international experts on big data analytics specialised in the field of law enforcement will provide for an intensive course to a selected group of 40 analysts from different EPAC/EACN members, which will be followed by a one-day follow-up workshop after 7 months.

It is noteworthy that the STT has received considerable interest from a wide range of law enforcement agencies with the result that the number of candidates to participate in the training exceeds the number of seats. Unfortunately, due to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the training is postponed for an indefinite period of time. The STT is closely following the situation concerning COVID-19 and will continue to organise the training as the virus is contained.

LEADERS OF BALTIC REGION ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCIES MET AT HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR IN LITHUANIA

Continuing the initiative started by Estonian partners in 2019, the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania (STT) organized a second high-level international seminar, entitled "Corruption Prevention in the Baltic Region", in Molėtai, Lithuania, from 6 to 8 March 2020.

Heads and top-ranking officials of the STT, the Latvian Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau (KNAB), the Polish Central Anti-Corruption Bureau (CBA), the Estonian Internal Security Service (KAPO) and the Corruption Crime Bureau of the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board (Politsei-ja Piirivalveamet) participated in the event.

During the seminar, participants examined recent anti-corruption initiatives as well as issues related to data protection. They also discussed questions regarding corruption detection, prevention and investigation, including prospects for further strengthening regional cooperation.



CORRUPTION PREVENTION AND COMBATING BUREAU OF LATVIA (KNAB) – WORK DURING EMERGENCY SITUATION

The spread of COVID-19 virus has introduced large changes in everyday lives all over the world, including the organisation of work in our anti-corruption institution. After closely monitoring the situation with the spread of the virus, it became clear – even before the official government decision to declare an emergency situation – that KNAB will have to rapidly adapt to new working environments.

We took it as a good exercise to quickly understand which functions can be continued remotely (home office), ensuring high levels of security and efficiency, which functions have to be switched to a duty regime and which must be continued as usual. Basically within half a day, all office employees were instructed, duties assigned and technologies prepared to continue work as per usual, paying particular attention to the health and wellbeing of our employees. To ensure health security of those who cannot work remotely, the health of employees is now also being monitored when entering the office – hands need to be sanitized and persons with a body temperature above 37.4°C are not allowed to enter. In addition, the premises are regularly disinfected.

Due to the state of emergency, specific procurements can be made without following the usual procedures. However, this situation must be closely monitored by KNAB,

since it is a very tempting opportunity for some to disobey other rules and regulations, especially on anti-corruption. Analysts are closely monitoring and following various types of information, especially regarding medical procurements.

The biggest challenge currently is to ensure fluent communication between different departments – an ongoing exercise that is improving every day. A lesson learnt in this regard is that no matter how well one may be prepared to work in exceptional circumstances, no matter how many emergency plans there may be, there are always things to improve – and having an understanding team, which is united in its work, is the only thing that will get an institution through different situations.

OLAF CONCLUDES INVESTIGATION INTO ACTIVITIES OF NGO PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN SYRIA

The conflicts in Syria have created an overwhelming and enduring humanitarian crisis. Millions of people are in need of medical and food aid, water and shelter. As a result, the EU stepped up its efforts as a leading donor, providing emergency assistance to those most in need. OLAF quickly acted upon reports about possible misuse of EU funds destined for these vulnerable persons and opened an investigation. The case was closed recently with recommendation to recover nearly EUR 1.5 million.

In May 2016, OLAF opened an investigation into the activities of a well-known non-governmental organisation (NGO), which operates internationally. This NGO was suspected of corruption and manipulation in public procurement procedures that were funded by the EU in order to provide emergency assistance to civilians affected by the conflict in Syria.

The NGO was the beneficiary of four grant agreements awarded by the European Commission's Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO), and received nearly EUR 19 million in EU funds.

In the search for hard evidence, OLAF performed an on-the-spot check, together with forensic data acquisition, at the NGO's headquarters. As a result, the investigators found evidence of corruption by two former staff members of the NGO. These individuals had set up a sophisticated fraud scheme that was used to siphon

taxpayer's money away from the humanitarian crisis in Syria and into their own pockets and those of their collaborators. They also faced accusations from other international bodies in relation to fraud and corruption elsewhere; the two fled Europe and went on the run.

The OLAF investigation also found evidence revealing significant shortcomings in the way that the NGO had administered EU money.

Communicating to stop fraud and corruption

On 23 and 24 January 2020, the 29th Meeting of the OLAF Anti-Fraud Communicators' Network (OAFCN) took place in Brussels. The conference brought together anti-fraud communicators from across the European Union to share best practices and media strategies on how to expose and deter fraud.

During the two-day conference, communication experts working for anti-fraud public organisations discussed a range of pertinent issues, including working with investigative journalists and providing anti-fraud training to regional authorities. Participants also exchanged insights into online campaign tools, such as how to use crowdfunding and social media channels to catch criminals. Representatives from the newly established European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and OLAF jointly outlined how EPPO intends to cooperate with OLAF and with EU Member States.

The conference also saw contributions from civil society. A representative from Transparency International's Berlin office introduced the Global Anti-Corruption Consortium to the conference and discussed its possible value and importance for law enforcement.

"The OAFCN forum is key if we want to raise awareness of fraud issues," OLAF Director-General Ville Itälä said. "We need to step up our communication about the threat of fraud and the countermeasures we are taking. As Director-General of OLAF, I am working very hard to create an environment of trust, and to promote frank and open communication for the benefit of our Institutions and of the European citizens," he added.

Around 40 representatives from OLAF's anti-fraud counterparts in EU Member States participated in the discussions.

The meeting was an annual event organised by the OLAF Anti-Fraud Communicators' Network, which was created over a decade ago and is a unique cross-European network of communication experts working on anti-fraud issues. The Network brings together Communication Officers and Spokespersons from OLAF's operational partners in the Member States (i.e. customs, police, law enforcement agencies, Member States' Anti-Fraud Coordination Services (AFCOS) and prosecutors' offices).

It plays a pivotal role in communicating the threat of fraud to the public across all EU Member States, as well as the joint efforts made by national and European authorities to combat it. It is a key platform for raising awareness and reaching out to various audiences on fraud issues.

The objective of OAFCN is to prevent and deter fraud through a permanent dialogue, reinforced cooperation, and joint communication initiatives bringing together communicators from all the European bodies dealing with anti-fraud issues.

REFERENCE GUIDE ON THE EU DIRECTIVE BY THE ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE OF CATALONIA

The Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia has prepared a Reference Guide on the *EU Directive on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law* published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 23 October 2019. The aim of this Guide is to highlight the main points of interest of the EU directive.

Please follow the link to see the full Guide:

http://antifrau.cat/sites/default/files/Documents/Recursos/Directive-protection-persons-report-breaches-union-law_quick-reference-guide.pdf

EPAC/EACN MEMBERS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES

THE ROMANIAN GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF INTERNAL PROTECTION A renewed partnership



The General Directorate of Internal Protection (DGPI) within the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA) is a relatively young institution, but with an almost 30-year-old tradition. Its predecessor institutions have been members of EPAC since the Budapest EPAC Conference in 2006. Having in view its current responsibilities as

well as its openness to actively engage in European cooperation mechanisms and its long tradition of EPAC membership, DGPI renewed its status as a member of EPAC on the occasion of the 19th EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly (10-12 December 2019, Stockholm).

DGPI was set up by the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 76/2016 as a specialized unit within the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs in charge of identifying, preventing and countering threats, vulnerabilities and risks related to the information, personnel, missions, assets, decision-making and operational capacity of the ministry.

In their activity, DGPI's officers are guided by a professional ethos that is a nexus of their abiding principles, core values and highest aspirations, based on integrity, team spirit and collaboration, responsibility, partnership, dedication and pursuit of excellence in fulfilling their duties. DGPI's staff is not entitled to perform acts of criminal investigation and cannot take or carry out the measure of detention or other preventive measures involving deprivation of liberty.

Our unit is a young organisation, dynamic and flexible, permanently connected to the security environment evolutions, which are often unpredictable and volatile. It has a general national competence, with entities both at a central (directorates, services, units and other functional offices) and local level (services, structures and other functional offices). DGPI is managed by a director general directly subordinated to the minister of internal affairs.

The structure, coordination and strategic planning of DGPI's activity are regulated, according to the law, by orders and instructions of the minister of internal affairs, based on the strategies and policies in the field of public order and national defence as well as according to the national intelligence objectives and priorities.

DGPI's missions are:

- preventing threats referring to the Ministry of Internal Affairs objectives by gathering intelligence, drafting all-source analysis and protecting classified information;
- conducting intelligence, counter-intelligence and internal protection activities in order to identify, prevent and combat threats, vulnerabilities and risks to the information, assets, personnel, missions, decision-making and operational capacity of the Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- collecting intelligence and undertaking counter-intelligence and security activities in the field of public order and safety;
- coordinating and controlling the implementation within the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the legal standards regarding the protection of national, EU and NATO classified information;
- coordinating and controlling the cyber security activities within the Ministry of Internal Affairs, through the Response Centre to IT incidents – CERT-INT. Thus, it acts in order to protect the security of MoIA, its information, operations and officers against technological threats.

DGPI's intelligence and actions consistently provide tactical and strategic advantage for the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

In order to fulfil its legal responsibilities at the highest professional standards,

DGPI's priorities include:

- increasing the capacity to deal with threats, risks and vulnerabilities according to DGPI's responsibilities;
- ensuring intelligence support for the ministry in order to counter public disorder during major mass events;
- developing the professional expertise of the DGPI personnel by actively participating in training activities and exchange of good practices.

The field of international cooperation is one of our main priorities. DGPI is focusing on developing the exchange of experience and best practices with similar institutions of other states, in order to increase the efficiency in fulfilling its legal responsibilities.

Thus, since 2016, DGPI has strengthened its role as a reliable and valuable professional partner, not only at national level, but also in relation to EU and various international security and law enforcement institutions, by actively contributing its expertise to several working groups and cooperation mechanisms.

DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNAL CONTROL, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Republic of Northern Macedonia

The Department of Internal Control, Criminal Investigations and Professional Standards is the control mechanism of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Northern Macedonia over the work of the police and the Ministry. Therefore, the responsibilities of the Department cover a wide range of measures and activities that are aimed at the determination of unprofessional, illegal and unethical behaviour of employees of the Ministry of Interior, as well as a series of measures and activities for the prevention of such behaviour, and measures with a repressive aspect.

The Department of Internal Control, Criminal Investigations and Professional Standards is divided into three sectors. The Criminal Operations Sector performs the following duties:

- taking measures to detect, prove and suppress illegal and unprofessional treatment of employees of the Ministry;
- acting in cases where employees – outside the working hours – are suspected of committing crimes or offences against public order and peace;
- handling complaints, reports and other reported cases where employees in the performance of their duties act contrary to the rules and regulations relevant to the Ministry;
- acting upon the request of the public prosecutor's office and institutions for the external control of the Ministry, as well as upon the request of the NGO sector and citizens;
- investigating the legality in the exercise of police powers that may violate human rights and freedoms;
- preparing reviews, information and statistics within the scope of work of the Department;
- conducting procedures for recording and documenting asset declarations and statements of interest;
- initiating disciplinary procedures against members of the Ministry who have acted unprofessionally and illegally;
- developing an anti-corruption programme for the Ministry and monitoring its implementation.

ANTI-CORRUPTION EVENTS AND LATEST NEWS

CORRUPTION AND THE CORONAVIRUS

How to prevent the abuse of power during a global health pandemic

As communities around the world face an unprecedented global health crisis with the rapid spread of the coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic, our governments' first priority should be promoting our health and safety.

But extraordinary outbreaks like this one also tend to expose cracks in our health systems, highlighting potential risks and opportunities for corruption – corruption that may undermine the response to the pandemic and deprive people of health care.

Even in ordinary times, corruption in the health sector causes losses of over US\$ 500 billion every year [...].

For the full article, please click on the following link:

https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/corruption_and_the_coronavirus

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ON INTEGRITY 2020

Intensive anti-corruption training for future leaders

Transparency International School on Integrity is an annual state-of-the-art anti-corruption and accountability training for future leaders. The upcoming School will take place **from 6 to 12 July 2020 in Vilnius, Lithuania**. The School exposes its participants to the latest developments in the field of anti-corruption and accountability and offers real opportunities to try and implement their ideas in practice.

Following a rigorous selection process, students spend 7 highly intensive days learning from leading anti-corruption and accountability professionals. Transparency School seeks to create a peer-to-peer learning and integrity-building environment that links theory with practice and helps young leaders to acquire skills to better convey the message of anti-corruption.

Applications to Transparency International School on Integrity 2020 are now open. Applying is really simple – just fill out and submit the online application form. Please find more information on how to apply [here](#).

If you have any additional questions regarding the application procedure, fees and scholarships, or other inquiries, or if you encounter any difficulties concerning the application form, please contact admissions@transparencyschool.org. For further information, please visit the official website of Transparency International School on Integrity at <https://transparencyschool.org/about-school/>.

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION ACADEMY (IACA)

As of 2 March 2020, the IACA Board of Governors appointed Mr. Thomas Stelzer, Austrian diplomat with extensive multilateral experience, as Dean of the Academy for a renewable period of four years.

[Open applications at IACA](#)

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) invites all eligible candidates to apply for its two academic degree programmes: Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) and International Master in Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action (IMACC). IACA's master programmes are for two years and designed for working professionals who continue working while pursuing their degrees. Focusing on the advanced study of anti-corruption and compliance, the MACS programme is comprised of seven teaching modules and a master's thesis. The IMACC programme focuses on anti-corruption compliance and consists of six modules and a final project or a master's thesis. Both programmes will commence with studies on 1 October 2020.

The International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA) is an intensive, interdisciplinary programme that addresses trends and practices on the global anti-corruption agenda and promotes a culture of the reflective practitioner. Participants will be exposed to the latest research and case studies from leading global experts in the field, providing them with tools to help bridge the gap between anti-corruption theory and practice. The seven-day training will be held from 5 to 11 September 2020.

IACA's tailor-made trainings address the specific anti-corruption and compliance needs of individual organisations, such as government ministries, national anti-corruption authorities and audit institutions, and private and state-owned companies. Tailor-made trainings can vary in length and may include possibilities for simultaneous interpretation into a language other than English. The venue is IACA, the requesting organisation, or elsewhere.

For more information and to apply for the above-mentioned programmes, please visit IACA's website (<https://www.iaca.int/>).

PAST EVENTS

AUSTRIA SIGNS THE UNCAC COALITION'S TRANSPARENCY PLEDGE **December 2019**

In December 2019, Austria became the 19th country to sign the UNCAC Coalition's Transparency Pledge, thus committing to the following six principles of transparency in the implementation review process of the UN Convention against Corruption:

1. we will publish updated review schedules for our country review;
2. we will share information about the review institution or the coordinator (focal point);
3. we will announce the completion of the country review indicating where the report can be found;
4. we will promptly post online the self-assessment and the full country report in a UN language, together with the executive summary in local languages;
5. we will organise civil society briefings and public debates about the findings of the report;
6. we will publicly support participation of civil society observers in UNCAC subsidiary bodies.

In the framework of the Implementation Review Mechanism of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), Austria is currently being evaluated on Chapters II

(Preventive measures) and V (Asset recovery) of the UNCAC.

EIGHTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION (COSP) **Abu Dhabi, 16-20 December 2019**

The eighth session of the Conference of the States Parties (CoSP) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) was held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab

Emirates, from 16 to 20 December 2019. It was attended by political decision-makers and high-ranking representatives of anti-corruption agencies. The UNCAC currently has 186 States Parties. The Head of the Supreme Audit Institution of the United Arab Emirates, Harib Al Amimi, chaired the CoSP.

This CoSP was of crucial importance because preparations for the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on corruption (<https://ungass2021.unodc.org/ungass2021/index.html>), which is scheduled for spring 2021, were to be formally launched at this event. In this context, for example, a modalities resolution initiated by the United Arab Emirates as the chairing country was adopted, defining the operational implementation of the 2021 UNGASS.

Furthermore, the CoSP adopted a record number of 14 further resolutions in the areas of asset recovery, corruption prevention, corruption and environment, integrity promotion, measuring corruption, effectiveness of anti-corruption agencies, enhanced cooperation between courts of audit and anti-corruption agencies, corruption and sport, etc.

Additional information is available at:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/COSP/session8.html>

OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

25 to 29 May 2020:	Postponed 85 th Plenary Meeting of GRECO, Strasbourg
1 to 2 June 2020:	9 th session of the Assembly of tParties of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), Seoul
8 to 10 June 2020:	11 th session of the UNCAC Implementation Review Group, Vienna
8 to 9 June 2020:	11 th session of the UNCAC Working Group on Prevention, Vienna
11 to 12 June 2020:	Intersessional on UNGASS 2021 preparations, Vienna
23 to 26 June 2020:	Meeting of the OECD Working Group on Bribery, Paris
6 to 12 July 2020:	Transparency International School on Integrity, Vilnius
1 to 3 December 2020:	20th Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly, Vilnius