



EPAC EACN

**WORK PROGRAMME
2026-2027**

EPAC/EACN Work Programme 2026-2027

Context

This document constitutes the Work Programme for the EPAC/EACN for the period of 2026-2027 and it was developed and adopted at the EPAC/EACN Board meeting on 12 February 2026.

The Work Programme outlines the EPAC/EACN strategic objectives for 2026-2027, reflecting the EPAC/EACN mission and vision and building on the results of the previous Work Programme 2024-2025. The Work Programme will assist EPAC/EACN members and observers to learn from each other and act together to further prevent and combat corruption in Europe. The EPAC/EACN Work Programme presented herewith will remain a living document, which can be adjusted according to changing priorities of the Board or a changing situation in the European anti-corruption landscape.

Mission and vision

According to the Article 2 of the EPAC Constitution the EPAC/EACN's mission is to:

- Establish, maintain, and develop contacts between specialised anti-corruption and police oversight authorities;
- Promote 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;
- Promote international legal instruments and mechanisms from a professional perspective;
- Support the development and the promotion of common working standards and best practices for police oversight bodies and anti-corruption authorities;
- Provide a platform for the exchange of information and expertise concerning developments in police oversight and anti-corruption matters;
- Provide support to other countries and organisations that are looking to establish or develop oversight mechanisms and anti-corruption authorities;
- Co-operate with other organisations, authorities, networks, and stakeholders in compliance with the foregoing objectives.

EPAC/EACN vision is to be an active and open platform of anti-corruption and police oversight professionals across the Europe, who are ready and willing to contribute to better police oversight and global fight against corruption through dialogue, joint efforts, exchange of expertise and sharing best practices.

The European Partners against Corruption (EPAC) and European contact-point network against corruption (EACN) are independent forums for anti-corruption and police oversight practitioners. While EPAC was initiated in 2001 and subsequently established in 2004, EACN grew out of EU Council Decision 2008/852/JHA of October 2008 as a more formal network based on EPAC's pre-existing structures.

Today, EPAC/EACN comprises 127 member and observer institutions from 40 countries, making it the biggest anti-corruption and police oversight network in Europe.

Together, EPAC and EACN provide a platform for practitioners to exchange expertise and information, assist each other, and cooperate across national borders, both on a practical and professional level. In line with their respective constitutions, EPAC and EACN also advocate international legal instruments and offer assistance to other bodies for establishing transparent, efficient mechanisms.

Priorities of the EPAC/EACN 2026-2027 Work Programme

The Work Programme is organised along three main thematic clusters:

- **EPAC/EACN @ 25 – adjusting to new realities** – EPAC/EACN is the biggest and oldest network of anti-corruption and police oversight bodies in Europe and it continues to grow. Its size, history and a changing landscape of anti-corruption and police oversight realities in Europe requires adaptation and flexibility to respond to the needs and priorities of all member organisations and, at the same time, to reflect the broader picture of contemporary challenges. EPAC Constitution was adopted back in 2009 and, while it serves as an excellent foundation for the functioning of the Network, it might need some adaptations to further develop the role of EPAC/EACN both among its members and other relevant actors on a national and international level.
- **Transfer of knowledge** – the exchange of expertise and best practices will continue to be strengthened to ensure the independence, trust, and professionalism of EPAC/EACN members in reducing corruption and delivering high-quality services to citizens and societies in their respective countries. This will be achieved through a series of online webinars, targeted trainings, collection and dissemination of best practice examples, other relevant information, and seeking high-quality presentations and discussions during our annual events.
- **Enhancing communication and networking** – by communicating and networking with each other, we can better achieve our mission goals and ensure the best exchange of ideas. By this, we also support one another in our challenges and build trust. We will continue improving internal and external communication channels, employing social media, strengthening cooperation within the networks, as well as with external partners, such as EU institutions, international organisations, other networks.



Main activities of the EPAC/EACN Work Programme 2026-2027

Objective	Activity	Deliverables	Timeline	Leaders
<i>Rethinking the role EPAC/EACN</i>	Developing a questionnaire for EPAC/EACN members and observers to identify their needs and proposals as regards functioning of EPAC/EACN	Questionnaire	2026 1Q	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Conducting a survey of EPAC/EACN members and observers on the basis of the questionnaire	Survey	2026 2Q	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Gathering any feedback from external partners on functioning of EPAC/EACN	Report	2026 2Q	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Discussing results of EPAC/EACN members and observers' survey and developing proposals for the General Assembly	Proposals for the General Assembly	2026 3Q	EPAC/EACN Board, EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Short consultation with EPAC/EACN members on draft proposals for amendments (written consultation / online exchange)	Consolidated feedback from members; revised draft amendments	2026 3Q	EPAC/EACN Board, EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Discussion on future of EPAC/EACN at the EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly	Discussion	2026 4Q	EPAC/EACN Board, EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Adoption of amendments to EPAC Constitution and/or other EPAC/EACN internal documents during General Assembly	Amendments	2026 and/or 2027	EPAC/EACN Board, EPAC/EACN Secretariat

Ensuring <i>transfer of knowledge</i> between EPAC/EACN members	Organising Annual Conference and General Assembly 2026	One conference	2026 4Q	EPAC/EACN Board, EPAC/EACN Secretariat EPAC/EACN member (host organisation)
	Organising Annual Conference and General Assembly 2027	One conference	2027 2Q	EPAC/EACN Board, EPAC/EACN Secretariat, EPAC/EACN member (host organisation)
	Organising webinars for EPAC/EACN members	At least two webinar per year	2026-2027	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Maintaining and further developing best-practices and standards section on EPAC/EACN website	Updated website	2026-2027	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Launching “Member Practice Spotlight”	4 short best-practice notes published per year	2026-2027	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
Enhancing <i>communication and networking</i>	Providing annual input for the EU Rule of Law report	At least one written input on behalf of EPAC/EACN per year	2026 1Q 2027 1Q	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Maintaining and further improving EPAC/EACN website www.epac-eacn.org	Maintain data base on anti-corruption and police oversight standards	Continuous	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Publishing EPAC/EACN newsletters	At least three EPAC/EACN newsletters per year	2026-2027	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Maintaining EPAC/EACN annual catalogue	Update and publish at least once per year	Continuous	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Maintaining EPAC/EACN social media accounts (Linked-in, YouTube, Facebook)	Regular posts related to EPAC/EACN activities, events, and network information	Continuous	EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	Developing EPAC/EACN visual identity and communication guidelines	Adopted EPAC/EACN Brandbook	2026 2Q	EPAC/EACN Secretariat

	<p>Representing EPAC/EACN at the international events and conferences in the area of anti-corruption and police oversight</p>	<p>Representation of EPAC/EACN at EU Network against Corruption and other similar forums</p>	Continuous	EPAC/EACN Board, EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	<p>Establishing collaboration and partnerships with other international networks of anti-corruption and police oversight authorities</p>	<p>Meetings and, where appropriate, partnership agreements with other international networks, such as ICIN, NCPA, NEIWA, IAACA, etc.</p>	Continuous	EPAC/EACN Board, EPAC/EACN Secretariat
	<p>Promoting initiatives to involve other anti-corruption and police oversight authorities from European countries to join EPAC/EACN</p>	<p>New EPAC/EACN members and/or observers by an end of 2027</p>	Continuous	EPAC/EACN Board

