

Day 3 – Wednesday, 7 October 2026

09:00 – 10:30

Parallel Break-Out Sessions III

Session E

Institutional Resilience of Anti-Corruption Agencies and Police Oversight Bodies: Independence, Resources and Reform Challenges

This breakout session will examine the institutional conditions that enable anti-corruption agencies and police oversight bodies to perform their mandates effectively. The discussion will focus on independence, adequate and sustainable funding, leadership and governance models, internal management, staffing, access to information, legal powers, accountability safeguards, political and institutional pressure, reform fatigue, and the challenges of maintaining public trust. The session will also explore how institutional design and management challenges affect the ability of anti-corruption and oversight bodies to prevent, detect and respond to corruption, fraud, misconduct and other integrity risks. Particular attention will be given to practical lessons from institutional reforms, mandate changes, budgetary constraints, peer reviews, external evaluations and cooperation with European and international partners.

Panel Discussion:

- Katarina BERVAR STERNAD, Chief Commissioner, Commission for the Prevention of Corruption, Slovenia
- Jovitas RAŠKEVIČIUS, First Deputy Director of the Special Investigation Service, Lithuania
- Inês FARINHA, Inspector, Inspectorate-General of Internal Administration, Portugal
- Robert SOARE, Director of Investigation Directorate, Anticorruption General Directorate (DGA) under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romania

Moderator: Pedro Nuno de CARVALHO FIGUEIREDO, EPAC/EACN Vice-President (police oversight strand) / Inspector-General, Inspectorate-General of Internal Administration, Portugal

Session F

Risk Management, Conflicts of Interest and Undue Influence: Prevention Tools for Integrity Institutions

This breakout session will focus on how anti-corruption agencies, police oversight bodies and integrity institutions identify, assess and manage corruption risks across public institutions and high-risk sectors. The speakers will examine practical tools for corruption risk mapping, institutional risk assessments, integrity planning, conflict-of-interest prevention, revolving door controls, lobbying transparency, undue influence detection, asset and interest declarations, and follow-up to recommendations.

Practical Presentations:

- "A Multilevel Methodology for Assessing Organizational Integrity in Public Organizations" – Traian Mihăiță BÂRLICI, EPAC/EACN Deputy Vice-President (anti-corruption strand) / Head of the Prevention Directorate, Anticorruption General Directorate (DGA) under the Ministry of the Interior, Romania
- "Who Is Responsible for Preventing Conflicts of Interest? Shared Responsibilities of Public Officials, Institutions and Oversight Bodies" – Jolanta BERNOTAITĖ, Chairperson, Chief Official Ethics Commission, Lithuania "Building a
- "Culture of Integrity: Combining Risk Assessment, Ethics Training and Prevention Measures" – Bojana SMARTEK, Acting Assistant Director, Sector for Integrity and Anti-Corruption Education, Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Serbia
- "Assessing the Implementation of Integrity and Anti-Corruption Measures in Public Institutions" – Marko ŠKEROVIĆ, Head of the Integrity Department, Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Montenegro

Moderator: Traian Mihăiță BÂRLICI, EPAC/EACN Deputy Vice-President (anti-corruption strand) / Head of the Prevention Directorate at the Anti-Corruption General Directorate (DGA) under the Ministry of the Interior, Romania

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

Parallel Break-Out Sessions IV

Session G

Whistleblowing, Reporting Channels and Protection of Persons Reporting Corruption and Misconduct

This breakout session will examine how anti-corruption agencies, police oversight bodies and other integrity institutions receive, assess and act upon reports of corruption, fraud, misconduct and other integrity breaches. The discussion will focus on the practical functioning of reporting channels, protection of whistleblowers and complainants, confidentiality safeguards, retaliation risks, triage of incoming reports, cooperation with investigative bodies, and the use of reporting data for systemic prevention. The session will also explore how reporting mechanisms can support the detection of corruption and fraud affecting public and EU financial interests, while maintaining trust, procedural fairness and protection of sensitive information.

Case Study Presentations:

- "From Reporting to Protection and Action: Handling Whistleblower Reports in Practice" – Snežana ĐURETIĆ, Advisor in the Department for Handling Whistleblower Reports, Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Montenegro
- Ana Paula LOURENÇO, MENAC's Management Board member, Portugal
- "Risk-sensitive roles: Improving overall integrity by assessing individual vulnerabilities" – Twan HOL, Dutch Whistleblowing Authority, Netherlands
- Aitana ÁLVAREZ SIMÓ, Prevention Officer at the Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia, Spain

Moderator: Marion HIDRIO, EPAC/EACN Deputy Vice-President (police oversight strand) / Head of the French National Police General Inspectorate office in Rennes, France

Session H

From Data to Intelligence: Advanced Analytics for Corruption and Integrity Risk Assessment

This breakout session will examine how anti-corruption agencies, police oversight bodies and integrity institutions transform data into actionable analysis for preventing, detecting and responding to corruption, fraud, misconduct and wider integrity risks. The session will focus on practical analytical methods and intelligence products such as risk scoring, trend analysis, network analysis, anomaly detection, data fusion, visualisation and analytical reporting.

Practice Showcase:

- Ion TUDORAN, Director of Intelligence Directorate, Anticorruption General Directorate (DGA) under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romania
- Mykhailo MYKHAILOVSKYI Head of the Digital Transformation and Innovative Development Unit, National Agency on Corruption Prevention, Ukraine
- "From Fragmented Data to Actionable Intelligence" – Darvydas BITVINSKAS, Analytical Anti-Corruption Intelligence Department, Special Investigation Service, Lithuania

Moderator: Jure ŠKRBEČ, anticorruption expert, Slovenia

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 14:15

Plenary Session III. EPAC/EACN General Assembly

Moderator: Darius MICKEVIČIUS, Head of EPAC/EACN Secretariat

- Acceptance of new members
- Activity report
- Presentation of the results of the survey on EPAC/EACN role and activities
- Adoption of Budva Declaration

14:15 – 14:30

EPAC/EACN Awards (award ceremony)

14:30 – 15:00

Concluding remarks

- Pavle ČUPIĆ, Member of the Council of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Montenegro
- Linas PERNAVAS, President of EPAC/EACN and Director of the Special Investigation Service (STT), Lithuania

15:00 – 16:00

Free time

16:00 – 18:00

Conference closing event – boat trip