



26-27 APRIL 2018 MAPPING CORRUPTION SCHEMES INVOLVING EU FUNDS

Corruption in EU financed projects: a review of corruption schemes, prevention mechanisms and investigation strategies



Corruption is a salient issue undermining EU's financial interests. OLAF 2016 report highlight that "there is one other common thread running through OLAF's investigations in general, and the public procurement ones in particular, that would be the existence and use of corruption". Mr. Giovanni Kessler, Director-General of OLAF pointed out that "corruption is still an almost universal aspect found in our cases".

Corruption diverts E.U. resources, but it can also be used by criminal groups to further weaken the Union. The issue of corruption is tackled unevenly at the MS level, some Governments and authorities being more proactive than other. European Commission called for "operational activities to share experience and best practices among Member States' authorities and actively working alongside [...] private stakeholders and civil society organisations". There is a need to involve MS in creating a common platform on this issue as UE is at crossroads at the moment and a new impetus is building.



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The conferences organised in Bucharest in 2018 aim to create networks and structural platforms between Member States and candidate countries in order to facilitate the exchange of information, experience and best practices among professionals involved in protecting EU's financial interests.

Next Conferences:

Corruption prevention mechanisms related to E.U. funded projects (June 28, 2018, Bucharest);

New investigation strategies to uncover corruption in the E.U. financed projects (November 8, 2018, Bucharest)







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