Annex-Questionnare

Measures taken to implement the Convention and the commitments contained in the UNGASS political declaration, as well as good practices and progress made in the use of international cooperation mechanisms under Convection[1]

Country	Serbia
Implementing authority/authorities	Ministry of Interior, The Agency for Prevention of Corruption of the Republic of Serbia, Ministry of Justice, Republic Prosecutor's Office
Corresponding paragraph(s) of the UNGASS political declaration and/or article(s) of the Convention	
Title of initiative	Methodology of the Matrix of High Level Corruption Cases
Keywords of initiative	Matrix of high-level corruption cases
Short summary of initiative (please indicate the start date/duration if relevant)	Create a Matrix of high-level corruption cases—a database of allegations, investigations, prosecutions and sanctions in such cases for all OECD/ACN member countries and will aim at facilitating enforcement actions in the region through encouraging transnational cooperation, and providing support by serving as an evidentiary basis for capacity development of law enforcement officials.
Detailed description of initiative	The use of the Matrix will help facilitate three main objectives: •Providing thorough in-depth analysis for evidence-based policy development. The Matrix aims to link various cases in different jurisdictions for coordinated and joint actions, identify trends, risk sectors, knowledge, experiences, common challenges, effective strategies and best practices to resolve such challenges. Analysis of the Matrix data and related discussions at the ACN/LEN will contribute to identifying law enforcement trends, developing a regional anti-corruption outlook and offering countries informed recommendations regarding possible ways to make progress in the fight against high-level corruption; • Enhancing the capacity of law enforcement agencies to counter high-level corruption. The Matrix will also assist in developing and strengthening the capacities of law enforcement bodies to successfully detect, investigate and prosecute high-level corruption. To this end, the Matrix will serve as a source of case studies for the exchange of knowledge, experiences, lessons learned and good practices between representatives of the law enforcement community. Given the complexity and political sensitivity of many high-level corruption cases, particular attention will be paid to the inter-agency cooperation, confiscation and asset recovery, including such tools as analytical sources of detecting corruption and financial investigations;

	• Supporting proactive law enforcement action against high-level corruption. The Matrix itself may serve as an instrument used to detect high-level corruption by providing law enforcement officials with information about public allegations or investigations commenced in other countries. In addition, the Matrix will allow for the facilitation of international cooperation in individual cases by bringing to the attention of involved jurisdictions cases that may require information exchange, joint actions or mutual legal assistance. Finally, the Matrix will function as a database for promoting proactive detection and investigation of high-level corruption, particularly by inspiring countries to consider all respective credible allegations.
Lessons learned in implementing the initiative	Most OECD/ACN countries1 demonstrated quite limited efforts in the detection, investigation and prosecution of high-profile corruption.Examples of corrupt schemes across the globe have repeatedly implicated high-level public officials and resulted in the gross misappropriation of public funds or resources. As a direct result, education, health and other development priorities remain underfunded.
Challenges encountered in implementing the initiative	Law enforcement agencies would benefit in building technical capacity and allocating funds to pursue investigations, prosecute and sanction corruption.Further exploration of synergies with relevant institutions, international bodies and lack of providing support to Matrix by ACN/LEN members.
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