

**Visit of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption
of the Republic of Macedonia
Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau (KNAB)
Alberta Street 13 Riga Latvia
June 1 - 4, 2009**

Agenda

Delegation members:

Mr. Vlatko Ivanov, adviser on assets declarations at SCPC and coordinator of the study visit

Mr. Adem Cuculj, adviser of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption

Mrs. Emilija Nikolic, adviser on conflict of interests of the SCPC

Mrs. Emrie Zuberi, junior associate of the SCPC

Monday 1 June

9:30 – 10:30

Welcoming words by **Mr. Normunds Vilnītis**, Director of the Bureau and **Mrs. Juta Striķe**, **Deputy Director on Enforcement Matters**

Briefly about the main directions of work of the Bureau, future priorities and main trends in investigation of corruption

10:30 – 12:00

Meeting with **Mr. Alvis Vilks**, **Deputy Director**

Issues to be discussed:

- prevention of corruption in Latvia and role of KNAB;
- development and particularities of related legal framework;
- examination of activities of public officials: problems and results, prevention of conflict of interest;
- KNAB initiatives in the area of income control
- co-operation with other institutions

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 15:30 Meeting with **Mr. Jaroslavs Strelcenoks**, **Deputy Head of Division of Control of Activities of Public Officials**

Issues to be discussed:

- receiving and processing information concerning allegations of conflict of interests and other violations committed by public officials pursuant to the law "On Prevention of Conflict of Interest in Activities of Public Officials" (*hereinafter – CoIL*);
- grounds to start examination of activities of certain public officials (random selection, received information from external sources/ internal sources, etc.);
- duties and responsibilities of management of a public administration body in relation to conflict of interests;
- access to information from other institutions, existing data basis;
- examination of assets of public officials;
- applying administrative sanctions;
- mechanisms in place (civil or/and administrative) allowing to remove the advantage obtained by violating the law
- other questions.

Tuesday 2 June

9:30 – 11:00

Meeting with **Mrs. Diana Kurpniece, Head of Public Relations and Education Division, Mrs. Ilze Leimane, Deputy Head of Division**

Issues to be discussed:

- sources and methods of advising and training of public officials and judiciary on conflict of interests and ethics;
- effects of anti-corruption advertising campaigns.

11:00 – 13:00

Branch/Lunch

13:00 – 14:00

Meeting with **Mrs. Inga Soloveja, Head of Division of Control of Political Parties Financing**

Issues to be discussed:

- legal framework regarding financing of political parties in Latvia
- pre-election campaigning monitoring before elections to municipalities and the European Parliament
- problems encountered during previous elections and countermeasures

14:00 – 15:30

Meeting with **Mr. Igors Ivanovs, Corruption Analyses and Policy Planning Division**

- analyses of policy planning documents, legislation;
- methods of drafting policy planning documents and preparing draft laws;
- methods of analyses of the results of the Bureau and other institutions in the area of corruption prevention.

Wednesday, 3 June

9:30 – 12:00

Meeting at **the State Revenue Service**, Aspazijas blv. 24 tel: 67028998

Issues to be discussed:

- electronic declaration system (since 2008) for public officials: problems and advantages;
- effectiveness of income audit and criteria to proceed with income audit for public officials;
- receiving and filling annual declarations of assets of public officials;
- mandate and functions of SRS in the area of income control for public officials;
- recovery of illegally acquired assets.

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 14:30

Meeting at the **Latvian School of Public Administration**, Raiņa blvd. 4, tel: 26517522

- training of public officials on topics of ethics and corruption prevention.

15:00 – 16:00

KNAB co-operation with nongovernmental organizations in the area of corruption prevention, meeting with **Mr. Valts Kalniņš, Providus**

- in-depth research regarding conflict of interests in Latvia
- guidelines for certain groups of public officials concerning restrictions of the CoIL.

Thursday, 4 June

9:30 – 11:30

Meeting with **Mrs. Violeta Zeppa-Priedite, Head of Legal Division, Mrs. Ilze Draveniece, Senior Specialist of Legal Division**

Issues to be discussed:

- internal procedures and principles of work at KNAB;
- recovery of illegally acquired assets: court practice of KNAB.

11:30 – 12:30

Informal follow-up on the information gained during the visit and additional questions