



**EU'S FINANCIAL INTERESTS UNDER THREAT:
NEW APPROACHES IN ASSESSING THE RISKS FROM PUBLIC
PROCUREMENT AND EU FUNDS FRAUD**

October 31 – November 1, 2013
Royal I Hall, Sofia, Sheraton Hotel

Agenda

October 31, 2013

9:30 Opening

Dr. Ognian Shentov, Chairman, Center for the Study of Democracy

Nikolas Kanellopoulos, Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights, Greece

9:45 Session 1, Policy perspectives and implementation instruments

Dr. Ioannis Karkalis, Supreme Court Justice, Vice-Commissioner of the State, Greece

Wim Wensink, Project Manager, PwC, Netherlands

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Session 2, EU funds: assessing corruption risks and impact

Domenico Perrotta, Senior Researcher, Institute for Protection and Security of the Citizen, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Dr. Gian Luigi Albano, Procurement Expert, Consip S.p.A., Italy

Miglena Pavlova, Executive Director, Public Procurement Agency, Bulgaria

Discussion

Moderator: **Ruslan Stefanov**, Director Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Session 3, Industry focus – assessing the extent of fraud in vulnerable industries

Evgeny Smirnov, Senior Procurement Specialist, Procurement Department, EBRD

Ambassador Ilian Vassilev, Honorary Chairman, Bulgarian Economic Forum

16:00 Coffee Break

Sorin Ionita, President, Expert Forum (EFOR), Romania

Discussion

Moderator: **Dr. Philip Gounev**, Senior Analyst, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

17:00 Closing

November 1, 2013

9:30 Session 4, Assessing procurement fraud: policies and practice

Edward Nkune, Director, National Fraud Authority, UK

Silviu Popa, Senior Expert, National Council for Solving Complaints, Romania

Georgi Zaikov and **Borislav Hlebarov**, AFCOS Directorate, Ministry of the Interior, Bulgaria

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Session 5, Countering public procurement fraud: European perspectives

Professor Ernesto Savona, Director, Transcrime, Italy

Discussion

Moderator: **Professor Alexander Stoyanov**, Director, Vitosha Research

12:30 Closing