

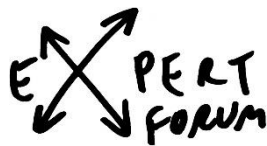


**Money and politics –  
linking public resources to the illicit financing of political parties**

## AGENDA

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**  
**Athénée Palace Hilton, Diplomat Hall**  
**1-3 Episcopiei, Bucharest**

Day I - 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017		
<b>08:45 – 09:15</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>	
<b>09:15 – 10:50</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome speech</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Connecting the dots: European perspectives over consolidating good governance and fighting misuse of public goods</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Laura Ștefan, anticorruption expert, EFOR</p>	<p>Sorin Ioniță, President, Expert Forum</p> <p><b>Mihaela Virginia Toader</b>, Secretary of State, Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds (MDRAPFE)</p> <p><b>Inguna Kramina</b>, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy, Competence Centre Administrative Capacity Building</p> <p><b>Christopher Speckbacher</b>, Head of Section of GRECO's Secretariat</p> <p><b>Jacopo Leone</b>, Democratic Governance Officer at OSCE, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</p>
	<b>Questions and Discussion</b>	
<b>10.50 – 11.10</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>11.10 - 13.15</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Main conclusions of the report</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Sorin Ioniță, President, Expert Forum</p>	<p><b>Septimius Pârvu</b>, Project manager, <b>Cezara Grama</b>, Legal expert, Expert Forum</p> <p><b>Munir Podumljak</b>, Executive Director, Partnership for Social Development, Croatia</p> <p><b>Prof. Dr. Dacian Dragos</b>, Public procurement expert, Babes Bolyai University</p>



	<b>Questions and Discussion</b>	
<b>13:15 – 14:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>14:15 – 15:45</b>	<p><b>Abuse of state resources and vulnerabilities related to the EU and national funds</b></p> <p>Moderator: Otilia Nuțu, Expert Forum</p>	<p><b>Paul Silviu Dumitriu</b>, Deputy Chief Prosecutor (DNA), Section for Combating the Offences Assimilated to those of Corruption</p> <p><b>Artem Sytnyk</b>, Director of the National Anti-corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU)</p> <p><b>Gheorghe Oană</b>, Vicepresident, Audit Authority, Romania</p> <p><b>Constantin Lica</b>, Councillor, Fight against Fraud Department (DLAF), Romania</p>
	<b>Questions and Discussion</b>	
<b>15:45 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>16:00 – 18:00</b>	<p><b>Regulating money and politics: administrative and criminal tools. What works better?</b></p> <p>Moderator: Septimius Pârvu, Expert Forum</p>	<p><b>Magnus Ohman</b>, IFES Senior Political Finance Adviser and Director, Regional Europe Office, Georgia</p> <p><b>Peter Wardle</b>, Political Finance consultant, Former president of the Electoral Commission, the United Kingdom</p> <p><b>Lina Petroniene</b>, Head of the Division of Political Parties and Campaigns Funding Control, Central Election Commission of Lithuania</p> <p><b>Bogdan Toma Costreie</b>, Director, Department for control of financing of political parties and electoral campaigns, Permanent Electoral Authority, Romania</p> <p><b>Inga Zeltiņa</b>, Senior Inspector of the Division of Control of Political Parties Financing, KNAB, Latvia</p>
	<b>Questions and Discussion</b>	
<b>18:30</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	



Day II - 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

08:30 – 09:00		Welcome coffee
09:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Technology and transparency of political funds</b></p> <p>Moderator: Septimius Pârnu, Expert Forum</p>	<p><b>Samuel van der Staak</b>, Senior Programme Manager, International IDEA</p> <p><b>Zurab Aznaurashvili</b>, Head of Financial Monitoring Service of Political Parties, State Audit Office of Georgia</p> <p><b>Märten Veskimäe</b>, Supervisory Committee on Party Financing / Researcher of party financing policies at the University of Tartu, Estonia</p> <p><b>Attila Biro</b>, Investigative journalist, Rise Project, Romania</p>
<b>Questions and Discussion</b>		
11:00 - 11.15		Coffee Break
11.15 – 13.00	<p><b>Civil society and citizens monitoring the abuse of state resources</b></p> <p>Moderator: Laura Ștefan, anticorruption expert, EFOR</p>	<p><b>Oleksandra Ustinova</b>, Expert, Anti-Corruption Action Center, Ukraine</p> <p><b>Stefan Karaboev</b>, Analyst, Center for Study of Democracy, Bulgaria</p> <p><b>Vít Šimral</b>, Consultant, Frank Bold, Czech Republic</p> <p><b>Nicolae Panfil</b>, Program coordinator, Promo-LEX Moldova</p>
<b>Questions and Discussion</b>		
13.00 – 14.00		Lunch
14.00 - 16.00	<p><b>Public funding, companies and organized crime in financing political parties and electoral campaigns</b></p> <p>Moderator: Cezara Grama, Expert Forum</p>	<p><b>Bogdan Stan</b>, President, National Integrity Agency</p> <p><b>Curcio Francesco</b>, Assistant Prosecutor, National Anti-mafia and Counterterrorism Directorate</p> <p><b>Giorgi Lomtadze</b>, Research Direction Lead, The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), Georgia</p>



		<b>Denis Cenușă</b> , Program Director, Expert Group, Moldova
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	Conclusions and steps forward	<b>Sorin Ioniță, Expert Forum</b>
<b>16.30</b>	Closing mocktail: feeding your politicians. What have we learnt in the region?	



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