AGENDA & PROGRAMME OF WORK

DECLARATION

Launch of the GlobE Network Regional Component for the Western Balkans

5 September 2023
Vienna International Centre (VIC) | M-Building, M2
Vienna, Austria
AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
Opening remarks
*Rositsa Zaharieva – GlobE Network Coordinator, UNODC*

Setting the agenda for the meeting
*Constantine Palicarsky – Regional Adviser (Anti-corruption), UNODC*

10.15 – 11.20
Item 2. Adoption of the Declaration on the Establishment of the GlobE Network Regional Component for the Western Balkans: statements by representatives of Law Enforcement

*Moderator: Constantine Palicarsky – Regional Adviser (Anti-corruption), UNODC*
- Representative of Albania
- Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Representative of Montenegro
- Representative of North Macedonia
- Representative of Serbia

11.20 – 11.30
Item 3. Next steps and closing of the meeting
*Rositsa Zaharieva – GlobE Network Coordinator, UNODC*
We, the gathered representatives of law enforcement agencies, anti-corruption bodies, police and prosecution services and financial intelligence units from the Western Balkans (Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia), recognize the importance of combating corruption and the need for coordinated action to address this pressing challenge in our region.

We believe that the Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (GlobE Network), to which we are all members, has a valuable role to play in promoting international cooperation, capacity-building, and information sharing among law enforcement agencies and anticorruption bodies around the world and that establishing a regional component of GlobE in the Western Balkans will further strengthen the capacity of the institutions in the region to engage in international law-enforcement cooperation.

We establish the GlobE Western Balkans regional component that will bring together law enforcement officials, anti-corruption experts, and relevant stakeholders from our region to:

- Facilitate direct and informal cooperation between anti-corruption law enforcement authorities to prevent and combat corruption;
- Facilitate, as may be requested and agreed, parallel and/or joint bilateral or multilateral investigations;
- Facilitate consultation between anti-corruption law enforcement authorities in order to promote effective mutual legal assistance in transnational corruption cases;
- Enhance the knowledge, innovation and capacities of anti-corruption law enforcement authorities and exchange good practice;
- Develop an online hub to facilitate access to knowledge products and to information on capacity building programmes;
- Complement and ensure synergies with other relevant networks and stakeholders;
- Promote the exchange of best practices, experiences, and lessons learned in the investigation and prosecution of corruption cases;
- Raise public awareness of the harmful effects of corruption on society and the importance of integrity, transparency, and accountability in public institutions.

We call on governments, international organizations, and civil society organizations to support the establishment and operation of the GlobE Western Balkans regional component, and to provide the necessary resources and expertise to ensure its effectiveness and sustainability.

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ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GLOBE NETWORK REGIONAL COMPONENT FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS
Meeting venue: M-Building, conference room M2

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