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Workshop 2 – 21–22 June 2021 (online)

Distinguishing criteria between petty and high-ranking corruption: Preliminary results

ABSTRACT

The second online meeting of the CRITCOR project was held on June 21–22, 2021, which was attended by experts from 11 countries, together with Hungary. In their presentations, the Portuguese, Dutch, Romanian, Czech, Croatian and Serbian, as well as the Hungarian speakers mainly presented the difficulties and limitations of corruption research and the practical and ethical dilemmas that arise in connection with the research; and also the results of successful corruption investigations were discussed.

At the workshop, Hungarian researchers gave lectures on the results of the research carried out within the framework of the CRITCOR project – partly even preliminary ones: the lessons of the so-called “grounding questionnaire” were drawn by *Éva Inzelt*; whilst *Krisztina Farkas* gave an insight into the problems of budget fraud. In addition to the definition-problems and indicators suitable for measuring corruption, which are the cornerstones of corruption discussions (*Miklós Hajdu*), the ethical dimensions of the research were also discussed in the report of *Wim Huisman and Madelijne Gorsira*. The interpretation of the Portuguese rapporteur (*Rita Faria*) raised the issue of the relevance and complexity of quantitative studies; elsewhere, participants were able to hear a presentation – by *Andra-Roxana Trandafir* – on the criminal law regulation of corruption in Romania. The Czech expert *Vladimír Naxera* magnified the political connotation of corruption in the Czech Republic; while *Sunčana Roksančić* (Croatia) discussed the EU aspects of the issue and the relationship between organized crime and corruption. The final presentation of the conference was given by *Nikola Vujičić*, who spoke about the difficulties of criminal law regulation and prevention in Serbia.

In addition to the presentations, there was an opportunity for a lively professional discourse as well as to discuss the further steps of the project. We would like to thank the experts from Portugal, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Romania, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Serbia and Poland and of course for the Hungarian professionals for their participation in the online discussion; for the great presentations for the presenters and the joint management of the debates for the moderators.

The consultation proved to be extremely useful and in many respects was forward-looking in terms of understanding the phenomenon of corruption and the collaboration between researchers and practitioners. The project will continue with a case processing training in November with experts from four countries.

PRESENTATIONS

- ◆ *Éva Inzelt: Distinguishing criteria between petty and high-ranking corruption: Preliminary results*
- ◆ *Rita Faria: Qualitative Research Methodologies and Epistemologies in the Field of Corruption*
- ◆ *József Kó: First results of the second analysis: Corruption offences in Hungary*
- ◆ *Krisztina Farkas: Distinguishing criteria between petty and high-ranking corruption: Preliminary results II*
- ◆ *Andra-Roxana Trandafir: The perspectives of the Romanian legislation on large scale and petty corruption*

- ◆ Wim Huisman – Madelijne Gorsira: Both sides of the coin: *Motives for corruption among public officials and business employees*
- ◆ Miklós Hajdu: *Possibilities in Measuring Corruption*
- ◆ Sunčana Roksandić: *How to prioritize corruption research in the EU relation to EU Internal and External Security*
- ◆ Vladimír Naxera: *Anti-corruption rhetoric within contemporary Czech politics*
- ◆ Nikola Vujičić: *Prevention and fight against corruption in Serbia*

AGENDA

21 June 2021
1st Day

Time (CET)	Action	Speaker(s)
08:30–09:00	Connection	
09:00–09:10	Opening address/Welcome and introduction to the programme	Tünde BARABÁS <i>OKRI, Hungary</i>
Chair of the meeting: Éva INZELT, <i>Assistant professor, ELTE University, Hungary</i>		
09:10–09:40	Distinguishing criteria between petty and high-ranking corruption: Preliminary results	Éva INZELT, Assistant Professor, ELTE University, Hungary
09:40–10:00	Questions and Discussion	
10:00–10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15–10:45	Qualitative Research Methodologies and Epistemologies in the Field of Corruption	Rita FARIA, Assistant Professor, University of Porto
10:45–11:05	Questions and Discussion	
11:05–11:35	Preliminary results of OKRI's researches	József KÓ, <i>researcher, OKRI, Hungary</i> and Krisztina FARKAS, <i>seconded prosecutor, OKRI, Hungary</i>
11:35–11:55	Questions and Discussion	
11:55–13:00	Lunch	
13:00–13:30	The perspectives of the Romanian legislation on large scale and petty corruption	Andra-Roxana TRANDAFIR, <i>Vice Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest</i>
13:30–13:50	Questions and Discussion	
13:50–14:05	Coffee Break	
14:05–14:35	Motives for Corruption Among Public Officials and Business Employees	Wim HUISMAN <i>Head of the VU School of Criminology, VU University of Amsterdam</i> and Madelijne GORSIRA, <i>Criminologist, Serious Fraud Office of the Dutch Public Prosecution Service</i>
14:35–14:55	Questions and Discussion	
14:55–15:10	Closing the First day	

22 June 2021
2nd Day

Time (CET)	Action	Speaker(s)
08:30–09:00	Connection	
Chair of the meeting: Krisztina FARKAS, <i>seconded prosecutor, OKRI, Hungary</i>		
09:00–09:30	Possibilities to Measuring Corruption	Miklós HAJDU <i>Corruption Research Center, Budapest, Hungary</i>
9:30–9:50	Questions and Discussion	
9:50–10:20	How to prioritize corruption research in the EU in relation to EU Internal and External Security?	Sunčana ROKSANDIČ VIDLIČKA, <i>Assistant Professor, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law</i>
10:20–10:40	Questions and Discussion	
10:40–11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00–11:30	Anti-corruption rhetoric within contemporary Czech politics	Vladimir NAXERA, <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of West Bohemia</i>
11:30–11:50	Questions and Discussion	
11:50–13:00	Lunch	
13:00–13:30	Prevention and Fight against Corruption in Serbia	Nikola VUJIČIČ, <i>Research Associate, Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research, Belgrade (Serbia)</i>
13:30–13:50	Questions and Discussion	
13:50–14:10	Coffee Break	
14:10–14:50	Evaluation of workshop 2 – Preparation of the Toolkit (Guidelines for Practitioners)	Éva INZELT <i>Assistant Professor, ELTE University, Hungary</i>
14:50–15:00	Closing the Workshop2	Tünde BARABÁS <i>OKRI, Hungary</i>