

EVENTS

Training – 22–23 November 2021 (online)

Detection, Prosecution, and Judicial Practice of Corruption Crimes

ABSTRACT

Within the framework of the CRITCOR project, an international training was held on November 22–23, 2021, entitled: *Detection, Prosecution, and Judicial Practice of Corruption Crimes*. The hands-on professional program consisted of two major content units: on the one hand, participants were able to give presentations on domestic and foreign investigative and anti-corruption practices, the protection of the EU's financial interests, and the prosecution and police practice of due diligence; on the other hand, anonymized cases were processed over a period of about 5 hours.

The professional program was opened by *Tünde Barabás*, Head of Department at the National Institute of Criminology (OKRI), which was followed by the presentation of *Barna Miskolczi*, Chief Prosecutor of the Public Prosecutor's Office. It provided a thorough overview on the activities threatening the EU's financial interests that could have an indirect – or even direct – impact on the integrity of the European Union. *Lucia Parlato*, a professor at the University of Palermo, spoke about the means of investigating-acts of corruption in Italy, focusing primarily on the relevant legal background; then the Polish participants illustrated the CBA's investigative and reconnaissance activities and crime prevention opportunities through specific cases. At the forefront of the second day of the training was the question of reliability tests: *Andrea Zsolnai*, Head of the Infringement and Law Enforcement Department of the Public Prosecutor's Office of the General Prosecutor's Office, revealed the tasks of the Prosecutor's Office in relation to investigations in a richly illustrated, comprehensible and practice-oriented presentation. After her presentation *Zita Veprik* Police Lieutenant held a similarly high quality and thorough analysis, now from a police perspective.

The two-day event focused on discussing practical issues. Although the training was originally planned in the form of attendance, due to the epidemic situation, the program was transferred to the online space, which, however, did not in the least hinder the fruitful dialogue and the effectiveness of the training. Within the framework of the training, the participants processed three legal cases in groups of 7-8 people with the help of the following moderators: *Éva Inzelt* (assistant professor, Eötvös Loránd University), *Adrienn Laczó* (judge, Metropolitan Court), *Krisztina Farkas* (prosecutor, OKRI), *Richárd Szoboszlai-Szász* (Chief Prosecutor, General Prosecutor's Office) and *János Homonnai* (Head of Department Prosecutor, General Prosecutor's Office). Corruption cases were gradually brought to the attention of police officers, judges and prosecutors, so that, during the processing of the cases it was possible to discuss certain investigative problems, the use of covert means, and the supervision and judicial issues, too. Anonymized, real cases can serve as a basis for avoiding previous mistakes in future cases by police officers, prosecutors, judges; at the same time, the common thinking also helped to achieve the specific objective of the project: to define the indicators needed to distinguish between petty and high-ranking cases. The evaluation of the processed cases in this respect by the professional organizations was a huge benefit of the training. The fruitful dialogue between the professions was also an outstanding result of the discussions.

In March 2022, at the closing conference of CRITCOR, as a summary of the project, we are waiting for the participants of the program with lectures and additional case processing sections.

PRESENTATIONS

- ◆ Miskolczi Barna: *The real purpose of the criminal law protection of the financial interests of the EU*
- ◆ Lucia Parlato: *Current Issues related to Corruption Offenses and Investigation Tools in Italy*
- ◆ Zuzanna Mrozowska: *Experience Sharing Training based on case studies of different states*
- ◆ Agnieszka Reicher: *Irregularities in Warsaw property reprivatisation process*
- ◆ Artur Koldys: *Corruption prevention in Poland*
- ◆ Zsolnai Andrea: *A megbízhatósági vizsgálatok engedélyezésével összefüggő kérdésekről*
- ◆ Veprik Zita: *A megbízhatósági vizsgálatok elemzése a rendőrség szempontjából*

AGENDA

22 November 2021
1st Day

Time (CET)	Action	Speaker(s)
09:30–10:00	Registration/ Connection	
10:00–10:15	Welcome and introduction of the programme	Tünde BARABÁS, <i>Head of Division, Senior Research Fellow, Chief Counselor, National Institute of Criminology, Hungary</i>
Chair of the meeting: Éva INZELT, <i>Assistant Professor, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary</i>		
10:15–11:00	The real purpose of the criminal law protection of the financial interests of the EU	Barna MISKOLCI <i>prosecutor, Head of Department for International and European Affairs, Office of the Prosecutor General of Hungary</i>
11:00–11:45	Current issues related to corruption offenses and investigations tools in Italy	Lucia PARLATO <i>Professor, Università degli Studi di Palermo, Italy</i>
11:45–12:10	Coffee Break	
12:10–13:00	Corruption prevention in Poland	Zuzanna MROZOWSKA Agnieszka REICHER, Artur KOLDYS, – Central Anti-Corruption Bureau, Poland
13:00–14:00	Lunch	
14:00–16:00	Legal Case Studies I Questions and discussion	
	▪ 1st Group Moderator: Éva INZELT, <i>Assistant Professor, ELTE, Hungary</i>	

▪ **2nd Group**

Moderator: Krisztina FARKAS,
Prosecutor, OKRI, Hungary

▪ **3rd Group**

Moderator: Adrienn LACZÓ,
Judge, Metropolitan Court, Hungary

▪ **4th Group**

Moderators:

Richárd SZOBOSZLAI-SZÁSZ, *Prosecutor, Head of Department and*
János HOMONNAI, *Prosecutor, Head of Division*

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16:00–16:15 Closing the First Day

23 November 2021
2nd Day

Time (CET)

Action

Speaker(s)

9:30–10:00 Connection

Chair of the meeting: Krisztina FARKAS, *Prosecutor, OKRI, Hungary*

10:00–10:45	Issues related to the authorization of integrity testing	Andrea ZSOLNAI, Head of Department, <i>Prosecutor General of Hungary</i>
10:45–11:30	Analyzing integrity testing from a police perspective	Zita VEPRIK, <i>Police Lieutenant Colonel,</i> <i>Csongrád-Csanád County Police</i> <i>Headquarter; PhD student,</i> <i>University of Public Service</i>
11:30–11:50	Coffee Break	
11:50–12:50	Legal Case Studies II	
	▪ 1st Group	
	Moderator: Éva INZELT, <i>Assistant Professor, ELTE, Hungary</i>	
	▪ 2nd Group	
	Moderator: Adrienn LACZÓ, <i>Judge, Metropolitan Court, Hungary</i>	
	▪ 3rd Group	
	Moderators:	
	Richárd SZOBOSZLAI-SZÁSZ, <i>Prosecutor, Head of Department and</i> János HOMONNAI, <i>Prosecutor, Head of Division</i>	
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- 12:50–13:50 Lunch
- 13:50–15:00 **Legal Case Studies III**
- **1st Group**
Moderator: Éva INZELT,
Assistant Professor, ELTE, Hungary
 - **2nd Group**
Moderator: Adrienn LACZÓ,
Judge, Metropolitan Court, Hungary
 - **3rd Group**
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- 15:00–15:35 **Summary of legal case studies**
- Panel Discussion
 - Feedback from case moderators and evaluation
Moderator: Éva INZELT, *Assistant Professor, ELTE, Hungary*
- **3rd Case, on the work of Group 3**
Richárd SZOBOSZLAI-SZÁSZ, *Prosecutor, Head of Department and*
János HOMONNAI, *Prosecutor, Head of Division*
– *Department for Priority, Corruption and Organized Crime Cases,*
Office of the Prosecutor General of Hungary
 - **2nd Case, on the work of Group 2**
Adrienn LACZÓ,
Judge, Metropolitan Court, Hungary
 - **1st Case, on the work of Group 1**
Krisztina FARKAS,
Prosecutor, OKRI, Hungary
- 15:35-16:00 **Final Conclusions**
- Summary of the international and national experiences**
- End of Training**