

# EVENTS

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Final conference – 21-22 March 2022 (online)

## Distinguishing criteria between petty and high-ranking corruption: Final results

### ABSTRACT

On March 21–22, 2022, the National Institute of Criminology hosted the closing conference of the project, titled: ***‘Corruption risk, risk of corruption? Distinguishing criteria between petty and high-ranking corruption’***, which was supported by the European Union’s Hercule III program (2014–2020) (101014783 – CRITCOR). At the two-day scientific meeting, held at a high professional level, the participants were able to hear lectures on the issue of corruption interpreted by Hungarian and foreign speakers; at the same time, they were able to address criminal and criminological issues related to corruption in workshops. The first speaker of the event was *Péter Polt*, Chief Prosecutor, who gave a presentation entitled *“The Role of the Prosecutor’s Office in the Prosecution of Corruption Crimes”*, presenting the commitment of the Hungarian Prosecutor’s Office to the prosecution of corruption offenses. At the scientific conference, a number of internationally renowned professionals shared their knowledge and experience of corruption, including: *Michael Levi*, Professor of Criminology at the University of Cardiff, *Andra-Roxana Trandafir*, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest; *Annalisa Mangiaracina*, Professor at the University of Palermo; and also the staff members of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau were present. Last but not least, *Alan Doig*, a visiting professor at Newcastle Business School, University of Northumbria shared his valuable thoughts on the risk assessment of corruption.

However, the professional program did not tilt towards the analysis of the international aspects of the phenomenon, as the participants of the meeting could also enjoy the presentations of excellent Hungarian experts. Among the Hungarian experts, *Éva Inzelt*, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law of the Eötvös Loránd University and *Krisztina Farkas*, Prosecutor, and *Adrienn Laczó*, Judge and President of the Metropolitan Court, spoke as speakers. The balance of the conference was indicated by the fact that the workshops were not limited to the processing of theoretical issues, but also by practitioners working in the criminal justice system could express their opinion, such as: police officers, prosecutors and judges. Foreign (Romanian, Italian) and domestic case processing has enriched the two-day deliberation as well as the discourses that magnify the propositions of theory and practice.

The closing event was thus a worthy end to the approximately fifteen-month project, which enriched the participants of the CRITCOR events with extensive knowledge during its operation.

### PRESENTATIONS

- ◆ Michael Levi: *Corruption in the UK: Stability and Changes in the era of Covid-19*
- ◆ Inzelt Éva: *Mit tanultunk a korrupcióról, amit korábban nem tudtunk? (I.)*
- ◆ Farkas Krisztina: *Mit tanultunk a korrupcióról, amit korábban nem tudtunk? (II.)*
- ◆ Annalisa Mangiaracina: *Petty and high ranking corruption in Italy*

## AGENDA

21 March 2022  
1st Day

Time (CET)	Actions	Speaker(s)
09:00–	Connection	
09:30–09:40	Opening address / Welcome speech and introduction to the programme	György VIRÁG <i>Deputy Director, National Institute of Criminology (OKRI), Hungary</i>
<i>Chair of the meeting: Tünde A. BARABÁS, Head of Department, OKRI, Hungary</i>		
09:40–10:10	<b>The role of the prosecution service in prosecuting corruption offences</b>	Péter POLT <i>Attorney General, Hungary</i>
10:10–10:40	<b>Corruption in the UK: Only a temporary Covid procurement issue or a more systemic problem?</b>	Michael LEVI <i>Professor of Criminology, School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University, UK</i>
10:40–11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00–11:30	<b>Corruption and combating corruption in Romania</b>	Andra-Roxana TRANDAFIR <i>Vice Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, Romania</i>
11:30–12:30	<b>What have we learned about corruption that we had not known before?</b>	Éva INZELT <i>Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, ELTE University, Hungary &amp; Krisztina FARKAS Prosecutor</i>
12:30–13:00	Questions and Discussion	
13:00–14:00	Lunch	

### WORKSHOPS

case discussions, exchange of experiences through case presentations; and interprofessional dialogues

- 14:00–15:00
- **W1 ⇒ Italian case studies** (with interpretation)  
Moderators:  
Lucia PARLATO & Annalisa MANGIARACINA *Professors;*  
Costanza DE CARO, *Università degli Studi di Palermo, Italy*
  - **W2 ⇒ Hungarian case studies** (with interpretation)  
Moderátorok:  
Richárd SZOBOSZLAI-SZÁSZ, *Prosecutor, Head of Division & János HOMONNAI, Prosecutor, Head of Department – Department for Priority, Corruption and Organized Crime Cases, Office of the Prosecutor General of Hungary;*  
Szandra WINDT, *Senior Researcher, OKRI, Hungary*

- 15:00–15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30–16:30 **▪ W4 ⇒ Theoretical and expert round table discussion** (with interpretation)  
 Moderator:  
 Éva INZELT, *Assistant Professor, University of ELTE, Hungary*  
 Participants:  
 Adrienn LACZÓ, *udge, Council Chair, Metropolitan Court*  
 Zita VEPRIK, *Police Lieutenant Colonel, police counsellor, Csongrád-Csanád County Police Headquarters Human Administration Service*  
 Richárd SZOBOSZLAI-SZÁSZ, *Prosecutor, Head of Division &*  
 János HOMONNAI, *Prosecutor, Head of Department – Department for Priority, Corruption and Organized Crime Cases, Office of the Prosecutor General of Hungary*

## 22 March 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

Time (CET)	Actions	Speaker(s)
09:30–	Connection	
<i>Chair of the meeting: Éva INZELT, Assistant Professor, University of ELTE, Hungary</i>		
10:00–10:30	<b>Petty and high ranking corruption in Italy</b>	Annalisa MANGIARACINA <i>Professor, University of Palermo, Italy</i>
10:30–11:00	Questions and Discussion	
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30–12:00	<b>Police corruption</b>	CENTRAL ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU of the Republic of Poland
12:00–12:30	<b>Corruption from the aspect of the judiciary</b>	Adrienn LACZÓ <i>Judge, Council Chair, Metropolitan Court, Hungary</i>
12:30–13:00	Questions and Discussion	
13:00–14:00	Lunch	

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**Case discussions, exchange of experiences through case presentations; and interprofessional dialogues**

- 14:00–15:00 **▪ W5 ⇒ Romanian case studies** (with interpretation)  
 Moderators:  
 Andra-Roxana TRANDAFIR, *University of Bucharest, Romania*  
 Eszter SÁRIK, *Senior Researcher, OKRI, Hungary*
- W6 ⇒ International and Hungarian experiences on petty and high corruption** (with interpretation)  
 Moderator:  
 Éva INZELT, *Assistant Professor, University of ELTE, Hungary*

Participants:

Miklós HOLLÁN, *Associate Professor, National University of Public Service*

Zoltán RAGÁNY, *Lawyer*

Vesa MUTTILAINEN, *Chief of Research, The Police University College, Finland*

Annalisa MANGIARACINA, *Professor, University of Palermo, Italy*

Lucia PARLATO, *Professor, University of Palermo, Italy*

15:00–15:30 Coffee Break

15:30–16:00 **Anticorruption policies/agencies and its effectiveness to reduce corruption risks**

Alan DOIG,  
*Newcastle Business School,  
Northumbria University,  
England*

16:00–16:30

- ◆ **Conclusion – Summary of Workshops**
- ◆ **End of conference**
- ◆ **Closing the project**