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This seminar will debate how best to ensure effective detection, investigation and prosecution of corruption, with special regard to corruption affecting the EC's financial interests. It is hoped that the conference will inform the work of national law enforcement organisations in the EU and assist them in cooperation with agencies operating in other EU states, candidate states and third countries.

The tackling of corruption, especially in an international context, suffers from a lack of effective means of enforcement, resulting in inadequate compliance. International organisations such as the OECD and the Council of Europe have highlighted and detailed the enforcement problems. The negative effects of weak enforcement should be self-evident: active and passive corruption of public officials results in losses of national revenue and engenders bad governance. Damage to the financial interests of the EU can also result from corruption. These problems will continue to bedevil public administrations across the globe if more effective means of detection, investigation and prosecution are not established.

International regulation is slowly recognising these deficits and, in the shape of new initiatives, notably the United Nations Convention against Corruption, is attempting to address them. Efforts are also being taken on the European Union level trying to find solutions, for example the plan to establish a European Anti-Corruption Network aiming at facilitating cooperation, contacts and exchanges of information and experience between anti-corruption agencies.

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COMBATING CORRUPTION AND FRAUD IN THE EU: NEW APPROACHES TO COMPLIANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Thursday, 1 February 2007

08:30 Arrival and Registration

08:45 **Welcome**
Wolfgang Heusel and Mark Pieth

Session I: European and International Initiatives to combat Corruption and Fraud: Recent Developments
Chair: Gretta Fenner

09:00 **Discussion Panel: Policy Developments**

EU Policy against Fraud and Corruption in the context of the Protection of EU Funds
Franz-Hermann Brüner

The United Nations Convention against Corruption and other recent International Initiatives
Mark Pieth

Evaluation of the OECD Convention
Peter Cullen

10:30 **Discussion**

11:00 Coffee Break

Session II: Enforcement of EU and International Obligations: Prevention
Chair: NN

11:30 **Preventing Corruption in the Private Sector: A Banker's Perspective**
Eneay Quinones

12:00 **Enhancing Corporate Compliance: More Carrot and less Stick?**
Björn Rohde-Liebenau

12:30 **Discussion**

13:00 Lunch

Session III: Enforcement of EU and International Obligations: Investigations and Defence
Chair: Peter Cullen

14:30 **Prevention and Enforcement within the EU: Improving Exchange of Information and Co-operation in Corruption and Fraud Investigations**
Lothar Kuhl

15:00 **Investigators' Forum: Overcoming Obstacles to Effective Investigations (Case Discussion)**
Work of the Liechtenstein Financial Intelligence Unit
René Brülhart

Fraud and Corruption Investigations by the Serious Fraud Office
Patricia Howse

16:00 **Discussion**

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 **Rights of the Defence: Access to the File and other Issues**
Scott Crosby

17:30 **Discussion**

18:00 End of First Day

20:00 Dinner

Friday, 2 February 2007

Session IV: Facilitating the Prosecution of Corruption
Chair: Francis Desterbeck

09:00 **Prosecuting Transnational Crime: Experiences of Corruption and Fraud Cases at National Level (Including Problems of Mutual Legal Assistance)**
Alan Bacarese, Jean-Bernard Schmid

10:30 **Discussion**

11:00 Coffee Break

Session V: Working Groups

11:30 **OLAF Corruption and Fraud Cases: Discussion in Working Groups**

13:00 Buffet Lunch

14:00 **OLAF Corruption and Fraud Cases: Resumption of Discussion in Working Groups**

15:00 Coffee Break

Session VI: Innovations in the Fight against Corruption and Fraud
Chair: Mark Pieth

15:30 **Lessons from Working Group Discussions for Investigators and Prosecutors**
Rapporteurs

16:00 **A New EU Network to combat Corruption? Added Value of Proposals under Discussion**
Martin Kreutner

16:30 End of Conference