



Invitation to workshop

Corruption challenges in development finance

Slovenia, 17-19 October 2017

Current legislative frameworks in Europe provide a window of opportunity for many practices that enable institutional capture and illicit financial flows. Large infrastructure projects or development projects are particularly prone to state capture by powerful corporate and private interests.

Debate on the need to widen current approaches to corruption and the privileging of special interests is necessary, especially among civil society. For this reason, we would like to invite you to a workshop on 'Corruption challenges in development finance', which will be organised on 17-19 October in Slovenia.

During the workshop we aim to show how the legislative framework enables corruption and corrosion of democracy in public and development financing by highlighting some visible cases from the Balkan region and elsewhere. We also wish to open a debate on solutions to the problem through interaction between experts and participants. The event will open space for cross-networking and creating links between the organisations from the Balkan area that work on different aspects of corruption (environment, energy, public finance, transparency...). Speakers from the Balkan region and the EU will interact with the participants to co-create solutions and seek opportunities for cooperation in tackling the challenges.

The workshop will be structured in the following manner:

- Introduction to the problem of corruption in public and development finance
- Analysis of specific cases
- Overview of tools and mechanisms to address the problem
- Opening space for action and cooperation

The workshop is open for representatives of civil society organisations from the Balkan region (Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Turkey). We can offer travel cost reimbursement of up to 200 EUR, accommodation, food and visa for those who need it. There are 25 available places for the workshop. They will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Representatives of civil society organisations from other countries are welcome to attend the workshop at their own cost.

If you wish to attend the workshop, please apply [here](#) at the latest by 5 July. For more information please contact barbara@focus.si.



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