

Online workshop on the challenges of tackling economic crime: Corruption in the private sector, investigation of crimes related to public and private procurement

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On May 13th and 14th, this year, an online seminar will be held on “Corruption in the private sector, investigation of crimes related to public and private procurement”. Around 150 participants are expected to participate in the workshop. Experts will be attended by specialists from the State Police, the Competition Council, the Council of Sworn Advocates, banks and insurance companies, as well as internal affairs and justice representatives from the United States.

On May 13th will be met issues relating to the characteristics of a special entity in the form of a criminal offence of unauthorised benefit-taking, the risks of a cartel in public procurement and the role of the commissioning party, the practice of managing corruption risk and the elements of the system, as well as the experience of corporate corruption, examples, financial sector and observations from the financial sector will be addressed.

On May 14th foreign experts will present a report on the FBI's International Corruption Programme, a study of cases of NOVARTIS/ALCON in New Jersey County and an investigation of corporate fraud by the FBI's Economics Crime Division.

The workshop will be organised within *European Economic area grant 2014-2021 programme “International Police Cooperation and Combating Crime” project No.EEZ/VP/2020/1 “Support to the State Police for increasing effectiveness and quality of economic crime investigation in Latvia”*.

The project aim is to achieve more effective and higher quality pre-trial investigations of economic crimes in Latvia, as well as faster and better submission of quality documents for prosecution. The results of the programme are expected to be increased effectiveness in terms of combating economic crime, more effective prevention and strengthened capacity to investigate cases.

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