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## Corruption prevention in the midst of crisis?

### Workshop 3: Human resources development in corruption prevention efforts

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#### Abstract:

As it is widely known, EULEX KOSOVO Mission and the Justice Component are deployed to support the local Kosovo institutions in achieving their demanding tasks. One of the main tasks of the EULEX Justice Component, alongside helping to build the Rule of Law and align its legislation and procedures to EU Best Practices, is the fight against organised crime and corruption.

However, EU membership has a number of other key prerequisites other than only fighting corruption: institutions based on the rule of law, honesty in private and public sectors. EULEX is fully engaged in helping Kosovo institutions realise these goals, which enjoy strong public support.

Such results require political commitment. Certainly recent steps by the Kosovo Government show it is proceeding in the right direction. Crucial in this is the establishment of the Anti-Corruption Task Force on 2 March 2010, which was created to investigate many sensitive cases on multiple corruption charges.

EULEX KOSOVO Mission, vested with both executive and Monitoring, Mentoring, and Advising (MMA) functions for the Kosovo Institutions has many avenues of intervention and consequently allocation of human resources in the fight against corruption and in corruption prevention efforts.

- a) The Mission verifies the situation through Justice, Police, and Customs officials deployed on the ground.
- b) Furthermore, the Mission operates with certain executive powers under a double framework: as Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Mission, through the European Council Joint Actions which established and launched the Mission; and as invited by the local government to constitute a part of the normal institutional bodies. *Ad hoc* legislation sets reserved competence of the EULEX Judges and Prosecutors as well as the EULEX colleagues at the Special Prosecution Office of Kosovo, which are all supported in the investigation phase by the EULEX Police Executive Department.
- c) The Mission supports with its experts in the drafting of *ad hoc* legislation as related, *inter alia*, to anti-corruption issues. Other experts are located in crucial bodies like the Financial Intelligence Center.
- d) The Mission develops strategies in relation to its above mentioned commitments, representing one of the core actors in the overall efforts against corruption in Kosovo.

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Internal working groups are aimed at strengthening these joint efforts under the leadership of the EULEX Anti-Corruption Advisor.

- e) Finally, the Mission is committed to providing outreach campaigns on the fight against corruption aimed at enhancing public confidence and to stimulating prevention processes through civil society and local administrative bodies.

The presentation will address the distinguished audience, describing the legal framework of the corruption prevention mechanisms and, in general, the anti-corruption endeavours of the EULEX KOSOVO Mission Justice Component, with a glance at the different areas of intervention and interaction with key local players like the Kosovo Anti-Corruption Agency.