

Transparency International Conference

Integrity Pacts - Safeguarding EU Funds

When: 5th May 2015, 09.30 – 18.00

Where: The Hotel. 38 Boulevard de Waterloo – 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Background

Transparency International and the EU Commission have begun cooperation on a joint "Integrity Pacts" [pilot project](#) to ensure EU structural and cohesion funds are provided more safeguards against fraud and corruption. The Integrity Pact tool can also promote good governance and a greater openness and responsibility in the management of EU funds. The Integrity Pact tool was developed by Transparency International to support governments, businesses and civil society to improve trust and transparency in public procurement. National authorities will be invited to participate in the pilot project following a call for expressions of interest to be launched in May 2015.

Conference

The “**Integrity Pacts - Safeguarding EU Funds**” Conference on the **5th May 2015** in **Brussels** will serve as an opportunity to explain the Integrity Pact tool, outline the pilot project further, as well as build relationships and enhance knowledge among all key stakeholders. It will be opened by Professor Kevin Morgan, special adviser to European Commissioner for Regional Policy Corina Crețu, and Mr. Miklos Marschall, Deputy Managing Director of Transparency International. This conference was funded by the European Commission Directorate for Regional Policy in connection with the project “Integrity Pacts – Civil Control Monitoring Mechanisms for Safeguarding EU Funds”.

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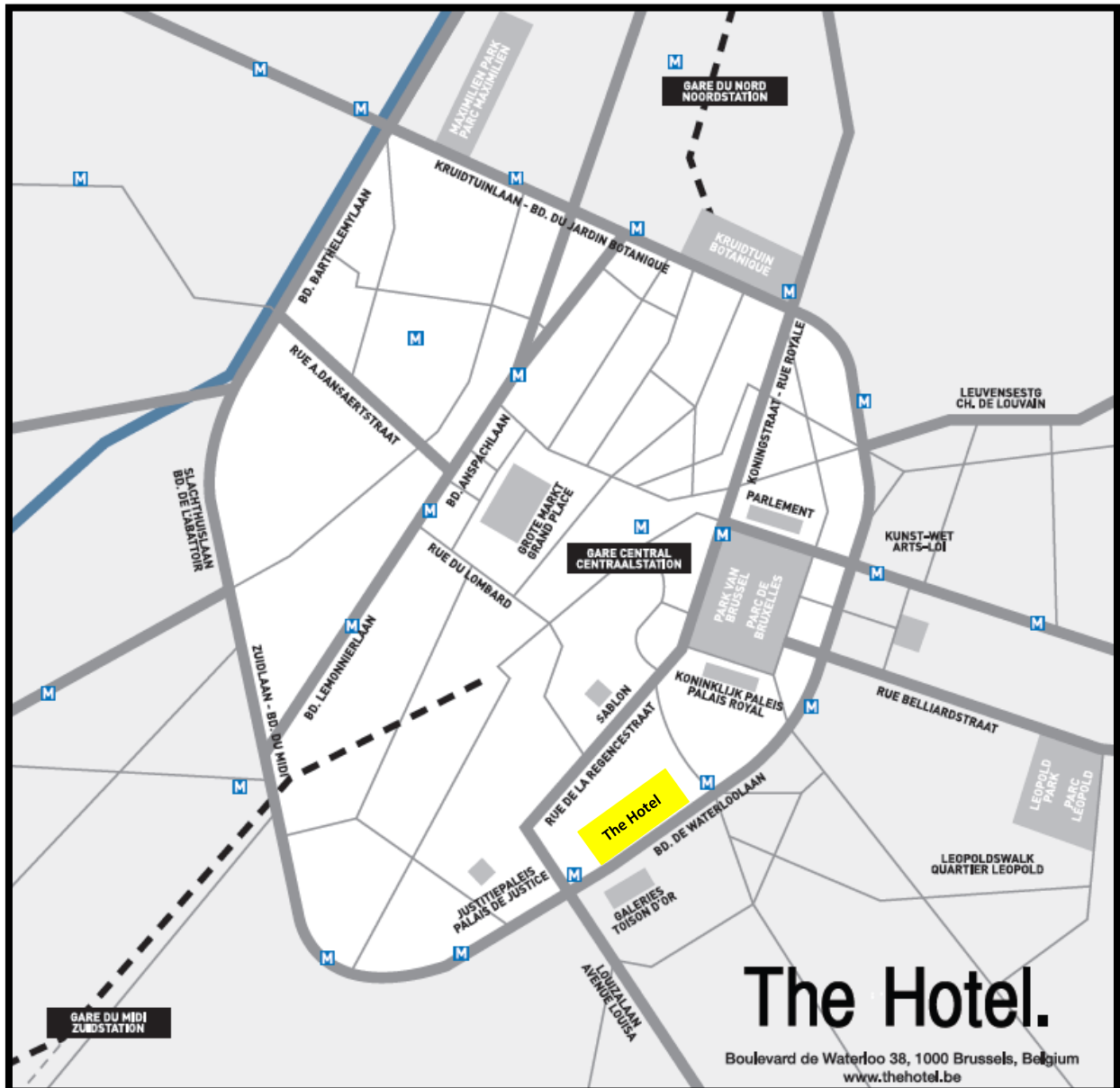
The Venue “The Hotel”

Location: **The Hotel. (Conference Venue)**
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By car from Ghent, Lille and Paris:

Take the exit 'Groot-Bijgaarden' towards Brussel/Koekelberg and merge onto A10. Continue straight onto 'Keizer Karellaan' and take the 'Leopold II Tunnel/R20'. Take the exit towards the 'Boulevard de Waterloo' and arrive at The Hotel.

By car from Antwerp, Luxembourg and Amsterdam:

Take the exit onto E40 towards Brussels and follow for 4km. Follow the direction of 'Centrum/Centre' and keep left. Follow the signs for 'Meiser/Centrum' and merge onto N23. Go through two roundabouts. Turn left onto the ramp to R20 and take a slight left to enter the tunnel. Exit towards 'Boulevard de Waterloo' and arrive at The Hotel.

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Agenda

08:30 – 09:30	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE
09:30 – 10:00	OPENING Chair: Mr. Sergejus Muravjovas , Board Member of Transparency International Professor Kevin Morgan , special adviser to Commissioner for Regional Policy Corina Crețu Mr. Miklos Marschall , Deputy Managing Director, Transparency International
10:00 – 10:30	PLENARY SESSION I: RISK FACTORS of IRREGULARITIES in PUBLIC PROCUREMENT Chair: Mr. Pascal Boijmans , Head of Unit Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission General overview of corruption risks and public procurement, setting the scene for subsequent thematic Integrity Pact sessions. Background will be presented on risk factors of corruption and financial irregularities in public procurement. The new EU regulatory framework obligations for 2014-2020 cohesion funding period will be discussed. Mr. Walter Deffaa , Director General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission Mr. Jan Maarten de Vet , Director of Ecorys Brussels N.V. Dr. Mihály Fazekas , Research Associate University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
10:30 – 11:00	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 – 12:00	PLENARY SESSION II: PUBLIC PROCUREMENT MONITORING MECHANISMS Chair: Mr. Mathias Huter , Executive Director for Forum Informationsfreiheit Introduction of civil society monitoring mechanisms in public procurement projects, highlighting the benefits of these tools for managing authorities, Member States, Commission, as well as the general public. Mr. William Nero , Programme Officer with the International Centre for Collective Action (ICCA), Basel Institute on Governance Ms. Zuzana Dančíková , Transparency International Slovakia Ms. Anita Koncsik , Lawyer & Senior Researcher, K-Monitor Public Benefit Association, Hungary
12:00 – 12:30	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30	<p>PLENARY SESSION III: INTEGRITY PACTS – INTRODUCTION AND LEARNING</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Anja Osterhaus, Regional Programme Manager Europe and Central Asia Department, Transparency International</p> <p>Integrity Pact presented. This will include an introduction to the tool, a more detailed case study of how it has been used and the sharing of findings from a recent learning review on experiences with Integrity Pacts in the EU. This will be illustrated by specific examples that can highlight the flexibility and adaptability of Integrity Pacts in different national/project contexts so that key stakeholders can conceptualise Integrity Pacts operating in their respective Member States. Each presentation will be followed by Q&A.</p> <p>Ms. Michaela Rajkova, Project and Financial Manager, Transparency International Bulgaria</p> <p>Mr. Roland Blomeyer, Director of Blomeyer & Sanz, co-author Integrity Pact Review</p> <p>Mr. Mike Beke, Blomeyer & Sanz, co-author Integrity Pact Review</p>
15:30 – 16:30	<p>COFFEE NETWORKING BREAK</p>
16:30 – 17:30	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: INTEGRITY PACTS CASE STUDIES AND OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Anja Osterhaus, Regional Programme Manager Europe and Central Asia Department, Transparency International</p> <p>Key participants in the integrity pact model (Civil society organization, monitor, managing authority, and private sector) will discuss their separate Integrity Pact experiences. This will demonstrate unique perspectives from each stakeholder, as well as help illustrate stakeholder roles, responsibilities and relations management between Member State authorities, civil society and private sector participants. Interested stakeholders who have no experience with Integrity Pacts but believe that their implementation could be beneficial in their national contexts will also share their views. This discussion will incorporate questions from the audience.</p> <p>Ms. Alíz Szloboda, Head of public sector programs, Transparency International Hungary</p> <p>Mr. Jeffrey Sújar, Vice-President Managing Director Western Europe, Hill International</p> <p>Ms. Andreja Zeljko, Head of Unit for Risk Management, Audit Coordination and Revision at the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia</p> <p>Ms. Sílvia Estêvão, Directorate General of Cultural Heritage, Portugal</p>
17:30 – 17:45	<p>TRANSITION BREAK</p>
17:45 – 18:00	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>Mr. Pascal Boijmans, Head of Unit Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p> <p>Mr. Carl Dolan, Director, Transparency International EU Office</p>
18:00 – 19:00	<p>NETWORKING COCKTAIL RECEPTION</p>