



Cross-border crime and corruption in Europe: what next after the Stockholm Programme?

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Whether it is combating terrorism or fighting organised crime, ranging from drugs or human trafficking to cyber-attacks, the security of Europe's citizens is at the heart of current European policy. As the Stockholm programme draws to an end, the European Commission, in partnership with the Security & Defence Agenda and *Friends of Europe*, is launching the debate on what should be the next practical steps undertaken by the EU in the field of security.

Bringing together key stakeholders from European, international and national institutions, business representatives, civil society and academia, two events have been planned to seek to come up with concrete suggestions on the future shape and contents of the post Stockholm framework. The roundtable in Berlin on 20 January 2014 will focus on organised crime, economic and financial crime and corruption. Among more specific issues, tracking the proceeds of crime, trafficking of human beings and drugs will be discussed. The Berlin roundtable follows a workshop organised in Rome on 25 November 2013 that looked at issues related to counter terrorism and radicalisation, cyber-security and crisis management.

The Stockholm programme has greatly helped to improve cooperation in the area of freedom, security and justice among national authorities. The EU has taken several measures over the last five years to put in place the necessary instruments – ranging from legislation and EU directives to strategies and policies - to tackle challenges raised by organised crime. However Europeans' security and fundamental values continue to be at risk and organised crime and corruption continue to undermine or threaten the security and well-being of European citizens, businesses and state institutions.

A 2011 Ernst and Young Survey of more than 2,300 staff in European companies found that nearly 1 in 5, regardless of grade, considers it acceptable to pay bribes to win or retain business. The EU faces significant challenges when it comes to trafficking of human beings, arms and drugs as well. Several thousand people are trafficked to or within the EU every year. According to the latest Commission report on trafficking in human beings (2013), in the EU a large proportion of the victims of trafficking were women (68%), while child trafficking victims accounted for 15%.

These cross-border challenges have no borders and require joint solutions. What have we learned from the cooperation taking place in the last years to address these issues? Should the EU develop a new and improved set of tools, priorities and synergies? Is more cooperation needed among member states and with other international actors and how to foster it? The Berlin roundtable will examine these issues. Discussions will begin with a strategic brainstorming on future challenges to European security; it will continue with a critical analysis of the achievements and the shortcomings of the Stockholm programme, and finally, it will look at how to move from today's to tomorrow's toolbox.

PROGRAMME

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | Welcome coffee and registration of participants |
| 09.30 – 09.45 | Opening by Stefano Manservisi , European Commission Director General for Home Affairs |
| 09.45 – 11.00 | SESSION I CRIME AND CORRUPTION IN EUROPE: PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE |
| ▪ What key challenges will Europe face in the coming 10 to 15 years in its efforts to combat organised crime, human trafficking, 'white collar' fraud and corruption? | |

Speakers:

Louise Shelley, Professor at George Mason University, United States and Founder of the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center

Jean-Luc Lemahieu, Director for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Cobus de Swardt, Transparency International Managing Director

Rob Wainwright, Europol Director

Moderated by **Shada Islam**, Director of Policy, *Friends of Europe*

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| 11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee break |
| 11.30 – 13.00 | SESSION II THE STOCKHOLM PROGRAMME, SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the successes of the Stockholm programme in tackling organised crime, economic and financial crime and corruption?• What is the state of play on the implementation of existing EU rules in these sectors?• How effective are current measures to track the proceeds of crime, the trafficking of human beings and drugs?• What are the existing gaps in the strategies and policies already put in place at the European level? | |

Speakers:

Walter Kegö, Senior Fellow at the Swedish Institute for Security & Development Policy

Myria Vassiliadou, EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator

Jean-Baptiste Carpentier, Director of TRACFIN (Traitement du renseignement et action contre les circuits financiers clandestins) at the French Ministry of Finances and Economy

Stefano Caneppele, Researcher, Joint Research Centre on Transnational Crime, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy

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| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch break |
| 14.00 – 15.30 | SESSION III NEXT STEPS FOR THE EU TOOLBOX |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ How can the EU Justice and Home Affairs toolbox be adjusted to future challenges in the area of organised crime and in eradicating graft? | |



- Which important best practices that have been identified so far can be applied to other areas?
- Does Europe need radically new instruments or can the existing ones still be used?
- In a continuously changing environment should the EU continue to develop long term strategies, or are flexible and adaptable instruments better suited to tackling future challenges?
- How can business, civil society, international and national organisations work better together to counter these challenges?

Speakers:

François Vincke, Lawyer, Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Corporate Responsibility & Anti-corruption

Reinhard Priebe, Director for Internal Security at the European Commission Directorate General for Home Affairs

Cyrille Fijnaut, Professor at Tilburg University, The Netherlands

Francisco Jiménez-Villarejo, Eurojust Vice President

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