

RESOLUTION
on prevention and fight against irregularities and fraud
CC-R-2015-02

The Contact Committee,

Having reviewed the proposals for new activities put forward by the liaison officers in 2015;

Decides to establish a working group for the enhancement of cooperation among SAIs with reference to the prevention and fight against irregularities and fraud aimed at protecting EU revenues;

Agrees that this activity shall be carried out in accordance with the Activity Proposal attached to this resolution;

Asks Liaison Officers to report to the Contact Committee on the results of this activity in an appropriate way.

Decides that this Resolution should be posted on the Contact Committee website.

Riga, 19 June 2015

SAI Rapporteur: SAI of Latvia

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ACTIVITY PROPOSAL

Topic: Establishment of a Working Group for the enhancement of cooperation among SAIs with reference to the prevention and fight against irregularities and fraud aimed at protecting EU revenues.

Suggested by: SAI of Italy

Ready to lead: YES

Brief description of the concrete proposed activity

On the occasion of the 2014 Contact Committee, the Liaison Officers had been invited to explore the scope for specific activities on fighting corruption, and the enhancement of cooperation on this subject by means of the establishment of an ad hoc Working Group, as proposed by the Corte dei conti during the LOs' technical meeting, seem to tally with Contact Committee requests.

On the basis of the experiences of the SAIs, and to avoid a too theoretical approach, taking into account that often corruption is linked to fraud towards EU revenues, in accordance with the results of the before mentioned Seminar, the practical way to enhance cooperation in this field, from Corte dei conti's point of view, could be by facing the theme of the fraud that, together with the irregularities, often damage EU revenues.

Therefore, the proposed WG would:

- focus on the critical issues in the prevention and in the fight against fraud, by promoting uniform monitoring actions in the different Member States and by formulating ameliorating proposals, in terms of the Community regulations, too, with the presence of the European Court of Auditors;
- benefit from the existing fruitful cooperation on this issue with OLAF, especially in the use of the OLAF Database for the monitoring of irregularities and fraud, developing best practices such as the one concerning the existing national Database developed by the Corte dei conti, presented during the Seminar in Rome and which great interest has gained in the course of last CC meeting;
- create a stronger role of the Member States SAIs in the specific area that could be crucial for:
 - ✓ the comprehensive harmonization of the activities of prevention and fight against irregularities and fraud;
 - ✓ the enhancement of the controls chain;
 - ✓ the improvement of the procedures for the recovery of EU and national resources;
 - ✓ the possible formulation of proposals to improve the current European regulations.

Concrete tools to carry out the activity, with a timetable to be agreed with the participant SAIs:

- Survey
- Exchange of best practices
- Seminar/s.