



## 1st European Regional Conference

# 13 May 2026

**16:00–17:30** IAACA Executive Committee Meeting

**18:00–20:00** Welcome Dinner

We would like to kindly draw your attention to the fact that the programme on 13 May is a closed event. The event will be open to interested participants on 14–15 May.

# 14 May 2026

**08:00–09:00** Registration

**09:00–09:30** Opening ceremony + Welcome remarks

**Mr Danny Woo Ying Ming**

*President of IAACA, Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Hong Kong, China*

**Mr Ferenc Pál Biró**

*President, Integrity Authority, Hungary*

**Dr Giuseppe Busia**

*President, National Anti-Corruption Authority, Italy*

Pre-recorded remarks

**Ms Alexandra Rogkakou**

*Governor, National Transparency Authority, Greece*

**Mr Michael McGrath**

*Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection*

**09:30–09:50** Keynote speech

**Mr Drago Kos**

*Dean, International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)*

**09:50–10:40** **From Classroom to Communities: Strengthening Integrity across Borders**  
Panel Discussion

**Mr Eric Chan**

*Deputy Director, Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption (HKIAAC) Hong Kong, China*

**Prof. Dr. Stephan Grüninger**

*Director, Konstanz Institute for Corporate Governance (KICG)*

**Dr. Petra Burai**

*Head of Integrity Academy; Integrity Authority, Hungary*

**Ms Dionysia Tsopela**

*Policy Analyst, General Directorate for Raising Awareness & Community Relations; National Transparency Authority, Greece*

Moderator

**Mr Juhani Grossman**

*Director, Green Corruption Programme; Basel Institute on Governance*

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**10:40-11:15**

**Coffee Break**

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**11:15-11:30**

Keynote pre recorded remarks

**Ms Marie-Hélène Boulanger**

*Director for Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights & Democracy, European; European Commission*

**Ms Raquel Garcia-Van Der Walle**

*Rapporteur for anti-corruption directive, Rapporteur in trilogue negotiations; European Parliament*

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**11:30-12:25**

**Implementing the New EU Anti-Corruption Directive: Challenges, Opportunities, and Reform Pathways**

Panel Discussion

**José Mouraz Lopes**

*President; National Anti-Corruption Mechanism, Portugal*

**Fran Franco**

*Advisor to the Support Unit; Office for Conflicts of Interest, Spain*

Moderator

**Dr Giuseppe Busia**

*President, National Anti-Corruption Authority, Italy*

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**12:25-13:45**

**Lunch; Guided Cultural and Architectural visit**

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**13:45 -14:00**

Keynote pre recorded remarks

**Mr János Bertók**

*Deputy Director, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD*

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**14:00-14:55**

**Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, and Digital Solutions: Transforming Corruption Detection and Prevention**

Panel Discussion

**Mr Andrius Valuta**

*Acting Head of Strategic Advisory Division; Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania (STT)*

**Mr Máté Benyovszky**

*Head of Development and AI; Integrity Authority, Hungary*

**Mr Mihály Fazekas**

*Professor; Central European University; Director; Government Transparency Institute*

Moderator

**Mr Wai Hong Victor Lee**

*Associate Expert; UNODC*

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| 14:55–15:25 | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| 15:25–15:40 | <p>Keynote – Pre-recorded remarks</p> <p><b>Ms Brigitte Strobel-Shaw</b><br/><i>Chief of Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC</i></p>  |
| 15:40–16:35 | <p><b>Beyond Mandates: What Makes Anti-Corruption Agencies Effective in Practice?</b></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><b>Mr Paul Lau</b><br/><i>Director of the Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption (HKIAAC)</i></p> <p><b>Mr Samuel De Jaegere</b><br/><i>Head of the Global Programme; IACA</i></p> <p><b>Ms Sofie Arjon Schütte</b><br/><i>Principal Adviser; U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre</i></p> <p><b>Georgios Kasapas</b><br/><i>Head of the Directorate of Strategic Planning &amp; Behavioral Analyses; National Transparency Authority, Greece</i></p> <p>Moderator</p> <p><b>Mr Cosmin Daniel Halalau</b><br/><i>Chief Prosecutor, National Anti-Corruption Directorate of Romania</i></p> |
| 16:35–16:50 | <p>Closing remarks</p> <p><b>Mr Ferenc Pál Biró</b><br/><i>President, Integrity Authority, Hungary</i></p>  |
| 17:00       | <b>End of the conference</b>  |

# 15 May 2026

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| 08:00–09:00   | <b>Registration</b>  |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | <p><b>International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)</b></p> <p><i>Measuring the Effectiveness of Anti-Corruption Agencies</i></p> <p>This session will explore the critical question of how to assess the effectiveness of anti-corruption agencies (ACAs). Drawing on comparative research and practical experience, IACA will present current approaches to evaluate ACA capacity and performance, highlighting both the tools available and the limitations that remain. The discussion will introduce key performance dimensions and indicators, offering guidance on how agencies can interpret results responsibly and use them to strengthen institutional credibility and impact.</p> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | <b>Coffee break</b>  |

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11:00 – 12:30

**Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)**

*Practical Experience in Evaluating and Sustaining Agency Effectiveness*

This session examines the ICAC's evolving journey in evaluating its effectiveness. Building on decades of assessment practice, it will reflect on how engagement in international expert forums on new measurement methodologies benefits ACAs's work by broadening its evaluative horizons. Lessons from Hong Kong's experience will highlight how perpetual reflection, institutional resilience, and public trust underpin the ICAC's credibility as an adaptive anti-corruption agency.

**Department of Justice (DoJ) of Hong Kong**

*Beyond Conviction: Measuring Effectiveness Through Transnational Asset Recovery – The Hong Kong Experience*

Beyond conviction rates, a robust measure of an anti-corruption agency's effectiveness is its ability to ensure corruption is a 'high-risk, low-gain' venture. This session explores the impact metrics of transnational asset recovery, with the Department of Justice (DoJ) of Hong Kong, China, sharing extensive experience in tracing and securing 'tainted' assets across borders. Through the lens of real-world operational experience, the DoJ illustrates how disrupting financial incentives serves as a powerful deterrent, translating theoretical effectiveness into concrete results that uphold the rule of law.

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12:30 – end

**Guided Cultural and Architectural visit**

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