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EVENT – Building Transparency with Integrity Pacts in Europe

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When: 8 and 9 February 2022

Where: Online, register here

As the EU embarks on its single largest economic recovery programme, open and accountable decision-making has never been more essential to protect the EU's public resources. The recovery process is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to shape the future of EU integrity, public contracting and investment.

Reflecting this, Transparency International and the European Commission's Department for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) are holding this important Conference entitled 'Building Transparency with Integrity Pacts in Europe' drawing on the experiences and lessons learned from the Integrity Pacts Pilot about the role of open decision making, citizen engagement and civic monitoring in safeguarding EU funds against fraud and corruption.

EU Commissioner Elisa Ferreira and TI Chair of the Board of Directors Delia Ferreira Rubio will welcome citizens, EU and national decision-makers, managing authorities, civil society organisations, journalists and practitioners to a discussion of challenges and opportunities for inclusive public contracting that benefits all citizens.

All interested in protecting public resources are welcome to join us. Together, we have the power to collectively shape the future of integrity in Europe and beyond.

Interpretation will be provided in Italian, Portuguese, Polish and Slovenian.

Agenda (Brussels time)

8 February 2022

15:00 – 15:05 Welcome remarks by the moderator

Katrina Sichel, Moderators Europe

15:05 - 15:15 Opening speech

Elisa Ferreira, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reform, European Commission

15:15 - 15:25 Keynote address

Delia Ferreira Rubio, Chair of the Board of Directors, Transparency International

15:25 – 16:20 Safeguarding the future of public funds and sustainable investments

Setting the stage for a wider discussion on the societal impact of greater transparency, accountability, integrity in public procurement. Moderated by Katrina Sichel.

- Sofia Alves, Director Regional Policy Unit E, European Commission
- Katalin Cseh, Member of European Parliament
- Helen Darbishire, Executive Director, Access Info Europe
- Sergejus Muravjovas, Executive Director, Transparency International Lithuania

16:20 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:15 Putting the 'public' back in procurement: clean contracting stories from across the EU

Reflecting on how an Integrity Pact can foster better decision making, enhance trust and fair competition, and, importantly, the effectiveness of civic monitoring. Moderated by Katrina Sichel.

- Karina Carvalho, Executive Director, Transparency International Portugal
- Irina Lonean, Project Coordinator, Transparency International Romania

17:15 – 17:25 Closing session: Rethinking Europe: building synergies towards Transparency, trust and Good Governance

Peter Eigen, Founder, Transparency International

17:25 - 17:30 Wrap-up remarks

Katrina Sichel, Moderators Europe

9 February 2022

15:00 – 16:20 Launching the Integrity Pact Knowledge Hub & Guidebook

This technical exchange session marks the launch of the Guidebook 'Integrity Pacts in the EU: Suitability, Setup and Implementation'. Join us to meet the teams behind the Integrity Pacts project, learn more about the practicalities of deploying civic monitoring tools in your region.

16:20 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30 Open Data & Fostering Integrity in Tendering Procedures

Discover how open data can help foster integrity in tendering procedures and efforts towards ensuring that the rule of law is upheld in large scale public investments. The session will focus on open data regulation for public contracting and feature the 'Red Flags' tool by the Transparency International EU and partners.

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