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Returning stolen public money to citizens: what can the EU do?

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What do Teodorin Obiang, Gulnara Karimova, Muammar Gaddafi, Victor Yanukovych, and Hosni Mubarak have in common? All stole huge sums of public money and stashed it in the EU for safe keeping. The EU is an attractive destination for kleptocrats and the corrupt. Every year an estimated 1 trillion euros is lost to corruption and tax evasion across the world – half of it from developing countries. Less than 1% is ever confiscated and returned to victims.

It's time for the EU to act. These assets must be returned to the people they were stolen from. Join us for this webinar to learn how the EU can stop suspicious money from flowing into Europe, and build stronger mechanisms to detect, confiscate and return stolen money that is already within its borders.

This webinar is the second part of the series "*Stop Kleptocrats*". In the first instalment on 13th October, we discussed gaps and obstacles to effective asset recovery in the EU. In this second webinar, we will look at possible reforms to the EU system and draw lessons from how different countries are tackling the issue.

Introductory remarks

Laure Brillaud, Senior Policy Officer, Transparency International EU

Moderator

Michiel van Hulten, Director, Transparency International EU

Speakers:

- **Floriane Sipala**, Head of Unit, Organised Crime and Drugs Policy, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
- **Mr. Roger Dubach**, Ambassador, Deputy Director of the Directorate of International Law, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Swiss Confederation
- **Jonathan Spicer**, Senior Asset Recovery Specialist, Basel Institute on Governance
- **Laure Brillaud**, Senior Policy Officer, Transparency International EU

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