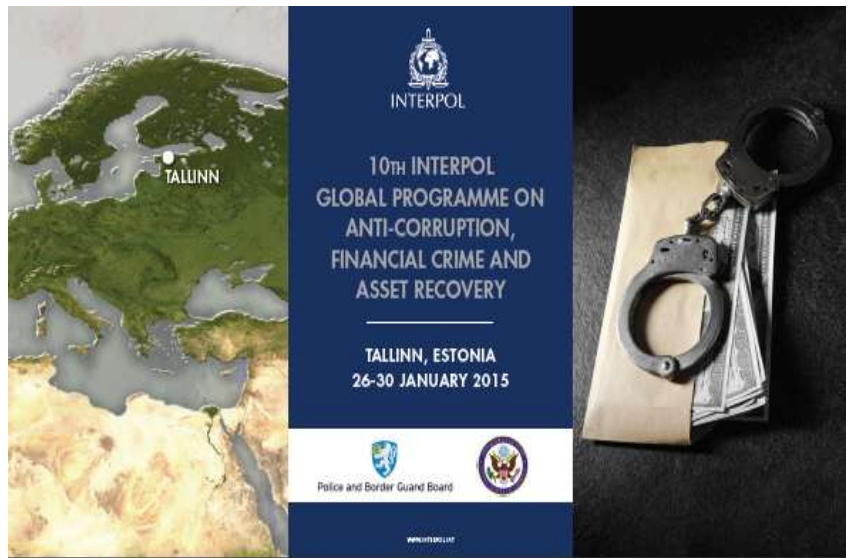


10th Global Programme on Anti-Corruption, Financial Crime and Asset Recovery

The 10th Global Programme on Anti-Corruption, Financial Crimes and Asset Recovery, was organized from the 26 to the 30 of January 2015 in Tallinn, Estonia. This training was delivered by INTERPOL's Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes Sub-Directorate (AFC), in partnership with the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board and the INTERPOL National Central Bureau in Tallinn. The training was made possible with the financial support of the US Department of State INL Bureau. This operational training targeted senior officials from agencies responsible for investigating bribery, corruption, money laundering and asset recovery with the objective of strengthening the effectiveness of their investigations and collaboration to fight corruption and recover stolen assets.



34 participants from anti-corruption investigating agencies, Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs), and the Prosecution Offices of Estonia, Sweden, Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine benefited from the training. The training enabled participants to learn about the latest tools and techniques used in investigations of various corruption, financial crimes and asset recovery cases. Participants exchanged best practices in the detection, tracing, freezing and confiscation of illicit assets. It also served to encourage collaboration between countries' anti-corruption units and other agencies/departments on investigations.

The workshop enabled discussions around bribery, abuse of official function, corruption in procurement and contracting, emerging trends in money laundering, abuse of public office, forensic accounting, computer and mobile forensics, asset recovery and the effective use of mutual legal assistance in international investigations. Participants had the opportunity to also present perspectives from their

respective countries, with the associated risks and opportunities for law enforcement when combatting corruption and tracing the proceeds of crime.

INTERPOL's role

The training was delivered by experts from INTERPOL General Secretariat, with a few modules and presentations delivered by experts from the Office of the Prosecutor General of Estonia and the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board. The following subjects were covered during the training:

- Anti-corruption legislations, policies and practices
- Role of intelligence in developing a corruption case
- Abuse of official position/public office to make illegal gains
- Public officials in possession of assets disproportionate to known sources of income
- Measures to reduce incidences of corruption in procurement and contracting
- Digital and mobile forensics for corruption and money laundering investigators
- Detection, investigation and prosecution of corruption in exploitation of natural resources
- New trends in laundering proceeds of corruption and electronic and digital currencies

Outcomes

By the end of the training, it was clear that the participants had improved their investigative skills related to complex corruption cases. Participants learned guidelines for conducting investigations and best practices to exploit evidence and present it to court during the prosecution of corruption cases. The imminent need to develop and mentor the participants to hone their skills in corruption and financial investigations also emerged from the training.

This training was the first in the Baltic region for AFC's Global Programme on Anti-Corruption, Financial Crimes and Asset Recovery. It helped INTERPOL to better identify the needs of the anti-corruption agencies in the region. INTERPOL proposed some basic programmes to the relevant authorities in the region, in order to help further develop their investigative skills. It is hoped that INTERPOL will continue to work together with the anti-corruption authorities in the target countries to further build this capacity.

Links

<http://www.interpol.int/Crime-areas/Corruption/Corruption>

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