

Agenda | 10 October 2023 | InterContinental Sofia

# Strengthening Transparency and Governance through Collective Action

08:30–09:00 **Registration and coffee**

09:00–09:45 **Opening remarks**

- **Gretta Fenner**, Managing Director, Basel Institute on Governance
- **H.E. Mariya Gabriel**, Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria
- **H.E. Assen Vassilev**, Minister of Finance of Bulgaria
- **H.E. Raymund Furrer**, Ambassador of Switzerland to Bulgaria
- **H.E. Kenneth Merten**, Ambassador of the United States to Bulgaria

09:45–10:15 **Keynote addresses**

- **Nicola Bonucci**, Member of the Board, Basel Institute on Governance, former Director of Legal Affairs, OECD
- **François Valérian**, Member of the Board of Directors, Transparency International

10:15–11:00 **Panel 1 | Collective Action as a tool to advance the anti-corruption agenda**

This session will highlight the benefits of Collective Action as a means to enhance transparency and integrity and its relevance in the context of international standards and best practice. The OECD will provide insights into the incorporation of Collective Action in the 2021 Anti-Bribery Recommendation. Bulgaria's past experience with integrity pacts and future priorities will also be shared.

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**Panelists:**

- **Gretta Fenner**, Managing Director, Basel Institute on Governance
- **Amel Cheikhi-Derrad**, Policy Analyst, OECD Anti-Corruption Division
- **H.E. Andrey Tsekov**, Minister of Regional Development, Bulgaria
- **Yassen Yordanov**, Chair of the Management Board of the Road Infrastructure Agency (RIA)

**Moderator:** Nicola Bonucci

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11:00–11:15      **Coffee break**

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11:15–12:00      **Panel 2 | Models for Collective Action in Europe: Best practices and lessons learned**

This session will focus on different models of Collective Action, including integrity pacts and Compliance without Borders, and on lessons learned from European countries in using Collective Action approaches to increase integrity and ethics in large-scale infrastructure projects.

**Panelists:**

- **Gaëlane Pelen**, Head of International Affairs Mission, French Anti-Corruption Agency
- **Giovani Colombo**, Executive Director, Transparency International Italy
- **Philip Gounev**, Chair of the Risk and Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board of SOF Connect (Sofia Airport)
- **Anda Krauze**, Risk Manager of SJSC Riga International Airport, Latvia and Chair of the Board of the IIA Latvia

**Moderator:** Gretta Fenner

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12:00–13:00

### **Panel 3 | Private Sector as a driver for Collective Action**

This session aims to explore private and public sector incentives for engaging in anti-corruption Collective Action, share experiences and lessons learned from engagement in Collective Action initiatives, and draw conclusions on what actions and measures are needed to foster sustained public-private collaboration in Bulgaria.

#### **Panelists:**

- **H.E. Assen Vassilev**, Bulgarian Minister of Finance
- **Ivan Mihaylov**, CEO, American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria
- **Boni Bonev**, Chair, Bulgarian-Swiss Chamber of Commerce
- **Andrija Tomovic**, Country President, Novartis Bulgaria

**Moderator:** Kalin Slavov, Executive Director, Transparency International Bulgaria

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#### **Closing remarks**

- **H.E. Assen Vassilev**, Minister of Finance, Bulgaria
- **Nicola Bonucci**, Basel Institute on Governance

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#### **Lunch**

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