



Crime and Culture, Final Conference
Friday, July 10, 2009
Venue: Crowne Plaza Brussels City Centre “Le Palace”,
Rue Gineste 3, Brussels

General description: According to the implementation plan of the project the project’s findings, especially those elaborated in the frame of the inter-cultural comparison, will be presented and discussed with invited experts and practitioners in the anti-corruption field as well as with policy-makers. The conference’s core intention concerning the interaction between research and practical anti-corruption competencies is to enhance practitioners’ and policy-makers’ sensibility for and awareness of socio-cultural aspects of corrupt conduct which should urgently be taken into account in the fight against corruption.

Sessions of the conference. The sessions of the conference contain each time two target groups. Session 1: Politics and Economy, Session 2: Judiciary and Police, Session 3: Civil Society and Media. The reason for this thematic arrangement derives from insights on perceptions of corruption gained through project research on the target groups. It is either based on similarities regarding the rationality that underpin the social action of the members of the groups or underlines the fact that conflicts between and confusion of these rationalities constitute reasons for corrupt conduct. Experts and practitioners with experience in the field will deliver a detailed comment on project results related to each target group. At the end of every session the floor will be given to questions from the attendees.

General discussion. Participants and attendees of the conference will be given the additional opportunity to thoroughly discuss main lines of argumentation presented during the single sessions of the conference in the frame of a general discussion session.

Panel Discussion: Project’s Results and Policy Needs. The panel to take place at the end of the conference is dedicated to a targeted discussion on how project findings and conclusions can be fruitful towards optimisation of anti-corruption policies and practice. To this end representatives of the most important anti-corruption agencies have been invited to participate.