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**REGULATING PUBLIC PROCUREMENT INTERNAL MARKET ACQUIS:
NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES AND EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE**

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14 April	Day 1
8.30–9.00	Registration of participants.
9.00–9.30	<p>Opening remarks:</p> <p>Dr. Ann Ferren - Provost of the American University in Bulgaria HE Ambassador Dimitris Kourkoulas – Head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Bulgaria HE Debra McFarland - USAID /Bulgaria Mission Director Mrs. Evgenia Koldanova – Deputy Minister of Economy of R Bulgaria</p>
PANEL 1 – CURRENT CHALLENGES OF THE NEW PROCUREMENT SYSTEM	
<i>Moderator: Dr. Olga Borissova- Centre for European Programmes, AUBG</i>	
9.30–10.00	<p>Essentials of the Legislative package and options for the future. Remedies against infringements - General aspects of legal protection in Bulgaria</p> <p>Mr. Miko Mikov, Member of the Parliamentary Economic Policy Committee and Member of the Legal Affairs Committee</p>
10.00–10.30	<p>"Change of perspectives - from candidacy to membership"</p> <p>Mr. Piotr-Nils Gorecki, Principle Administrator - SIGMA (Support for Improvement in Governance and Management), A joint initiative of the OECD and the EU, principally financed by the EU</p>
10.30–10.45	<p>The role of the Public Procurement Agency – challenges and perspectives</p> <p>Mrs. Miglena Pavlova, Executive Director of the Public Procurement Agency, Bulgaria</p>
10.45 – 11.00	<p>The public procurement register – publicity and transparency</p> <p>Mrs. Marieta Popova – Director, Electronic data base Directorate, Public Procurement Agency, Bulgaria</p>
11.00– 11.30	Coffee Break / Press conference
11.30–11.50	<p>Electronic support in public procurement in Hungary: contract management</p> <p>Mr. Laszlo Ketszeri, Head of Procurement Research and Development department, at the Directorate of Central Services, Hungary</p>
11.50–12.10	<p>Typical institutional framework and public procurement in practice – the case of the Lithuanian Republic</p> <p>Mr. Andrius Meizenis, Head of International relations, notices and reports division, Public Procurement Office, Lithuania Ms. Aurelija Krisciunaite, Chief Specialist of International Relations, Notices and Reports Division, Public Procurement Office, Lithuania</p>
12.10--12.30	<p>Public procurement – review system in the Czech republic</p> <p>Mr. Robert Palenik – Expert, Public procurement department, Office of the protection of competition, Czech republic</p>
12.30-12.45	Questions and Answers session

12.45-14.00 Buffet lunch

PANEL 2 – TRANSPARENCY OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM – HOW TO ACHIEVE IT AND WHAT IT BRINGS

Moderator: Mr. Bojidar Danev, Chairman of the Bulgarian Industrial Association

14.00-14.20 Estonia: Public Procurement information system

Mr. Tom Annikve, Deputy Director General, Public Procurement Office, Estonia

14.20-14.40 Remedies system in the Public procurement office and administrative court in Estonia

Mr. Peeter Milvere, Legal adviser, Public Procurement Office, Estonia

14.40-15.00 The Slovak experience in transparency of the PP system

Ms. Rozalia Molnarova, PP Consultant, Slovakia

15.00-15.15 Questions and Answers session with the speakers

15.15–15.40 Coffee break

PANEL 3 – PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS: EXPERIENCE, BENEFITS AND SAVINGS

Moderator: Mrs. Mary Jae Abbitt- Chief of Party, OGI/USAID

15.40-16.00 Public procurement in Europe and competitive dialogue

Mr. Bojidar Danev, Chairman of the Bulgarian Industrial Association

16.00-16.20 Public procurement in practice – experience of public- private partnership in Latvia

Ms. Laila Jurcena, Assistant to the Justice, the Constitutional Court of Latvia

16.20-16.50 Developing the legislative environment of public procurement in Hungary

Dr. Tátrai Tünde, Prime Minister's Office at the Electronic Government Centre, Hungary

16.50-17.10 Interactions of the forces with Public Procurement system

Ms. Carmen Apostol, Deputy director, “Regulating Public Procurement and Prioritizing Public Investments” Directorate, Ministry of Public Finance, Romania

17.10-17.30 How to support the activities of contracting authorities

Mr. Gheorghe Cazan, Head of Unit, Ministry of Public Finance “Regulating Public Procurement and Prioritizing Public Investments” Directorate, Romania

17.30-17.45 Questions and Answers session

17.45–19.30 Cocktail

PANEL 4 – THE EXTENSIVE WAY IN IMPROVING THE PUBLIC SPENDITURES*Moderator: Mrs. Marieta Popova, Public Procurement Agency*

- 9.00-9.20** **The introduction of public procurement law in Latvia: from contributing to EU accession to improving the performance of public administration**
Ms. Ruta Konstante, Director of EU and International affairs department, Ministry of Finance, Latvia
- 9.20-9.40** **Polish public procurement on the road to accession: developments and pitfalls**
Mr. Grzegorz Lang, Expert, Office of the Committee for European Integration Department of European Law
- 9.40-10.00** **Support when implementing requirements of public procurement legislation**
Ms. Sigita Jurgeleviciene, Head of Training Subdivision, Methodology and Training Division of Public Procurement Office under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania
- 10.00-10.15** **Questions and Answers session**
- 10.15-10.45** Coffee break

PANEL 5 – CONTROL OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROCESS – GETTING VALUE FOR MONEY*Moderator: Mrs. Eva Radeva- OGI/USAID*

- 10.45-11.10** **Supervision in Estonian Public Procurement System**
Mr. Aleksander Bakirov, Deputy head of Department on Supervision, Estonian Public Procurement Office
- 11.10-11.30** **Functioning of the ex ante procurement control system in Poland**
Ms. Anita Elzanowska, Acting director of Control department, Public Procurement office, Poland
- 11.30-11.50** **Practical experience with the inspection of the public procurement**
Ms. Dita Garciciova, Expert, Public procurement department, Office of the protection of competition, Czech republic
- 11.50-12.10** **Transparency in Polish Public Procurement Law. Access to information in contract award procedures-rules and practice**
Ms Eliza Niewiadomska, Director of Legal Department, Public Procurement office, Poland
- 12.10-12.30** **Questions and Answers session. Closing session.**
- 13.00-14.00** **Buffet lunch**