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Round table on Identification, Seizure and Confiscation of Proceeds from Corruption

On 19th September 2008, the EC/CoE joint project "Support to Good Governance: project against corruption in Ukraine" held a round table on "Identification, Seizure and Confiscation of proceeds from Corruption". This event was jointly organised with the Embassy of France in Ukraine and the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.



The conference represented an opportunity for the representatives of competent Ukrainian authorities and institutions as well as international experts to discuss the need of legislative and institutional reforms to enhance the current system of identification, seizure and confiscation of proceeds from corruption in Ukraine in line with European standards and relevant GRECO and Moneyval recommendations.

The participants called for the improvement of the current legal framework and draft law on confiscation procedures elaborated by the Ministry of Justice through the adoption of clear definition of bribery offences, proceeds from crime, instrumentalities and confiscation measures.

Based on the French and Belgian models presented during the conference, the participants underlined the necessity of establishing specialised bodies in charge of detection and investigation of corruption offences as well as of the seizure and confiscation of proceeds from crime which would be provided with adequate funding and well-trained personnel. The discussions also pointed out the lack of specialisation of the prosecutors, judges and law enforcement authorities in corruption cases as well as of coordination between the law enforcement authorities themselves.

The round table gave rise to active and fruitful debates and proposals to assist Ukraine towards the establishment of a more effective system of identification, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime.