The issue of identification, seizure and confiscation of proceeds of crimes is one of the main priorities of the Supreme Public Prosecutor’s Office of the Czech Republic. This agenda also includes a proactive and timely sharing of information on proceeds of crimes to another state (including the UNCAC States Parties) without a prior request for the purposes of initiating its own investigation.

As far as identifying best practices and developing guidelines for proactive and timely sharing of information to enable States Parties to take appropriate action is concerned, as stated in paragraph 6 of the resolution 6/2 adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in November 2015, the Czech Republic considers the active, consistent and effective use of all possibilities available to be essential as well as such a use of all means of international cooperation. The Czech Republic actively participates in the activities of several international organizations, working groups and other similar platforms in the area of asset recovery (e.g. the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions, MONEYVAL, GRECO, the international network CARIN etc.).

The role of the Eurojust is irreplaceable. The Czech Republic ranks therein among the most active states in organizing coordination meetings of states affected by the investigated criminal activities. The Czech Republic has taken part in the establishment of several dozens of international joint investigation teams which are considered as ranking among the most effective tools of international judicial cooperation (from the point of view of the usability of evidence, information sharing, elimination of the MLA procedure etc.). Moreover, the provision of information important for another state in the form of the so-called spontaneous information has proven to be an effective model, as well as the initiation of criminal proceedings in another state by means of the so-called parallel criminal proceedings.

As of 1 January 2018 the Czech Republic shall establish the Central Registry of Bank Accounts which should also contribute towards a timely provision of information to other states in the area of identification of assets and proceeds of crimes.