

Dear colleagues,

regardin request concerning the cooperation between Asset Recovery Office and corruption department and sharing the best practises and experiences we answer as follows:

1. question:

“... experiences and best practices on criminal and civil measures and remedies to enhance international cooperation and asset recovery related to corruption, including, among others, when it involves vast quantities of assets...”.

Answer:

Asset Recovery Office of the Slovak Republic we has not developed any cooperation with corruption department.

2. question:

“... to share best practices in the identification of legal and natural persons, involved in the establishment of corporate entities, including shell companies, trusts and other similar arrangements which may be abused to commit or conceal crimes of corruption or to hide, disguise or transfer their proceeds of corruption to countries that provide safety to the corrupt and/or their proceeds.”

Answer:

...to our best practises to identify legal or natural persons, involved in the establishment of corporate entities.....include the folloving measures in general:

a) checks in *Business Register*

The Business Register is a publically accessible list containing entries determined by the Law on entrepreneurs and other persons

b) checks in *Trade Register*

The Trade Register is a public register administered by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic containing data on natural persons and legal persons who are issued a license for trade activities under Law № 455/1991 on Trade. The database is accessible to the public

The ARO staff has access to the following databases:

- c) apart from access to all information systems of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic and the Police Force, e.g. the Central Lustration Console the ARO staff has **direct access** to other particular information systems such as:

Register of inhabitants (identification of a person, national identification number, date of birth, domicile, family members, identification documents including passports, wanted persons), information on registration of foreigners with permission of stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic, etc.

- d) further information may be obtained via a **specific request** from Social insurance agency, a.s. or Financial administration of the SR
- e) in cases of suspicion of concealing of assets abroad we send the request to the respective country to provide us with information

Best regards

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