

# *Corruptissima Re Publica, Plurimae Leges*

Rome, October 14-15th, 2021

Fondazione Luigi Einaudi, Via della Conciliazione n. 10, Rome

## Context

Rent-seeking and corruption affects the correct functioning of democratic institutions, distorting the political and economic decision-making and generating ineffectiveness and inequality. Several international organizations consider corruption as one of the major obstacles to economic and social development, and the fight against corruption is a fundamental aspect of a wider effort by citizens to oppose the deterioration of the quality of democratic processes.

The conference aims at explaining the differentiated diffusion and persistence of corruption across countries in Europe and design some proposals of effective anti-corruption measures. First, explain the economic, politico-institutional, social and cultural factors underlying the diffusion and persistence of corruption. Second, discuss how to fight corruption reducing the size of the public sector through cutting public budget and simplifying and reducing regulation and through a continuous civic and political engagement of the public opinion. Third, make proposals of effective measures to the EU institutions, i.e., to improve the efficiency of the structural funds.

## About the event

The event consists in a conference presenting the publication "*Corruptissima Re Publica, Plurimae Leges*". The authors of the book, in front of an audience composed by policymakers and the general public, will discuss about corruption throughout Europe, firstly presenting their respective contributions and then comparing different approaches of EU Member States on anti-corruption practices.

## Programme

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

**10:00 – 19:00** Participants check in to the *Hotel Paolo VI*, located in via Paolo VI n. 29, 00193 Roma

**19:00 - Meeting at the lobby for welcome and introduction**

**Gian Marco Bovenzi**, Fondazione Luigi Einaudi

**19:30 – Dinner (Location TBD)**

**Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**09:30 Welcome of the Speakers and Covid-19 safety checks**

**10:00 Introductory Remarks and presentation of the book**

**Speaker:** **Marco Mariani**, European Liberal Forum Board Member

Conference Moderator

**Emma Galli**, Scientific Director of the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi

**10:10 - The case of Italy.**

**Speaker:** **Giuseppe Abbatino**, ANAC (National Anti-Corruption Authority) officer, EC expert  
Prevention of corruption approaches, methodologies and tools.

**10:40 - From East to the West.**

**Speaker:** **Alisa Muzergues**, Associate Fellow, Euro Créative think-tank

New approaches to counteraction of corruption in Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

**11:10 - Coffee break**

**11:20 - Systemic Corruption is a Hungarian Specialty.**

**Speaker:** **Gyorgy Folk**, Founder and Head of Communication, EUrologus

On corruption in Hungary and Central Europe

**11:50 - *Maan Tapa* - When in Rome.**

**Speaker:** **Fredrik Malmberg**, Postdoctoral researcher at Åbo Akademi University

On corruption in the Scandinavian countries and Iceland

**12:10 - Q&A and discussion with the speakers**

**13:00 - Lunch Break**

**14:20 - The case of Cyprus.**

**Speaker:** **Anna Kyprianou**, lawyer and **Rosalie Gogorian**, Governing Committee Member of DEPA

On corruption in Cyprus.

**14:40 – A practical approach: anti-corruption investigation systems in Hungary.**

**Speaker:** **Marton Tompos**, Anti-Corruption leader, Momentum.

**15:00 – Coffee break**

**15:10 – From Anti-corruption to Profi-corruption: The Case of Czechia**

**Speaker:** **Jan Havlicek**, Counterterrorism expert, Member of the Institute for Politics and Society

**15:30 – Corruption in Poland.**

**Speaker:** [Grzegorz Makowski](#), Anti-Corruption expert at the Batory Foundation

**15:50 – Coffee break**

**16:00 - Q&A and debate with the speakers**

- Economic, politico-institutional, social and cultural factors underlying the diffusion and persistence of corruption;
- How to fight corruption reducing the size of the public sector through cutting public budget, simplifying and reducing regulation, and through political engagement of the public opinion;
- Effective measures to the EU institutions.

**16:45 - Highlights of the findings and conclusive remarks**

**Emma Galli**, Scientific Director of the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi

**17:00 – End of the event**

**20:00 – Closing dinner (location TBD)**

**Saturday, October 16th**

**09:00 – 16:00 Departure of speakers**

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