



GENERAL SECRETARIAT AGAINST  
CORRUPTION

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### **1st International Conference on the Establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office**

The 1st International Conference on the Establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office was held in Athens on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2018, organized by the Supreme Court Prosecutor's Office under the auspices of the Presidency of the Greek Republic with the assistance of the General Secretariat Against Corruption and the General Inspector of Public Administration, was successfully completed.

The General Prosecutor of the Supreme Court of Greece Mrs. Xenia Dimitriou opened the conference in the presence of the President of the Hellenic Republic, HE Prokopis Pavlopoulos while Minister of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights M. Kalogirou addressed welcome speech.

The President of the Supreme Court, General and Federal Prosecutors from Europe, third-country Prosecutors, the President and Vice-President of Eurojust, representatives of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and the European Commission, as well as Greek Prosecutors, senior judges and representatives of auditing bodies were among the participants.

The General Secretary Against Corruption, Mrs. Anastasia Xepapadea, in her inaugural speech, outlined the grid of processes and stakeholders involved in protecting European financial interests. She highlighted the close cooperation of GSAC, as the Greek AFCOS Service, with OLAF and expressed her satisfaction regarding the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office stressing that: "The Institution of the European Public Prosecutor's Office is going to overcome impediments related to language issues, jurisdictional difficulties and delays in judicial assistance".

Mrs Xepapadea concluded by praising the importance of cooperation in the effectiveness of the investigations on corruption and fraud cases, in the accountability and in the process of charging amounts, and outlined the need to improve the mechanisms for asset recovery.