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Barcelona, 07th of April 2017

Dear Ms. Joly,

I am writing to you as Director of the Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia, position that I hold from September last year. At the forefront of the institution, I do dedicate efforts to consolidate the Office as an important pillar for the fight against corruption in our country.

I am aware of the knowledge and contact that you had with who was the institution's initiator, the Prosecutor Mr. David Martinez Madero, who died prematurely in 2010. After an unstable period in the management of the institution, my immediate aim is to recover the citizens' confidence. I pursue to recover this original spirit, being the successor of an innovative vision in terms of the organizational design and the audacious combination of corruption prevention and investigation, which is not so common.

One of the questions to which I would like to dedicate the greatest efforts is, precisely, to foster the corruption reporting and to generate a favourable culture in order to take a step forward towards whistleblower protection. With this objective, we have organized on the 5th and 6th of July in Barcelona, together with the University Menéndez Pelayo (UIMP), a seminar on whistleblowers of corruption, a tribune for the reconnaissance of the persons that, with their brave testimony, have allowed the identification and prosecution of several cases, too often with a personal cost.

At the same time, we would like to identify –counting with the approach of several experts and with the work of activists, on one hand, and of the representatives of the committed civil society, on the other - the essential elements for a good protection system for the reporting person, offering a safe alternative to silence. Nor in Catalonia nor in the Spain we do count, nowadays, with a comprehensive and solid protection system offering sufficient guarantees. Our aspiration is to foster regulatory and organizational changes which we deem necessary.

I attach you the programme, though it is still a draft. The foreseen remuneration for this activity (according to the standards of the UIMP courses) is of 440 €, covering in addition the travel and accommodation expenses.

Amelia

Summer course draft programme Corruption whistleblowers.

Date: 5 & 6 July 2017

Organisers: Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia and CUIMPB- Ernest Lluch Center

Wednesday, July 5

Summer session

09.00-9.30h Registration

09.30-10.00h Opening

Miguel Ángel Gimeno, Director of the Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia
Maria José García, academic director of CUIMPB-Center Ernest Lluch.

10.00-11.00h Opening speech
(tbc)

Eva Joly, Member of the European Parliament, author of the book *Des héros ordinaires*, dedicated to corruption fighters. Ex magistrate and ex counsellor of the Ministry of Exterior Affairs of Norway in anti-corruption programmes.

11.00-11.30h Break

BLOCK I. Whistleblower protection regulations.

11.30-12.15h Whistleblower laws in Europe

Paul Stephenson, European consultant, Public Concern at Work, United Kingdom.

12.15-14.00h Round table on whistleblower protection regulations.

Daniel Amoedo, lawyer and consultant specialised in Human rights, Transparency and Data Protection.

Pam Barlett, Consultant of Greens/EFA Group- European Parliament Transparency and Democracy Campaigner (tbc).

Humberto Guadalupe, President of the Labour Chamber of the Superior Justice Court, Canary Islands, Spain.

Laura Seseña, Legal Counsel at the Parliament of Castilla-León (tbc).

Moderates: Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia

Afternoon session

BLOCK II. Whistleblowers on corruption

- 16.00-16.45h** Keynote speaker
Baltasar Garzón, lawyer and promoter of the Whistleblower protection Platform in Africa (PPLAAF) (tbc)
- 16.45-18.30h** Round table: whistleblowers on corruption
Irma Ferrer, whistleblower lawyer concerning town-planning abuses in Lanzarote, representin the affected persons in several judicial cases.
Ana Garrido, whistleblower and witness of the Gürtel case. Platform X for honesty (tbc).
Simona Levi, activist and founder of Xnet and 15MpaRato, responsables of the anti-corruption mailbox "Xnet" of anonymous complaints and initiators of the Bankia and Black Card case.
Teresa Soler, director of the documentary "Corruption: a harmful body".
Moderator: David Fernández, journalist and activist against corruption

Thursday, July 6th

Morning session

BLOCK III. The media as a reporting tool

- 09.30-10.15h** Keynote speaker
Nick Davies, investigative journalist, The Guardian (tbc)
- 10.15-10.45h** Break
- 10.45-12.30h** Round Table. The media as a reporting tool.
Marcos García Rey, member of the Journalists Consortia, coordinator of the Masters in Investigative Journalism, Data and Visualisation by the University Rey Juan Carlos I and Unidad Editorial.
Carlos Sánchez, deputy director of *El Confidencial*, spokesperson of the Panamá papers subject. Career in several media.
Justin Webster, author of investigative documentaries. Career in several media.
Moderator: Sergi Picazo, journalist, founding partner of Crític and journalism professor of the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB)
- 12.30-13.30h** Conclusions and closing of the course