



Partnership with the civil society

The experience of the *Service Central de Prévention de la Corruption*

--SCPC--

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- SCPC created in 1993, by law, on preventing corruption and promoting transparency in public and private sector;
- independant, but report to the PM, MoJ.



- Centralisation of data: systems not individual cases
- advice to judicial institutions, ministers, local authorities elected or not, public control bodies, administrative commissions
- recommandations and the annual report



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Issues addressed

- Public procurement
- sport
- advertising companies
- sects, cults
- professional training
- NGOs
- OECD convention
- adoption
- Internal auditing
- private security
- charities
- money laundering
- black economy
- embezzlement
- trading in influence
- international trade



- **Training:** National schools (ENA, ENM)
- universities
- Schools of Police, gendarmerie, Customs
- Public territorial civil servants
- **International action:** hosting foreign delegations, part of negotiations (UN), OECD, Council of Europe (GRECO), expertise.



Conventions

- Joint programmes
- help them to identify good practices
- exchange informations:
- help to write or improve their code of conducts and code of ethics
- participate in their internal training programmes



- Public companies such as:
SNCF(1998), EDF (2001), Agence Française de Développement (AFD) 2004.
- Private companies: Dassault aviation (2004), EADS (2003), Perifem (2003), VEOLIA environnement (2002)



- **Professional organisations :**
- **Profesional league of Football (Dec. 2005)**
- **French Rugby league**
- ***Française des Jeux (gambling) June 2005.***



- **Recommandation of GRECO, Council of Europe: Evaluation of France 2001: to address the private sector**
- **OECD evaluation phase 2 , Dec. 2003, to encourage the role of SCPC towards private companies, in particular SMEs**



- **Training sessions: ex: Eurocopter (EADS), on OECD Convention, and the consequences of the UN convention on bribery; Improving internal control systems**
- **Code of ethics: VEOLIA, Dassault.**
- **How to select « intermediaries »**



- **Share informations on the different judicial systems (law advisers of the companies) of the competitive companies**
- **knowing private initiatives, good practices that could be useful to others companies**



- **Sept. 2006 SCPC and Novethic published a study on how the CAC 40 companies talk of Prevention of corruption in their annual reports:**
- **« *Transparence des multinationales françaises en matière de lutte contre la corruption* ».**
- ***Www.novethic.fr/novethic/upload/etudes/Presentation_EtudeCorruption_CAC40.pdf***



Prevention policy within the companies

- **The public commitment of the leaders**
- **specialized department of ethics, deontology**
- **information and training**
- **code of conducts and of ethics**
- **Procedures of selection of intermediaries**
- **internal control system with severe sanctions**



Advantages expected

- To get advice and information from a third party, independent from prosecution authorities;
- to get support for their training programmes
- to improve their image in the country and abroad;
- to get legal protection in case of internal cases of bribery



Final objectives

- Reduce the judicial risks: damages on the reputation of integrity of the company, criminal sanctions of their leaders;
- Preserve their markets and their place in the world economy
- Increase the attractiveness of the company by its commitment on promoting ethics
- develop a better world trade by implementing fair competition



identified Obstacles

- Sharing sensitive even sometimes confidential pieces of information;
- facing borderline behaviours...
- being manipulated by the company that tries to justify misconducts, or just uses the partnership as a good image;
- facing problems with the legal department of the company that sees the SCPC as a competitor ;



conclusion

- « on going process »
- **increase sharing of information between SCPC and the companies, but also between companies themselves, sharing their problems and difficulties facing bribe solicitations;**
- **to help them to find the way to select business intermediaries who commit to greater transparency and ethical business practices.**