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Cab FVPT chaired a meeting with relevant Cabinets (President, Commissioner Avramopoulos) and services (DG HOME, SG) which considered the issue of anti-corruption policies.

While it was acknowledged that anti-corruption stays of high priority, it was agreed that the focus of anti-corruption work under the current Commission should be streamlined and include:

- Horizontal work prioritising GRECO, avoiding the risk of overlap with the work of the Council of Europe;
- Country-specific conclusions concentrating on the European Semester process, whilst taking its economic focus into account;
- The possible enlargement of the Justice scoreboard should be explored, while recognising that it should concentrate on growth/economic impact.

The efforts of the team in HOME would be reshaped accordingly, continuing the work of experience-sharing but with no further preparations for a report.

This orientation would be fed into the suite à donner to the EP resolution on the Ferrara report (final deadline 25 January) and the response to LIBE foreseen by FVPT before the Committee in October (an invitation from the EP intergroup on corruption was also expected). HOME and SG would coordinate to take this forward (SG will do a first draft).

Other points to note:

- Consideration would be given to possible consequences for Commission Decision C(2011) 3673.
- The status quo would continue with regard to institutional participation in UNCAC and GRECO.

Best wishes for Christmas

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