Seminar

Identifying, Restraining and Recovering

Stolen Assets in the OSCE Region

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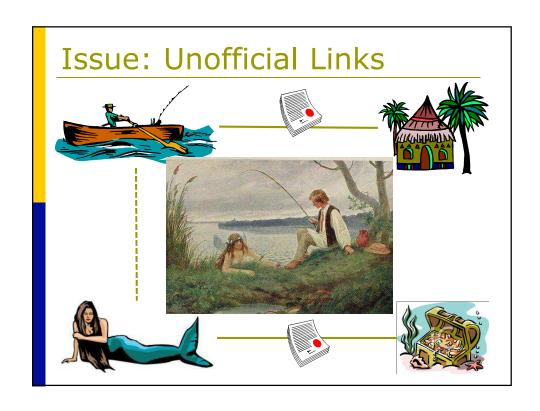
#### FIU of Ukraine

- □ FIU of administrative type
- No investigative power
- 4..5 thousand transaction reports per day
- Access to bank secrecy without restrictions
- Freezing power

# Finding Real Owner

- □ Ukraine: mandatory to declare an ultimate owner of the company to the registrar
- □ Foreign: check databases/ask foreign FIU
- □ Issue: Complex Structure





#### Tracing Money

- □ Ukraine: FIU has right to request any information from bank
- Ukraine: FIU can send a monitoring order for the bank account
- □ Issue: break of the paper trail



□ Issue: mingling of money



# Freezing Money

- Ukraine:
  - Banks and FIU can freeze money, up to 14 days
  - no time limits when freezing on request of foreign FIU
  - Maximum duration by now: 30 days
  - Maximum amount by now: Eur 3 mln

## Freezing Money: Issues

- □ Freeze entire account or suspend a single suspicious transaction?
- □ Can bank inform a client about freezing?
- Easy to block one large single transfer.

  And if it has been divided into many small transactions?

## Questions?

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