



The role of the National Coordinator Against Corruption

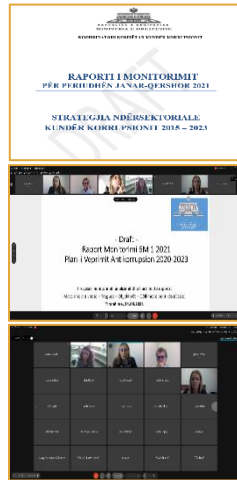
The Minister of Justice, in their role as the National Coordinator Against Corruption, is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption (ISAC). The vision of this strategy is to create transparent institutions, with high standards of integrity, that enjoy the trust of citizens and that guarantee qualitative and incorruptible services. This vision has been adopted into three approaches: preventive, punitive and awareness-raising against corruption.

Pursuant to the awareness-raising measures and activities, each year the Ministry of Justice, drafts the Anti-Corruption Communication and Visibility Strategy. Through it, the Ministry aims to reach different audiences, within and outside public institutions and to build a new relationship with citizens, based on mutual trust, in the prevention and fight against corruption. The electronic newsletter is a broad communication tool that aims to inform through a summary of the main anticorruption activities carried out by the Ministry of Justice, on a monthly basis.

Activities in September, 2021

Meeting of the technical group for the discussion and approval of the Draft Monitoring Report on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption, January - June 2021

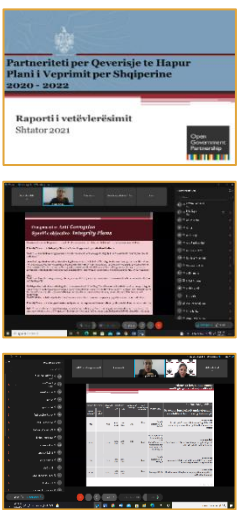
24.09.2021. At the end of the drafting, consulting and reviewing process of the Semi-Annual Draft Monitoring Report of the Action Plan 2020-2023, for the implementation of the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption (ISAC), the Technical Secretariat at the National Coordinator Against Corruption in the Ministry of Justice, organized the presentation meeting and discussion of the findings and results of the monitoring process. The meeting was held with the participation of all representatives of the implementing bodies of the Action Plan, who were introduced to the final analysis of the report. The draft monitoring report provides data on the implementation of activities - measures - achievement of performance indicators and progress for each policy objective of the strategy. The meeting featured discussions on the report data, proposals for further steps and concrete recommendations for institutions in order to improve the performance on the implementation of the Action Plan for the following period in 2021. The semi-annual draft report will be approved at the meeting of the Coordination Committee for the implementation of the ISAC, under the direction of the Minister of Justice, during October, 2021 and will be published on the official website of the Ministry of Justice.



Meeting of the Thematic Policy-Making Group for the Implementation of the Sectoral Approach (GMIP) for Good Governance and Public Administration

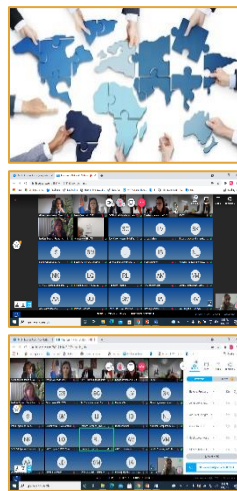
10.09.2021. The Thematic Group on Good Governance and Public Administration, which also includes the field of anti-corruption, held a meeting to present the self-assessment and progress on the implementation of the National Action Plan of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), 2020-2022, for the annual period of 2020 and January-June, 2021. The report contains data and the progress achieved for the forecasts made in this action plan. The Self-Assessment Report was drafted in accordance with the methodology of the monitoring and analysis of the OGP Independent Reporting Mechanism, as well as consulted with active CSOs in this field. Findings of the report on the anti-corruption component - integrity plans are: the adoption of the methodology of integrity risk assessment in central government institutions; the approval and start of implementation of the Integrity Plan for the Ministry of Justice (MoJ); the co-drafting process of strategic documents in accordance with the principles of open government; the ongoing process in all ministries and MoJ subordinations for the drafting of integrity plans; and the transparent communication and information on the activity of the MoJ to the public. This report was also evaluated by representatives of the OGP initiative from its headquarters in Canada.

The collection of materials for this meeting is accessible at this link: <https://ogp.gov.al/artikull/raporte-monitorimi-1072> and on the OGP website: <https://ogp.gov.al/>



Ministry of Justice as the National Coordinator Against Corruption is elected a member of the Steering Committee of the Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities (NCPA)

16.09.2021. The Ministry of Justice, in the role of the National Coordinator Against Corruption, is one of the founding members of the Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities (NCPA, 2018). The NCPA Network is an organization within the Council of Europe, which brings together authorities with anti-corruption functions through plenary meetings, exchange of information, experiences, good practices, with the aim of establishing possible collaborations and strengthening the use of anticorruption mechanisms. This network has 30 member countries. The NCPA conducts plenary sessions every 4 months. At the plenary session held on 16 September 2021, the Ministry of Justice / National Anti-Corruption Coordinator was elected a member of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is the highest body of the NCPA, which directs its decision-making, as well as promotes and assigns its activities. Currently, members of the Steering Committee are from 8 countries: Serbia, France, Croatia, Palestine, Greece, Morocco, Ecuador and Albania. The membership term of the Steering Committee is two years. The NCPA cooperates with organizations in the field of anti-corruption in order to promote and raise awareness of anti-corruption initiatives.



More information about the NCPA can be found at this link: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/corruption/ncpa-network>

The twelfth session (resumed) of the Implementation Review Group on the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)

06-10.09.2021. The Ministry of Justice, as the National Coordinator Against Corruption, participated in the meetings of the resumed twelfth session of the Implementation Review Group on the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), on September 6-10, 2021. The thematic focus of the resumed twelfth session were chapters IV and V of the UNCAC, namely international cooperation and asset recovery. In the framework of the discussions on Chapter IV, Albania was presented as a positive example in the field of international cooperation and became part of one of the panels at the expert group meeting. The panelist from Albania participated in the thematic discussion on "Our joint commitment to effectively address the challenges and to implement measures to prevent and fight corruption and strengthen international cooperation". During 2021 and before the proceedings of this session, Albania has submitted completed questionnaires to the UNODC: (1) on the confiscation of the proceeds of crime, without a criminal conviction; (2) regarding corruption and its impact on the environment; (3) on the extradition, mutual legal assistance and international co-operation of law enforcement authorities; and (4) on technical assistance needs.



Multi-Stakeholder Workshop on the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and its Implementation Review Mechanism (IRM)

20-22.09.2021. Representatives of the Anticorruption Programs Unit at the Ministry of Justice participated in the Multi-Stakeholder Workshop on the UNCAC and its IRM. The workshop was held in Belgrade, Serbia, with the participation of representatives of public institutions and civil society organizations (CSOs) engaged in the field of anti-corruption in the Western Balkans and Moldova. Representatives of three Albanian CSOs also participated in this seminar. The seminar was organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in cooperation with the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI), as well as with the participation of experts from the UNCAC Coalition. During the workshop, participants engaged in constructive discussions to promote the participation of CSOs in the UNCAC review process, as well as in the prevention and fight against corruption. The seminar also served to build and strengthen the capacity of participants through the exchange of best practices and training on UNCAC and other relevant mechanisms in the fight against corruption. This seminar was held in the framework of the joint project "Southeast Europe - Together against corruption" (SEE-TAC), 2020-2023, funded by the Austrian Development Agency.

