



The role of the National Coordinator Against Corruption

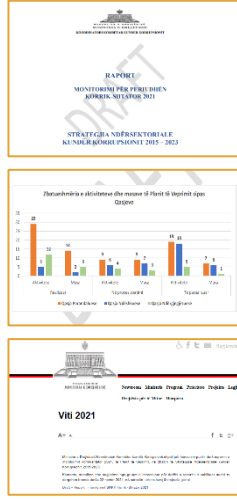
The Minister of Justice, in their role as the National Coordinator Against Corruption, is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption (ISAC). The vision of this strategy is to create transparent institutions, with high standards of integrity, that 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 November, 2021

Drafting and consultation of the Draft-Monitoring Report of the Action Plan, for the implementation of the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption, for the period July-September 2021

15.11.2021. The Technical Secretariat at the National Coordinator Against Corruption in the Ministry of Justice, completed the monitoring process and drafted the monitoring report of the Action Plan, 2020-2023, for the implementation of the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption (ISAC), for the July-September 2021 period. The draft-monitoring report presents in an analytical and quantitative manner the progress made by all reporting institutions for the implementation of ISAC measures and activities, planned for this period; the level of fulfillment of the strategic objectives based on this analysis; as well as the follow-up and implementation of the recommendations of the previous monitoring report. The Draft-Report July-September 2021, has been sent for consultation to all implementing institutions, and it has been published on the official webpage of the ministry for consultation with the public and interested groups. From the preliminary assessment provided in the report, there is an increasing trend in the implementation of the planned measures for objectives with preventive and awareness-raising effects. The Draft-Report will be finalized, discussed and approved in the meeting of the Coordination Committee for the implementation of ISAC, which will be held in December, 2021.

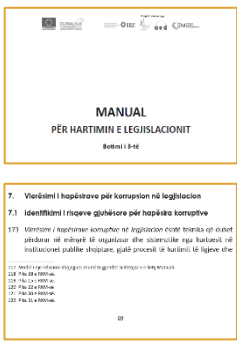


The Draft-Monitoring Report July-September, 2021 remains published and can be accessed via this link:

<https://www.drejtësia.gov.al/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Draft-Raporti-i-monitorimit-SNKK-Korrik-Shtator-2021.pdf>

Corruption Proofing of Legislation now part of the Albanian Legislation Drafting Manual

22.11.2021. Corruption Proofing of Legislation is now a practice and procedure that will be applied in the process of drafting and reviewing laws and bylaws by the Albanian administration. As a requirement and recommendation in many international reports and evaluations, it has now become part of the new (revised) Legislation Drafting Manual. The Ministry of Justice as the leading institution for the drafting of acts (drafting and codifying legislation) has completed the revision of this Manual, where a dedicated part, specifically Part B / chapter 7, contains the detailed process of assessing areas for corruption in legislation. This part of the Manual is based on the best operational practices of countries applying this evaluation method. This procedure is foreseen to be conducted by the legal structures within the line ministries and in the Ministry of Justice, as well. With its publication, the Manual will be published on the official website of the Ministry of Justice.



Conclusion of the training cycle with the anti-corruption focal points

17.11.2021. The Ministry of Justice, in cooperation and with the support of the European Union Technical Assistance Project for the National Coordinator Against Corruption and ASPA, concluded this November the training cycle for the anti-corruption focal points. During this month, two more training sessions were held on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, respectively. The November 17<sup>th</sup> session was focused on the prevention and resolution of the conflict of interests, while the November 26<sup>th</sup> session was focused on the topic of whistleblowing and the protection of whistleblowers. This training cycle was attended by all members of the Anti-Corruption Focal Points Network in the institutions implementing the anti-corruption strategy and action plan, in order to strengthen the interaction and increase the policy-making and reporting capacities of this group of employees in various public authorities at the executive and independent level, as well as in subordinate institutions. All participants of this training cycle will receive a certificate for the acquired knowledge of the field.



Beginning the implementation of the "Anti-corruption curriculum in high schools" project

23.11.2021. The Minister of Justice, Mr. Manja, Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs. Kushi and the Ambassador of Italy in Albania, Mr. Bucci, presented the Cooperation Agreement for the creation and implementation of an anti-corruption teaching curriculum, in Albanian high schools, for the purpose of education on legality. The presentation meeting was held in the premises of the "Qemal Stafa" high school, in the presence of students, collaborators and project beneficiaries. The agreement will enable the elaboration of a special curriculum for the Albanian schools and the conduct of a pilot study course in several selected classes, in the framework of a possible sustainable inclusion of this curriculum in the Albanian pre-university education system. The project will also be accompanied by the development of creative activities for students. This cooperation will take place throughout the duration of the 2020-2021 academic year.



Activities of the Ministry of Justice in the Integrity Week III, December 1-10, 2021: Forum with Youth Organizations and Forum with Business Representatives

26.11.2021. The Ministry of Justice, in the role of National Coordinator Against Corruption, will organize two discussion forums with participants from youth organizations, scheduled to be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> and with business representatives, scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>. These activities will take place in the premises of the Ministry of Justice. Partnership and inclusion of young people in the policy-making process in the field of anti-corruption, proactivity and raising awareness against corrupt phenomena are issues that will be part of open discussions with the representatives of youth organizations. Business as a bridge of cooperation in strengthening the punitive measures and control structures in cases of corruption, as well as the presentation of the reorganized capacities of the Network of Coordinators Against Corruption, will be issues of discussion in the forum with representatives of Business Associations and Chambers of Commerce, operating in the country. Also, the Ministry of Justice will be part of the different panels of meetings, conferences and other activities during the Integrity Week.



Internationalization and strengthening of regional anti-corruption cooperation

2-3.11.2021. The Ministry of Justice, as the National Coordinator Against Corruption, participated in the meeting of the Steering Group of the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) in Zagreb, Croatia. The RAI Steering Group, that Albania is a member of, reviewed the progress of regional anti-corruption projects in various sectors such as education, public enterprises, cooperation with CSOs, awareness-raising and promotion of anti-corruption mechanisms. New proposals for regional anti-corruption cooperation, as well as cooperation with international organizations such as the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), the Integrative Internal Security Governance Secretariat (IISG), the Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities (NCPA) and the Commission for the Resolution of Conflict of Interests of the Republic of Croatia were part of the intense discussions at the meeting. The RAI Steering Group agreed with the proposal of the technical secretariat to further promote the regional role of the organization within the units and agencies of the European Union and the European Commission.

Further information on the RAI Steering Group meeting can be found via this link: <https://rai-see.org/36th-meeting-of-the-rai-steering-group/>

