

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 December, 2021

National Coordinator Against Corruption refers corruption cases to the Special Structure Against Corruption and Organized Crime (SPAK) and to the Prosecution Office

1-31.12.2021. The National Coordinator Against Corruption, Mr. Ulsi Manja, during December has made public the corruption cases of public officials referred to the prosecution body. The Anti-Corruption Unit in the Ministry of Justice, through the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators and the Operational Directorate for Anti-Corruption Affairs, has finalized the audit and has referred to the prosecutor's office, cases of civil servants that have violated and committed acts of corruption in the performance of their duty. These cases extend to institutions that operate throughout the country, such as the Cadastre of Durrës, Customs Offices in Korça, Directorate of Road Transport in Tirana. Also, the National Coordinator Against Corruption referred to SPAK subjects of the judiciary due to the reasonable belief that they have been issuing decisions against the public interest.

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The finalization of the Monitoring Report of the Action Plan for the implementation of the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption, for the July-September 2021 period

14.12.2021. The Technical Secretariat of the Coordination Committee for the Implementation of the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption (ISAC) agreed on the final content of the 3M3 Monitoring Report for the July-September 2021 period, of the Action Plan 2020-2023. The meeting of the Technical Secretariat was held online, with the participation of all the technical representatives of the ISAC implementing institutions. The monitoring report provides information on the progress of implementation of measures and activities planned for this period of the action plan, addresses recommendations for objectives and other steps of action. During July-September 2021, 29 measures were fully implemented, 22 measures were partially implemented and 8 measures were not implemented, as well as 65 activities were fully implemented, 21 activities were partially implemented and 21 activities were not implemented. The feasibility of the inter-institutional strategic goal against corruption is 62.85%. The final report will be approved at the next meeting of the Coordination Committee for the implementation of ISAC.

The finalized Monitoring Report July-September, 2021 can be accessed via this link: <https://www.drejtesia.gov.al/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Draft-Raporti-i-monitorimit-SNKK-Korrik-Shtator-2021.pdf>



Week of Integrity 3: Integrity Forum with youth organizations

06.12.2021. The third edition of the Week of Integrity, brought together the Ministry of Justice and youth organizations, active in the field of public awareness and advocacy on the fight against corruption. The Ministry of Justice hosted a forum meeting on integrity with youth organizations, facilitating an open dialogue meeting, where the National Coordinator Against Corruption, Mr. Ulsi Manja and senior representatives of the anti-corruption field spoke and promoted the innovations of the new anti-corruption structure. The focus of these discussions was the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators' approach to the public, the initiatives in the fight against corruption of the National Coordinator Against Corruption, the ways in which anti-corruption mechanisms can be used, and the exchange of ideas and opinions on concrete anti-corruption policies and initiatives.

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Week of Integrity 3: Discussion forum with business representatives: Building bridges of communication and partnership with business in the fight against corruption

07.12.2021. The third edition of the Week of Integrity brought together the Ministry of Justice and representatives of Chambers and Business Associations operating in Albania. The Minister of Justice, in the role of the National Coordinator Against Corruption (NCAC), asked for cooperation with the Chambers of Commerce, in order to bring them closer to the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators, a structure already re-organized into 44 institutions and agencies that provide public services. Business representatives expressed some of their concerns towards public administration units and employees and demanded more responsibility and accountability. The NCAC, Mr. Ulsi Manja and senior representatives of the anti-corruption field in the Ministry of Justice requested their cooperation in interventions and guaranteed the application of punitive measures to any case of complaint, where violations of procedural rules in the exercise of duty are proven. Business representatives were informed of all communication channels and mechanisms where they can address their complaints and denunciations of corruption cases.

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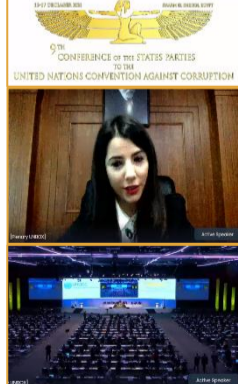
Week of Integrity 3: National Coordinator Against Corruption as a partner and participant in anti-corruption awareness-raising campaign activities

1-10.12.2021. The Ministry of Justice, as the National Coordinator Against Corruption, has joined the activities of the Week of Integrity as a partner institution, for the third year in a row. Senior representatives of the Ministry, participated and delivered speeches in activities organized by local and foreign organizations participating in this campaign. We can mention the conference organized by the OSCE, "Raising awareness of gender inequalities and corruption", which focused on corruption and gender inequalities, gender approaches in the fight against corruption and their impact on socio-economic growth, strengthening security and in the consolidation of democracy; in the discussion forum "Integrity in Education"; the promotion of the exhibition "Corruption eats even its owner" organized by the Civic Resistance organization; and the Forum of the Council of the Albanian Youth Parliament. During the Week of Integrity, a lot of graphic information with data on the fight against corruption was prepared and shared with different stakeholders.



Ninth Session of the Conference of State Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)

13-17.12.2021. The Ministry of Justice, in its role as the National Coordinator Against Corruption, participated in the Ninth Session of the UNCAC Conference of State Parties. The thematic focus of the proceedings of the conference was the review of the implementation of the convention by member states, in general and the particular chapters related to asset recovery, international cooperation, corruption prevention and technical assistance. The conference served as a discussion platform between high-level representatives of state parties. At the political level, the Ministry of Justice was represented by the Deputy Minister of Justice, Ms. Adea Pirdeni, who delivered her remarks, reaffirming Albania's commitment to good governance, rule of law, integrity and the strengthening international cooperation. In her speech, Mrs. Pirdeni mentioned some of Albania's achievements in the fight against corruption, such as the justice reform, the successful implementation of 9 of the 10 GRECO recommendations of the fourth evaluation round, as well as the progress made in setting up the Albanian Asset Recovery Office.



"Administrative prevention through anti-corruption models in candidate countries, APTA - MOD" Conference

03.12.2021. The Ministry of Justice, in its role as the National Coordinator Against Corruption, participated in the closing conference of the project "Administrative prevention through anti-corruption models in candidate countries, APTA - MOD", in Perugia, Italy. The project was an initiative of the University of Perugia, aimed at analyzing and identifying the strategic framework and anti-corruption policies in the Western Balkan countries and identifying anti-corruption mechanisms. The conference brought together field researchers, experts and stakeholders on administrative corruption prevention issues with a particular focus on the Western Balkans. The head of the anti-corruption programs unit at the National Coordinator Against Corruption, Mrs. Rovena Pregja, made a presentation of the new anti-corruption structure, the specific role in the framework of strategic policy-making in the field of anti-corruption and the punitive role in corruption cases in the public administration in Albania.

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