



The role of the National Coordinator Against Corruption

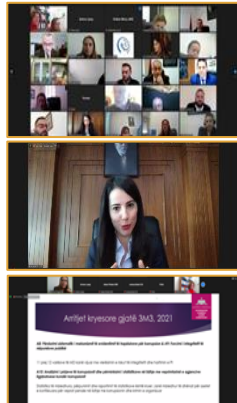
The Minister of Justice, in their role as the National Coordinator Against Corruption, is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption (ISAC). The vision of this strategy is to create transparent institutions, with high standards of integrity, that 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 January, 2022

Anti-Corruption Coordination Committee approves the Monitoring Report of the Action Plan, July-September 2021

19.01.2022. The Coordination Committee for the implementation of the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption, discussed and approved the monitoring report of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for the July-September 2021 period. This monitoring report provides updated information for this period of implementation of the Action Plan, specifically on the progress of measures and activities planned for the 18 objectives of the Strategy. The report highlights the progress made in the field of electronic services, increasing the transparency of public authorities, the progress of drafting integrity instruments in the public administration, cooperation between law enforcement agencies, as well as the organization and coordination of awareness-raising measures and activities in fight against corruption. For this monitoring period of implementation, 29 measures and 65 activities were fully implemented, 22 measures and 21 activities were partially implemented, and 8 measures and 21 activities were not implemented.



The July-September 2021 Monitoring Report can be accessed via this link: <https://www.drejtesia.gov.al/viti2021/>

Subordinate institutions of the Ministry of Justice adopt Integrity Plans

19.01.2022. The 12 subordinate institutions of the Ministry of Justice concluded the integrity risk assessment process. The conclusion of this process was launched at the meeting of the Coordination Committee for the implementation of the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption chaired by the Minister of Justice, in the presence of committee members, deputy line ministers, CSO partners and foreign organizations. Property Treatment Agency, State Archive of the Judicial System, General Directorate of Prisons, Prisons Internal Control Service, Probation Service, Directorate of Free Legal Aid, General Directorate of Bailiffs, Center for the Prevention of Crimes of Minors and Youth, Institute of Forensic Medicine, Center for Official Publications, National Bankruptcy Agency, and the Albanian Adoption Committee now have an institutional Integrity Plan. These anti-corruption instruments aim to increase institutional performance, transparency and accountability. Integrity Plans contain regulatory, institutional and operational measures and initiatives in areas such as human resources, financial and regulatory management, transparency and public procurement, areas identified with a high risk of corruption in these institutions. These instruments are published and can be accessed directly on the websites of each of the 12 institutions.



The start of implementation of the Anti-Corruption Curriculum project in schools of upper secondary education level in Tirana

17.01.2022. The implementation of the pilot didactic-educational project, anti-corruption curriculum, has started. This initiative of the Ministry of Justice, in the role of National Coordinator Against Corruption, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Sports, and with the support of the Italian Embassy in Tirana, brought together the teachers of "Civic Education" and "Italian Language" in "Petro Nini Luarasi", "Asim Vokshi", "Myslym Keta" and "Qemal Stafa" schools in Tirana. In the first meeting, the pedagogical staff of the four schools was informed about the role and function of the Ministry of Justice as the National Coordinator Against Corruption; the new legal and regulatory framework; as well as policies for the development of the fight against corruption through a preventive, punitive and awareness-raising approach. Teachers and experts from both ministries agreed on the progress of the project and the planning of dedicated meetings with school students in the coming days. The anti-corruption curriculum in schools of Tirana will be supported by the Italian Embassy with the development of proactive and creative activities for students in March-May, 2022.



Training Seminar on Policy Drafting for the Network of Anti-Corruption Focal Points

25-26.01.2022. The network of anti-corruption focal points consisting of 30 specialists and employees in the field of policies, monitoring and inspection functions, gathered in a two-day workshop on the topic of policy writing. Policy-making, situation analysis and research, affect different sectors and multiple institutions of a country's system of government. For this purpose and in fulfillment of its role, the National Coordinator Against Corruption, in a fruitful cooperation with the Technical Assistance Project of the European Delegation in Tirana, organized this seminar. The anti-corruption policy staff at the Ministry of Justice and specialists from central institutions deepened their knowledge on specific issues such as different types of policy research; policy study and policy analysis; identifying policy issues related to the implementation of the Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption; and policy document structure. On the second day of the seminar, work began on drafting three policy documents with a prevention-punishment-awareness-raising approach, according to the structure of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy. All three documents will be finalized in the coming months.



National Coordinator Against Corruption as a partner and participant in the activities of Tirana European Youth Capital 2022

31.01.2022. The Ministry of Justice has joined and presented its proposals for the activities that will take place during 2022, in the Tirana European Youth Capital 2022 year. Cultural, educational, sports, research activities combined with legal and institutional expertise in the field of anti-corruption are planned to take place during 2022. Integrity Camp, Anti-Corruption Film Academy, Let's talk about corruption, Days without bribes, Public trust, Blow the whistle, are some of the activities that will take place throughout the year, with different focus groups, young people-students-experts-artists-athletes-public servants. The Ministry of Justice invites all interested parties to be its collaborators in these initiatives to raise public awareness on the fight against corruption.

