

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 February, 2022

The National Coordinator Against Corruption holds a meeting with partners and donors in the field of anti-corruption, 2022.

22.02.2022. The Minister of Justice in exercising his role as the National Coordinator Against Corruption held the special annual meeting with all partners and donors in the field of anti-corruption. Representatives of the Delegation of the European Union in Tirana, of the US Embassy, of all embassies in Tirana, international and local organizations, responded to the invitation of Mr. Manja, to be part of the meeting and expressed commitment to continue technical and logistical support in the fight against corruption. A list of requests for concrete support was presented at the meeting, focusing on the three approaches of anti-corruption policy (prevention - punishment - awareness). Support for the reorganized anti-corruption structure in the Ministry of Justice, the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators, and other institutions with a focus on punishing corruption received special attention at the meeting.

The meeting, shared on the social networks of the Minister of Justice, can be accessed via this link: <https://www.facebook.com/manjaulsi/posts/344322517704153>



The annual monitoring report 2021, of the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan, in the process of consultation

28.02.2022. The Technical Secretariat of the National Coordinator Against Corruption, in the Ministry of Justice, has completed the first draft of the monitoring report for 2021, the Anti-Corruption Action Plan, in implementation of the Inter Sectorial Anti-Corruption Strategy. This monitoring report takes in-depth and comparative analysis of the progress of the 18 objectives of the Strategy, making an assessment of its 37 indicators related to the target values for 2021, of 64 measures and 119 activities. The first draft was sent for preliminary consultation to the 22 implementing institutions as well as the Prime Minister's Office on the way the analysis is performed, as well. This monitoring report reflects the progress of the 7th year of the Strategy, and the 2nd of the current Action Plan. This report will contain a dedicated assessment of the impact that this document has brought to the achievement of objectives regarding the European integration of the country. After the first evaluation, the draft report will be resubmitted for consultation with the institutions and all interested parties, on the website of the Ministry of Justice, in the first week of March 2022.



The project "Anti-corruption curricula in high schools" continues implementation

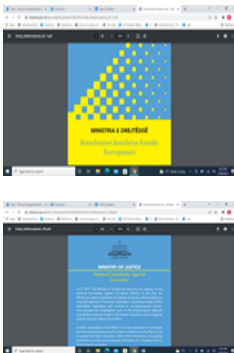
1 - 4.02.2022. The Ministry of Justice has continued with the implementation of the project "Anti-corruption curricula in high schools", in 4 high schools in Tirana. Pupils of "Asim Vokshi", "Petro Nini Luarasi", "Qemal Stafa" and "Myslym Keta" schools, accompanied by their teachers of Citizenship, became partners of the anti-corruption project. Experts in the field of anti-corruption of the Ministry of Justice, together with the support of the partners of the Italian Embassy in Tirana held 4 meetings with school students. Understanding corruption, mechanisms in the fight against corruption, tools that citizens can use to denounce corruption, activating young people against corruption, were issues that were discussed with the students. Conversations and exchange of field knowledge increased students' interest in knowing and using these mechanisms in their daily lives. These meetings were the conclusion of the first part of the project, which will continue during March with creative activities in partnership with the Italian organization "Avviso Pubblico". Students will create an anti-corruption project based on the knowledge gained.



The Guide "Anti-Corruption", an anti-corruption awareness tool for the citizens

15.02.2022. The Ministry of Justice increases interaction in the fight against corruption. The publication "Anticorruption Guide" is an awareness and information instrument in the fight against corruption prepared in both languages, Albanian and English, which contains all the necessary information for every Albanian citizen but also foreigners living and working in Albania. The guide provides information on the crime of corruption, its terminological meaning (linguistic and legal), forms and ways of its happening, the extent of punishing corruption according to current Albanian legislation, bodies where corruption can be denounced with addresses and ways of contact. The "Anti-Corruption" guide can be found in any institution where the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators is located, in institutions where direct services are provided to the citizens. This publication was made possible with the support of the Delegation of the European Union in Tirana.

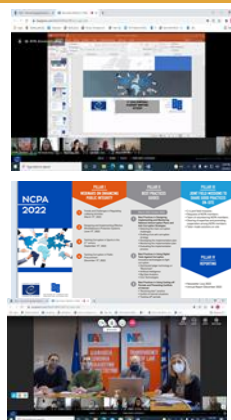
This publication is accessible on the website of the Ministry of Justice, at this link: <https://drejtesia.gov.al/viti-2022/>



Internationalization and strengthening of anti-corruption cooperation

8.02.2022. The Network of Anti-Corruption Prevention Agencies (NCPA) held its first meeting for 2022. The Ministry of Justice, in the role of National Coordinator Against Corruption, also a member of the NCPA Steering Group, discussed the work plan and activities for 2022. Technical Secretariat of the NCPA this year is led by the National Transparency Authority of Greece, which presented the draft work plan, focused on 4 pillars: the organization of 4 webinars / conferences; preparation of 3 guides; planning and organizing study visits in order to exchange experiences between member countries and prepare reports for the Network. Representatives of the National Coordinator Against Corruption, offered their readiness to participate in some of the conferences and visits to be organized and will co-direct with representatives of Italy, the guide for drafting and monitoring the anti-corruption strategies.

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



Increased human capacities and professional growth for the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption

28.02.2022. The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption in the Ministry of Justice has increased human resource capacities in all three of its directorates: the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators Directorate, the Operational Directorate for Anti-Corruption Affairs, and the Directorate of Anti-Corruption Programs and Projects. The Department of Public Administration together with the heads of the responsible anti-corruption unit has considered numerous applications to be part of the staff of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption. On the other hand, increasing the professional capacities of anti-corruption staff is also a priority of the directorate. Trainings on administrative corruption investigation, training and qualification of staff for drafting and reporting to the government on the recommendations towards GRECO (reporting method) as well as proposals for the establishment of the Office of Asset Recovery, are topics for training to be developed soon with direct assistance of the Council of Europe office in Tirana.

