

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 March, 2022

Joint Conference MoJ / NCAC - ANAC: Prevention of Corruption and International Cooperation

28.03.2022. The Ministry of Justice in the role of National Coordinator against Corruption and the Italian Anti-Corruption Agency (ANAC) organized a joint conference in Tirana focusing on preventing corruption and intensifying international cooperation in this field. The Minister of Justice, Mr. Manja and the President of ANAC, Mr. Busia, co-chaired this conference and referred to the forms of concrete bilateral cooperation of anti-corruption structures. Special attention at the conference was given to the use of audit instruments by the Supreme State Audit on public authorities while using public funds; control and ensure of public procurement procedures by the Public Procurement Agency as well as transparency and guarantee of the right to information by the Commissioner for the Right to Information. At the end of the conference, training certificates were awarded to the Anti-Corruption Network Coordinators at the Ministry of Justice.



More information can be found at the link: <https://drejtesia.gov.al/lufta-kunder-korrupsionit-ministri-i-drejtesise-takon-presidentin-e-anac>

Beginning the drafting process for the Cross-Cutting Anti-Corruption Strategy, 2023-2030

30.03.2022. The Ministry of Justice begins the process of drafting the new anti-corruption strategy. The ministerial working group, which consists of specialists of the directorates of the ministry, gathered under the direction of the Deputy Minister of Justice, Ms. Adea Pirdeni. The reform of anti-corruption policies will include the drafting of a complete strategic framework (strategy - action plan - passport of indicators) with the impact of strengthening and increasing the institutional and inter-institutional performance of the field. The new anti-corruption strategy will have an implementation timeline for 2023-2030, and will provide a combination of horizontal anti-corruption approach with specific sectors, which have proved problematic and with the highest perception of corruption, such as: education-health -property-taxes and taxes. The Ministry of Justice will be assisted in this process by the technical expertise group of the European Union Delegation in Tirana. The objectives of the new cross-sectoral anti-corruption strategy will also be the pillars of the new National Strategy for Integrated Development, the democracy and good governance component, which is currently being drafted by the Prime Minister's office.



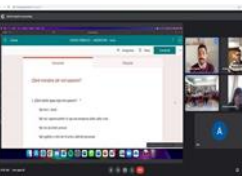
Anti-Corruption Technical Group approves the monitoring report of the anti-corruption action plan, 2021

29.03.2022. The Technical Representatives of the Coordination Committee for the implementation of the Cross-cutting Anti-Corruption Strategy discussed and agreed on the content of the 2021 annual report, monitoring the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan, 2020-2023. The monitoring report provides an analysis of the progress achieved in 2021 of the Anti-Corruption Strategy, and the problems that have been identified during the implementation of the action plan. During 2021, 64 measures and 119 activities were implemented and monitored, as well as the target values for 37 performance indicators of the 18 objectives of the Strategy. Monitoring results are: achieved 37 measures / 76 activities out of 64 measures / 119 activities in total for implementation; 18 performance indicators out of 37 in total have been fully achieved. The preventive approach has reached a feasibility rate of 91.29% - the punitive approach has reached a feasibility rate of 31.25% and the awareness approach has reached a feasibility rate of 44.33%. The final draft of the monitoring report will be approved at the meeting of the Anti-Corruption Coordination Committee in April and the report will be made public on the website of the Ministry of Justice, in the menu: <https://drejtesia.gov.al/raporte-monitorimi/>.



"Anti-corruption curriculum" in high schools increases students' knowledge against corruption

9-10.03.2022. The project "Anti-corruption curriculum" in high schools in Tirana continues to be implemented during March 2022. In 4 high schools, "Petro N. Luarasi", "Qemal Stafa", "Asim Vokshi", "Myslym Keta" students have attended meetings with Italian experts brought by the Italian organization Avvisso Pubblico, who have promoted their country's culture in the fight against corruption. Anti-corruption mechanisms, incentivizing students against corruption, their engagement and cooperation with families against corruption were the main topics of meetings and discussions held in each of the 4 schools. Meetings at this stage of the project took place online, and students discussed with Italian experts how they could cooperate against corruption. Anti-corruption specialists at the Ministry of Justice facilitated student activation and assimilation of key concepts in the field. The project field activities will continue in the coming months and students will promote their anti-corruption project.



Awareness and "advocacy" against corruption

1-31.03.2022. During March 2022, anti-corruption videos began to appear on the streets of the capital. The promotion of the Anti-Corruption Coordinators Network has started in all public screens placed on the streets of Tirana in order to raise awareness and increase anti-corruption "advocacy" for citizens seeking public services. The Ministry of Justice with the support of the Delegation of the European Union in Tirana has publicly announced 17 animated videos, and calls on citizens and the general public to reject corruption and denounce it to the coordinator of the Anti-Corruption Network. The Anti-Corruption Coordinator is the closest collaborator in the fight against corruption in all institutions that provide services to the public. **"Together against corruption!"**



Shared regional anti-corruption experiences

15 - 18.03.2022. Experts from the Anti-Corruption Directorate at the Ministry of Justice shared with their Bosnia and Herzegovina counterparts their experience of civic awareness against corruption. A team of experts and professionals in the field of anti-corruption from Bosnia have held bilateral meetings in Tirana at the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Finance and Economy and shared the experience of public access to corruption. Anti-corruption awareness campaigns conducted in Albania, and the promotion of activities for the public had the interest of colleagues from Bosnia who wanted to discuss these elements and create opportunities to replicate them in their country. Adapting anti-corruption measures and programs with civic participation has been part of the shared experience.



Lobbying and regulating it to the attention of anti-corruption and policy specialists

15.03.2022. Specialists of the Anti-Corruption Directorate in the Ministry of Justice together with colleagues of Parliament and line ministries participated in the webinar on "Trends and challenges in regulating lobbying activities". This activity was conducted by the Network of Anti-Corruption Prevention Agencies (NCPA), where the Ministry of Justice is a member and part of the Steering Group. This webinar is the first public activity for 2022 by this organization. Meeting panelists, anti-corruption experts from Greece, Serbia, Canada and Quebec, NCPA members shared their experiences, lessons and best practices for lobbying. Part of the meeting was the question and answer session by the participants. Lobbying and its regulation is one of the recommendations given by GRECO in the 5th round of evaluation for Albania and for which Albania should take measures to regulate it.

