

## The role of the National Coordinator Against Corruption

The Minister of Justice, in the role of National Coordinator Against Corruption, coordinates the work of drafting policies and preparing laws and bylaws for the prevention and fight against corruption.

The National Anti-Corruption Coordinator is responsible for conducting verification (administrative investigation) of denunciations / complaints about abusive, corrupt or arbitrary practices for law enforcement, as well as the identification of employees of institutions, part of the Coordinators Network, who, by actions or inactions, have committed violations of laws / bylaws in force, as well as the development of projects and programs in the field of anti-corruption, planning, coordination and determination of instruments necessary for the implementation of policies in the field of anti-corruption.

The e-newsletter is a broad communication tool that aims to inform through the coverage of a summary of the main activities carried out by the Ministry of Justice in the field of anti-corruption, on a monthly basis.

## Activities during May, 2022

### Regional Conference "Culture of Integrity" as a mechanism in the fight against corruption

**22-24.5.2022:** The Ministry of Justice participated in the high-level regional conference "Culture of Integrity: Strengthening Corruption Prevention", organized by Šibenik, Croatia, with the participation of political delegations from 6 countries of Southeast Europe. The conference, organized by the Ministry of Justice and Public Administration and the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime - GI-TOC, was an initiative that brought together political leaders in the field of justice, senior officials of the judiciary and public administration, and representatives of organizations. civil, academic field. Issues in the fight against corruption and strengthening the integrity of public administration were discussed at the conference. The Albanian delegation led by the Deputy Minister of Justice, Mrs. Pirdeni shared the country's experience in strengthening the integrity of the public administration, a commitment that is fulfilled in response to the recommendations given to the country by the European Union. The conference was a meeting place and sharing of ideas for the co-operation of this initiative between the countries as an essential mechanism against corruption.



### The delegation of the Albanian Government prepares for the reporting to GRECO, the plenary evaluation session

**09.05.2022.** The delegation of the Albanian Government under the leadership of the Ministry of Justice held a training session organized by the Council of Europe Office in Albania. Participants in this training were representatives of the institutions of the Albanian Parliament, the Prime Ministry, line ministries, HIDAACI, law enforcement authorities such as the State Police, the Prosecution and the Police Protection Agency. Participants were provided with practical examples of discussion and presentation at GRECO in order to ensure an effective presentation with this top evaluating authority. The Albanian group that will represent Albania's achievements in GRECO received the experience of two experts of the Council of Europe, the former president of GRECO Mr. Drago Kos and former Bureau member Mr. Edmond Dunga.

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### Study visit for the establishment of the Asset Recovery Office in Albania

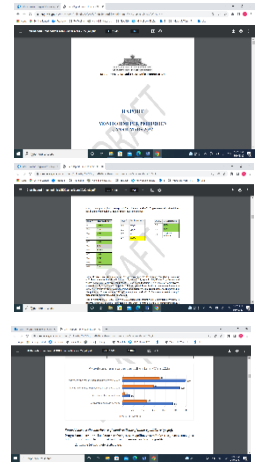
**30-31.5.2022:** Following the finalization of the preliminary legal and institutional analysis for the establishment of the Office of Asset Recovery in the country, a process led by the Ministry of Justice, a study visit was conducted in Paris, France, with the assistance of GIZ Albania. The Albanian delegation was accompanied by Ms. Adea Pirdeni, Deputy Minister of Justice and Mr. Besfort Lamallari, Deputy Minister of Interior, and consisted of technical staff and management at the administrative level from the Ministry of Justice, State Police, SPAK, the General Prosecutor's Office, the General Directorate for the Prevention of Money Laundering and the Agency for the Administration of Sequestered and Confiscated Assets. The purpose of the study visit was the direct exchange of the Albanian authorities with the French authorities that share competencies in the field of asset recovery, to closely monitor the potential functioning of the model selected for the Albanian Asset Recovery Office to be set up in the future. The Albanian delegation held meetings with the Agency for the Management of Sequestered and Confiscated Assets, the Platform for the Identification of Criminal Assets, the French counterpart Ministries of Justice and Interior, as well as the structures responsible for integration under



Chapters 23 and 24, noting the importance of the establishment of the Office in the path of Albania in the European integration process.

## Monitoring Report on the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan, January-March 2022, in consultation process

**01- 24.05.2022.** The Technical Secretariat at the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator in the Ministry of Justice, has monitored the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for the period January-March 2022 and has drafted the monitoring report. This monitoring report provides information on the progress of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for 58 measures and 108 activities planned for implementation for this period, in the areas of prevention - punishment - anti-corruption awareness. From the performed monitoring it results that 23 measures / 58 activities have been fully implemented, partially 17 measures / 11 activities and 18 measures / 39 activities have not been implemented for which the reporting of the implementing institutions is still expected. Areas with a good level of implementation in this first quarter of 2022 are e-services (1,225 in total), 120 public authorities have installed an e-register of requests and responses, ministries have approved integrity plans, has increased interaction of anti-corruption punitive measures at the administrative level and law enforcement agencies (police-SHCBA-prosecutor). The draft monitoring report is in the process of institutional consultation with all reporting institutions and the general public and CSOs. The report after being agreed at the meeting of the Thematic Thematic Anti-Corruption Technical Group will be discussed and approved at the meeting of the Thematic Anti-Corruption Group, in June 2022.



Monitoring Report January-March, 2022 can be accessed at this link: <https://www.drejtesia.gov.al/viti-2022-2/>

## The project "Anti-Corruption Curriculum" in secondary schools, Tirana, ends successfully

**09.05.2022.** The project "Anti-corruption curriculum" has been successfully finalized, marking this way the first cooperation project with young partners of high schools in Tirana, engaged in the fight against corruption. Minister of Justice Mr. Manja, Minister of Education and Sports Mrs. Kushi, Ambassador of Italy in Tirana Mr. Bucci, together with the president of the association Avviso Pubblico in Italy, Mr. Romani, inaugurated the creative work of students of 4 high schools where the joint project against corruption took place for one school year. The knowledge gained about the fight against corruption, the knowledge and application of anti-corruption reporting instruments were shared on through various creative works of students. The closing activity took place on the premises of "Qemal Stafa" high school and students were awarded certificates of participation and appreciation for their innovative ideas against corruption. This cooperation project is the first of this organization where the role of the National Coordinator Against Corruption is closer to the youth and improves the cooperation with them.



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## Meeting with students of the Faculty of Economics in Tirana

**06 - 10.05.2022.** There are ongoing meetings and collaborations with young students of the University of Tirana, on the fight against corruption. The Technical Assistance Project of the European Union Delegation in Tirana has continued this month organizing activities with young students, to raise public awareness against corruption. The experts of the Technical Assistance delegation held a dedicated meeting at the Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana, in order to promote a culture of legality and the use of effective tools by young people to denounce corruption. The meeting marked an increased interest of young people and improved the level of public awareness in this area.



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