

The role of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator

The Minister of Justice, in the role of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator, coordinates the work for the drafting of policies and the preparation of legal and by-laws for the prevention and fight against corruption.

The National Anti-Corruption Coordinator is responsible for verifying (administrative investigation) denunciations/complaints about abusive, corrupt or arbitrary practices for the implementation of legality, as well as identifying employees of institutions, part of the Network of Coordinators, who, by actions or omissions, have committed violations of legal/sublegal acts in force, as well as simultaneously the development of projects and programs in the field of anti-corruption, planning, coordination and determination of necessary instruments for the implementation of policies in the field of anti-corruption.

The electronic newsletter is a broad communication tool that aims to inform by reflecting a summary of the main activities developed by the Ministry of Justice in the anti-corruption field, on a monthly basis.

Activities of July, 2022

Beginning of institutional technical consultations for the anti-corruption strategic concept-document, 2023-2030

14.07.2022. The Ministry of Justice has started the consultation phase of the draft anti-corruption strategic concept document, 2023-2030. In a hybrid working meeting, held at the Ministry of Justice, the draft concept - anti-corruption strategic document, 2023-2030 was presented. The future strategy of the fight against corruption at the cross-sectoral level is oriented on three main pillars, prevention-punishment-awareness, and for which 17 specific objectives have been proposed, aimed at increasing the transparency and accountability of public institutions in accordance with the objectives of Sustainable Development of the UN, strengthening public integrity against corruption, promoting integrity in the private sector, structuring the framework of anti-corruption whistleblowers, increasing capacities (resources-structure-performance) for anti-corruption coordination, transparency in the financing of political parties, lobbying as an instrument against corruption, administrative investigations against corruption, more efficient and effective criminal investigations, international cooperation against corruption, education and awareness against corruption, strengthening the participation of women against corruption. Currently, the passport of indicators has been drawn up and consulted in dedicated work meetings with the institutions that have been identified to be part of the anti-corruption strategy, 2023-2030, in the week of July 25-29, 2022.



The draft concept document of the 2023-2030 strategy can also be found in the link: <https://www.drejtesia.gov.al/strategjia-ndersektoriale-kunder-korrupsionit/>

The Technical Secretariat at the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator finalizes the draft monitoring report on the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan, January-March 2022

Objektivat	Shkalla e realizimit sipas masave
A.1 Rrjetja e transparencës në Veprimtarinë Shoqërore dhe përmirësimi i aksesit të qytetarëve në informacion	86 në 110 për qind e masave të zbatuara
A.2 Rrjetja e transparencës në planifikim, menaxhim dhe kontrollin e fondeve publike	51 në 85 për qind e masave të zbatuara
A.3 Fuqizimi i infrastrukturës elektronike të institucioneve publike	86 në 110 për qind e masave të zbatuara
A.4 Përmirësimi i trajtimit të denoncimeve ndaj korrupsionit	51 në 85 për qind e masave të zbatuara
A.5 Forcimi i regjimit të deklaratimit dhe kontrollit të pasurive të zyrtarëve publikë dhe rastëve të konfliktit të interesave	86 në 110 për qind e masave të zbatuara
A.6 Forcimi i regjimit të kontrollit mbi financimin e partive politike	51 në 50 për qind e masave të zbatuara
A.7 Përmirësimi i efikasitetit të auditimit dhe inspeksionit të brendshëm dhe përdorimit sistematik të analizave të risikut	51 në 85 për qind e masave të zbatuara
A.8 Përmirësimi i mekanizmit të evidencimit të hapësirave për korrupsionin	86 në 110 për qind e masave të zbatuara
A.9 Forcimi i integritetit të raportëve publikë	86 në 110 për qind e masave të zbatuara
A.10 Analizimi i prirjeve të korrupsionit, i efektivitetit të masave antikorruptive dhe përmirësimi i statusit dhe në lidhje me veprimtarinë e agjencive ligjzbatuese kundër korrupsionit	86 në 110 për qind e masave të zbatuara
A.11 Adaptimi i politikave anti-korrupsion në nivelin e qeverisjes vendore	51 në 85 për qind e masave të zbatuara

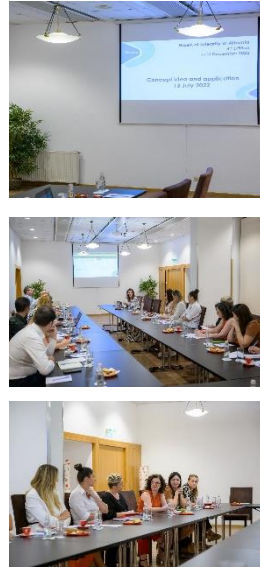
19.07.2022. The Ministry of Justice has finalized the monitoring report for the implementation of the Anticorruption Action Plan, January-March 2022. The Technical Secretariat at the Ministry of Justice after agreeing on the content of the monitoring report of the anticorruption action plan, for the first period of its implementation for in 2022, administers the technical information on the development of anti-corruption commitments of 22 public institutions. The monitoring report provides complete and evaluative information on the progress of 18 specific objectives for the three approaches of prevention - punishment - anti-corruption awareness policies, based fully on the data on the implementation of the measures and activities foreseen for implementation. In the first 3 months of 2022, 58 measures and 108 activities were implemented, of which 34 measures/64 activities were fully implemented, 15 measures/11 activities were partially implemented and 9 measures/3 activities were not implemented. The level of implementation of the Anticorruption Strategy for this period is 78.25% and according to the approaches it is: prevention - 86.50%; punishment – 81.6%; awareness – 66.66 %. The sectors that have marked progress in this period are the transparency of public authorities, the digitization of electronic services, the integrity of public servants in line ministries, awareness and cooperation with the public in the fight against corruption. The final monitoring report is expected to be an integral part of the 6-month monitoring report of the anti-corruption strategy, which has begun to be drafted in the Ministry of Justice. The report is expected to be completed by September 2022.

The final monitoring report, January-March 2022, can be accessed at the link: <https://drejtesia.gov.al/viti-2022-2/>

Partners in the fight against corruption start organizing the 4th edition of "Integrity Week" 2022

13.7.2022. The partners of the awareness activity "Integrity Week" have gathered and held the first pre-preparatory meeting for the development of the 4th edition of Integrity Week 2022, which will take place on December 1-10, 2022. The founding partners of this activity comprehensive and mobilizing in the fight against corruption gathered at the first meeting organized by ICC Albania to agree on the will to be included in the next edition of this initiative, and to coordinate their proposals and the initiatives that can be undertaken in it. The Ministry of Justice in the role of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator in the country, the Embassy of the Netherlands in Tirana, from which this initiative is "borrowed", the British Embassy, the Delegation of the European Commission, the office of the Council of Europe, the presence of the OSCE, the coordination office of UNODC projects, the institution of HIDAACI, the State Ministry for Enterprise Standards discussed and agreed on the continuity of this activity. Integrity Week will focus on the citizen and his active role in increasing integrity. A list and more concrete planning for the inclusion of institutions and organizations in this initiative will be finalized in the future.

You can find detailed information about this activity published at: <https://www.facebook.com/ICCAAlbania>.



Regional meeting on policy level efforts in Asset Recovery

7- 8.7.2022. The Ministry of Justice participated in the regional policy-level meeting on Asset Recovery, which took place at the UNODC headquarters, in Vienna, on July 7-8, 2022. The regional meeting took place within the project "From the flows of Financial Illicit in Asset Recovery" part of the UNODC Regional Program for South East Europe. The program aims to increase the capacities of countries such as Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo to recover proceeds and instruments of crime and strengthen the exchange of information or evidence leading to seizures and confiscations in all jurisdictions of the participating countries. The project also focused on developing guidelines for asset recovery at the national and regional level and providing support in enhancing mutual legal assistance for asset recovery purposes. Albania participated in this meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of the Interior, the General Prosecutor's Office and SPAK. In the discussion panels over two days, the representatives of the Ministry of Justice spoke about the international judicial cooperation and the legal and technical efforts at the national level for the establishment of the Asset Recovery Office in Albania. Further, SPAK shared some of the stories of proactive investigation and cases of investigative successes in the confiscation and sequestration of assets stemming from illegal activity.



Training to strengthen the capacities of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators

5- 6.7.2022: On July 5 and 6, 2022, the Council of Europe Office in Tirana organized a training on "Internal Audit and Administrative Investigation of Corruption" within the specific objective of the AEC in Albania "Improving the Legal and Institutional Framework for the Prevention of Corruption". This training aimed at increasing the capacities of the General Anti-Corruption Directorate, namely the technical staff with investigative and inspection powers as well as the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators, appointed in public institutions at the central and local level. Based on the expertise of the Council of Europe experts, this training presented some of the best international practices in conducting internal audits and administrative investigations for the prevention and effective punishment of corruption. The training also offered some practical treatments related to concrete examples from the daily work of the participants, case studies under consideration, risk analysis and cooperation with other public authorities.





The staff of the General Anticorruption Directorate participates in the summer course of IACA



1.7.2022. The International Anticorruption Academy (IACA), in Vienna, Austria has included in its network of anticorruption professionals for 2022, members and staff of the General Directorate of Anticorruption, in the Ministry of Justice. The Anticorruption Summer Academy program at IACA was held in the period June 25 - July 1, 2022, and was intensively attended by two anticorruption staff members. The curriculum dedicated to this Summer Academy was oriented towards the recognition and use of preventive mechanisms against corruption, such as: integrity policies, communication and awareness tools against corruption, the role of investigative media against corruption, mass communication tools and information technology, money laundering mechanisms. Gender orientation as an added innovation and anti-corruption instrument was part of the curriculum, too. The Anticorruption Summer Academy was attended by 55 participants from 31 countries around the world.

More information can be found at this link: <https://www.iaca.int/>

