

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 law, 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 January, 2023

The Ministry of Justice/National Coordinator Against Corruption analyzes the achievements of 2022 and presents the 2023 objectives - anti-corruption

11.01.2023: The Minister of Justice, Ulsi Manja, presented to the media and the public, the analysis of the institutional activity of the Ministry of Justice, for 2022, referring to the area of responsibility that it follows and implements. The co-organization of the Ministerial of the Western Balkans with the European Union, with the Ministry of the Interior, as an expression of the great appreciation for Tirana in the field of justice, public order and security, as well as concrete and measurable evidence in the fight against corruption, besides others, were some of the information shared at the annual analysis meeting held for this purpose. Data and statistics showing solid results in the horizontal anti-corruption approach: prevention - punishment - awareness raising, disciplinary and criminal measures and punishments, as well as recommendations given to numerous officials and functionaries in the public administration, were shared with the media and the public. During 2023, the Ministry of Justice together with the Ministry of the Interior will continue to walk together in institutional processes, where the priority will undoubtedly be the positive progress on the path of negotiations, through chapters 23 and 24.



More information can be found in the link: <https://www.facebook.com/manjaulsi/videos/909288490117529>

Summit for Democracy; Albania takes new anti-corruption commitments (cohort) at the regional and global level

19.01.2023: The Ministry of Justice actively participates in the first discussion forum for the year 2023, within the commitment of the Summit for Democracy. Under the direction of the Ministry of Justice of Bulgaria, the group of Eastern European countries at this Summit held the forum "Anti-corruption policies as a guarantee for national security, stability and sovereignty", where countries confirmed and shared their experiences in drafting anti-corruption policies and oriented by punitive initiatives. Albania made a presentation of its anti-corruption punishment mechanisms, organization and operation of the National Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators. General Director of Anticorruption, Mr. Demollari, presented the National Network of Coordinators and some of its concrete data from the last year. The anti-corruption participation (*cohort*) constitutes a new international engagement in the anti-corruption field, with an obvious role in punishing the crime of corruption at the highest levels, zero tolerance for corruption in the administration, the role of civil society in the fight against corruption, etc. The Summit for Democracy and participation in it will be followed by concrete engagements of anti-corruption officials in international events as well as the drafting of the national action plan for implementation.



Justice and anti-corruption part of the new National Open Government Partnership Plan (OGP) 2022-2024

12-17.01.2023: The Partnership for Open Government (OGP) for Albania is starting a new phase of development through the drafting of the new National Action Plan, 2022-2024. The Ministry of Justice will be included in this document with the main commitments of its activity, justice and anti-corruption. Education and public awareness about the mechanisms of the fight against corruption and access to justice, will constitute the priority commitment agreed with other public institutions and civil society organizations as well. For this purpose, to guarantee a co-creation of the document with partners outside the government, a public survey was distributed with proposals for commitments, but also to receive new proposals on the collaborative role of organizations in this action plan. Also, during January, two working meetings dedicated to the discussion of priority measures were held. This important process towards better standards included law faculties of state and private universities, academics and professors who exercise their activity with direct links to the legal system, study centers, ngo-s that deal with the observation of the activity of state institutions. At the end of the consultative meetings, the priority measure of the Action Plan was agreed, referring to the awareness and education of the general public on the mechanisms of access to justice and denunciation of corruption. Following this, the drafting of the action plan will continue with the conception and consultation of concrete measures to achieve the expected results of this action plan. Follow us in this collaboration process!



More information can be found in the link: <https://www.drejtesia.gov.al/publikohet-pyetesori-per-bashke-berjen-e-planit-kombetar-te-veprimit-2022-2024-te-partneritetit-per-qeverisje-te-hapur/>

The National Coordinator Against Corruption and the School of Magistrates partners in the fight against corruption

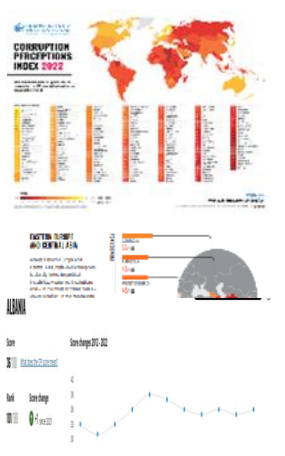
18.01.2023: The National Coordinator Against Corruption and the School of Magistrates signed a cooperation agreement for the continuous training of Anti-Corruption Coordinators. Both institutions will coordinate their activities with the aim of continuous training of anti-corruption coordinators, to improve and guarantee their professional skills, in examining cases of corruption and abuse of power, as well as conducting administrative investigations within the scope of the institution's responsibility. The School of Magistrates will also make this network of professionals part of its training curriculum to enable ensuring their professional and ethical engagement in their duties. The agreement was signed in the Ministry of Justice by the leaders of both institutions, the Minister of Justice Mr. Ulsi Manja and the director of the School of Magistrates, Mr. Arben Rakipi. The agreement will begin to be implemented immediately, and on February 2023 the first training session, will take place.

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Albania gains 9 places in the global ranking of the Corruption Perceptions Index 2022, of Transparency International

31.01.2023: Strengthening the rule of law and the work of public institutions towards the promotion of transparency, accountability and integrity have been the focus of the Albanian state during 2022, achievements which have also been evaluated by Transparency International. The Corruption Perceptions Index 2022 ranks 180 countries and territories according to perceived levels of corruption in the public sector, based on the opinions of experts and business people. The 2022 Index analyzes the link between conflict, security and corruption, taking an in-depth look at how violence and corruption influence each-other around the world. This year's survey continues to compare corruption levels over time, highlighting which countries have improved and/or regressed. According to Transparency International, for 2022, Albania ranks 101st with 36 points, gaining 1 point more than the regional average (35 points) and gains 9 places in the global ranking. Albania is estimated to have made progress in a number of key sectors, such as the justice reform, the strengthening of the punitive approach and the achievements of SPAK, the increase of the power of the state against informal groups, the mafia and criminal groups, the construction of mechanisms for the coordination of policies through legal acts, online services, transparency and human resources management, which have positively influenced



the improvement of public perception on corruption in the country. But Albania must do more on media independence and increase the influence of civil society organizations in decision-making.

More information can be found in the link: https://images.transparencycdn.org/images/Report_CPI2022_English.pdf

The National Coordinator Against Corruption publishes the glossary with anti-corruption terms

15.01.2023: The National Anti-Corruption Coordinator drafted and published the new "anti-corruption" glossary, a summary of language references used mainly in the field of anti-corruption. The dictionary publication was prepared with the support of the technical assistance provided by the Delegation of the European Union in Tirana and aims to serve as a quick and reliable reference not only for public sector employees and policy makers, but also for individuals outside the public sector, such as the business community, civil society organizations and the media, with the aim of strengthening knowledge of the symptoms, causes and effects of corruption, as well as successful strategies for countering and preventing corruption. The "anti-corruption" glossary publication is mainly built on materials from the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, the Council of Europe, Transparency International, the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Center and other sources. The anti-corruption glossary will provide basic explanations of terms related to corruption and the fight against it, as well as serve as a good handbook for legal practitioners and legal scholars to have accurate lexical references and develop new anti-corruption language habits.

More information can be found in the link: https://drejtesia.gov.al/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Fjalori_Antikorrupsion_AL.pdf

General Directorate of Anticorruption interacts in social communication networks

1-31.01.2023: The General Directorate of Anticorruption in the Ministry of Justice has increased its cooperation and interactivity with citizens through the use of social networks. The profile of the General Directorate of Anticorruption on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIN daily announces its regulatory, functional and collaborative activity, reports on anti-corruption measures and engagements with the aim of reaching out to interest groups such as social network users. Civil Society Organizations, the business community, academia, students, schools, media, citizens and interested individuals can contact the General Directorate of Anticorruption, get the first information and establish a bridge of cooperation. In this way, this directorate also fulfills one of the recommendations for more cooperation and increased transparency for the public in the fight against corruption. Communication is related to recruitments, mechanisms to denounce corruption, publication of acts and strategic planning and even international reports. Do not hesitate to join and follow the General Directorate of Anticorruption at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10008904584623> ; <https://twitter.com/DrejtoriaAK>; <https://www.linkedin.com/company/88693364/admin/>.

