

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 February, 2023

Anti-corruption leads to prosecution of public officials for abuse of power

01-27.02.2023: The General Directorate of Anticorruption in cooperation with the Network of Anticorruption Coordinators has administered and carried out inspection actions for 27 cases of complaints and denunciations of corruption. The activity of institutions such as the State Cadastre Agency (its local directorates), the Social Insurance Institute, the Health Care Services Operator, the National Food Authority, the Mandatory Health Care Insurance Fund, the National Agency of Protected Areas, etc. were checked by inspectors and anti-corruption coordinators based on complaints and denunciations received through official channels in writing (17 cases) and by e-mail (10 cases). After the verifications carried out, reasonable suspicions were found for the commission of the criminal offense of abuse of power (Article 248 of the Criminal Code) for 5 officials and 1 official for whom criminal charges were filed with the law enforcement bodies, 5 disciplinary measures "dismissal from office" were proposed, 6 measures for starting the disciplinary process as well as 2 recommendations. Other cases of administrative investigation at the institutions where the Network of Coordinators against Corruption is located, are in process. The General Directorate of Anticorruption has also started the process of preparing a risk analysis for all institutions part of the activity of the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators, an assessment that is expected to be completed in the following months, and which will provide an important professional opinion for sectors where corruption is more prevalent.

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Integrity Plan 2022: Principles of accountability implemented and with transparency

20.02.2023: The Integrity Plan of the Ministry of Justice, an institutional instrument of the fight against corruption, constitutes an added evidence that the institution offers more accountability, transparency, activity according to the rules. The monitoring report of the implementation of the Integrity Plan for 2022, with all the information on the follow-up and completion of the deficiencies identified at the time of the institutional integrity risk assessment, provides data and figures for the implementation of the regulatory framework on aspects of integrity and activity of the Ministry of Justice, institutional capacities to resist integrity violations, as well as issues of organization and operation of technical structures. The monitoring report estimates that for 16 measures, 13 measures have been fully implemented, 2 have remained in the implementation process and 1 has not been implemented. During 2022, the Ministry of Justice has completed the regulatory framework for ethics and integrity, provides increased transparency of the institution in the publication and notification of the legal framework, public consultation, performance reports and audit reports (internal and external), training and increased professional capacities for the level of expertise offered (legislative-inspection in the field of justice-policy-making services) and strategic and operational planning for the services offered. Filling organic vacancies and analyzing the needs for staff qualities remain an objective to be carried out in the following year.

More information in the link: https://www.drejtesia.gov.al/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Raport-Monitorimi_-PI- MD_-2022.pdf

Anti-corruption education and awareness as a primary commitment of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), 2022-2024

21-24.02.2023: Education and awareness of the general public about the mechanisms of the fight against corruption will be the area of commitment for the three years 2022-2023-2024 of the Open Government Partnership, for the Ministry of Justice, for the area of anti-corruption responsibility. This initiative brought together the Anticorruption Directorate and civil society organizations to co-plan measures and activities that will increase access and strengthen the perception of the public and various interest groups for the use of anticorruption mechanisms. The Ministry of Justice organized 2 working discussion tables to co-draft and consolidate the content of the Open Government Partnership Action Plan (OGP), 2022-2024. Measures and activities related to (I) Awareness of the general public on the mechanisms in the fight against corruption, (II) Education of the general public on the mechanisms in the fight against corruption, and (III) Education and awareness of the public administration on the legal framework and regulatory framework and anti-corruption mechanisms in the public sector, will be implemented by anti-corruption structures and civil society organizations, active in this sector. The Action Plan consists of a total of 17 measures, of which 9 measures will be directly implemented by the Ministry of Justice and 8 other measures, will be implemented by civil society, IDM and ALTRI. Some of the measures planned in this Action Plan foresee anti-corruption publications, videos and communication tools, e-bulletin, capacity building, investigation manuals, monitoring methodology, integrity instruments, etc.

Consult and get more information about the Open Government Partnership, at: <https://ogp.gov.al/>



Albania gains 4 places in the world ranking of the Democracy Index, 2022

02.02.2023: The "Democracy Index" 2022 report ranks Albania in 64th place, out of 165 countries in the world. The report is produced and published by the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) since 2006, which is also 1 of the 8 reports in which Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index is based. For 2022, Albania has gained 4 places in the world ranking (64th place with 6.41 points). The 2022 Democracy Index evaluates five factors, closely related to the rule of law and democratic principles, namely: (I) electoral process and pluralism; (II) the functioning of the government; (III) political participation; (IV) political culture and (V) civil liberties. With this score (6.41), Albania has obtained a higher result than the average of the Eastern European Region of 5.39 points, as well as a more positive trend compared to the countries of the Western Balkans. In this assessment, several important sources of information are taken, such as public opinion polls, voting participation and the functioning of legislative and executive bodies, and gives an overall picture of the state of democracy and its implementation.



European Union increased technical assistance to the structures of the National Coordinator Against Corruption

07.02.2023: The Delegation of the European Union in Tirana has ended the Technical Assistance project for the National Coordinator Against Corruption after three years of implementation. In an open activity with the participation of representatives of government institutions, independent institutions, non-governmental organizations and foreign partners in Tirana, one of the projects that assisted the technical and professional capacities of the Ministry of Justice for anti-corruption activity was finalized and completed. Deputy Minister of Justice Mrs. Pirdeni and the Head of Operations of the Delegation of the European Union, Mrs. Vitkova, appreciated the support provided by the technical expertise of the project with reference to the capacities of strategic planning and programming, the conception of measures and practical engagements, increased visibility and communication skills with the public, research and analytical expertise and the establishment of regular dialogue with CSOs and think-tank research institutes. The Technical Assistance Project of the Delegation of the European Union in Tirana has assisted the National Coordinator Against Corruption, from February 2020 to January 2023, contributing to the improvement of the institutional and technical anti-corruption mechanisms and structures in the Ministry of Justice.



Online awareness campaign "Report corruption"

2-28.02.2023: The General Directorate of Anticorruption in the Ministry of Justice has carried out an intensive communication and visibility campaign to bring the public closer to the fight against corruption. On the social profiles and communication networks of the General Anticorruption Directorate, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, a series of instructional and awareness videos have appeared, to report malpractices and abuses in public institutions, part of the Network of Anticorruption Coordinators. 15 informative videos for citizens about the mechanism for reporting suspected cases of corruption to the anti-corruption coordinators, have been published and can be accessed at any time. This anti-corruption awareness campaign has utilized electronic communication tools to create partnership with the public, interaction and increased attention in addressing corruption cases.

Visit the social profiles of the General Directorate of Anticorruption at: Facebook; LinkedIn, Twitter

