

**The role of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator**

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 May, 2023**

**The Minister of Justice invites representatives of business chambers and associations to discuss on anti-corruption measures**

**29.05.2023:** Cooperation with business for valid anti-corruption policies and efficient action measures to guarantee better public services, brought together the Minister of Justice in his role as the National Coordinator Against Corruption, Mr. Ulsi Manja, with leaders and representatives of business chambers and associations in the country. The topic of the meeting was the coordination of intervention measures and the increase of cooperation between the parties. Minister Manja presented some of the anti-corruption initiatives and measures taken by the General Directorate of Anticorruption to the leading and implementing officials at the authorities where the Anticorruption Coordinators Network is located. At the meeting, the participants shared valuable thoughts and experiences to strengthen capacities and build new bridges of cooperation and with the aim of increasing confidence in the values and capacities of anti-corruption professionals. The actors of the private sector requested and proposed a more active role of the General Directorate of Anticorruption in preventing, punishing and raising awareness on the fight against corruption in the public administration and in the private sector. The General Directorate of Anticorruption is the technical structure organized at the executive level to fight corruption and promote integrity in public administration. The parties supported and offered regular cooperation for the future.



**More information on this meeting can be found on the social profiles of the General Directorate of Anticorruption and in the link: [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=205621112416082&id=100089045846232](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=205621112416082&id=100089045846232)**

**USA initiator of the work on the Summit of South-Eastern Europe against cybercrime, as an increased risk in the commission of corruption**

**21 - 23.05.2023:** The fight against corruption is being seen as extended in to many fields and sectors of society, economy and action. This initiative, already taken under the supervision of USA and which is being implemented in many countries, was joined by the proceedings of the International Summit of Justice for the Fight against Cybercrime - "Southeast European Cybercrime Summit", in Šibenik, Croatia. The Ministry of Justice and Public Administration of Croatia, in cooperation with the US Department of Justice, organized this meeting with high-level representatives of the leaders of the countries of this region. The General Director of Anticorruption in the Ministry of Justice, Mr. Florin Demollari and prosecutors of the General Prosecutor's Office participated in the meeting and shared the will and proposals to harmonize together with other countries the initiative to find new measures and interventions against the phenomenon of cybercrimes, such as methods and instruments that endanger services and connect with the crime of corruption, crossing the borders of the states. The member countries also agreed on a Declaration of Cooperation in the Fight against Cybercrime, which will initiate the establishment of a Southeast European Network, with judicial expert representatives, with the aim of facilitating and improving cooperation between competent judicial bodies and the exchange of experiences, knowledge, and practice related to the investigation and punishment of cybercrime. In 2022, Albania was attacked by cybercrime methods that blocked electronic services and electronic communication service for several days.

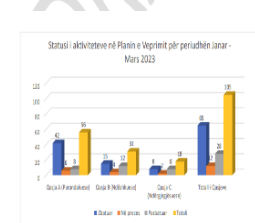


**The monitoring report, January - March 2023, of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan is published for public consultation**

**30.05.2023:** The Technical Secretariat at the National Coordinator Against Corruption, at the end of the first quarter of 2023, has monitored the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for this period. After receiving the first data, a draft monitoring report was drawn up and an evaluation analysis was carried out on the progress of the Anticorruption Action Plan. The report provides information on 59 measures and 105 activities planned for implementation for this period, in the areas of prevention - punishment - awareness raising against corruption. From the monitoring carried out, it appears that 33 measures/65 activities were fully implemented, 17 measures/12 activities were partially implemented and 9 measures/28 activities were not implemented. The report is in the process of being completed and consulted with the institutions and also made public, for the general public and CSOs. Areas with a good level of implementation in this period are: public e-services, installation of the e-registry of requests and responses in 222 public authorities, approval of the guide on the implementation of green public procurement, increasing the efficiency of the National Coordinator Against Corruption and continuation of the interaction of punitive anti-corruption measures at the administrative level and law enforcement agencies (Police-Prosecutor Office). Upon completion of the consultation and agreement at the technical level, the report will be discussed and approved at the meeting of the Thematic Anticorruption Group.



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**The Draft Monitoring Report is published in the link: <https://www.drejtësia.gov.al/raporte-monitorimi-2023/>**

**The General Directorate of Anticorruption proposes 22 administrative measures and gives 22 recommendations for control cases and suspicion of corruption**

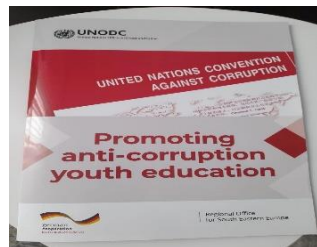
**01 - 31.05.2023:** The Monitoring Directorate of the Network of Anticorruption Coordinators and the Operational Directorate for Anticorruption Issues at the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator in the Ministry of Justice have continued to receive suspected cases of corruption. During May, a total number of 29 complaints and denunciations were received and administered by the two structures of the General Directorate of Anticorruption, referring to the activities of the institutions of the Network of Coordinators against Corruption, in all forms of communication (letter, email, electronic platform). The cases are mainly addressed to the State Cadastre Agency and its local directorates, the Social Insurance Institute, the Health Care Services Operator, the National Food Authority, the National Agency of Protected Areas, etc. After the detailed verification of the complaints, 6 final reports were drawn up in relation to the conducted investigations, in which elements of irregular activities were identified. Following this evidences, 22 measures have been proposed for the initiation of the disciplinary process, as well as 22 recommendations have been generated to strengthen the mechanisms of control and prevention of corruption. The General Directorate of Anticorruption is committed to take immediate action against suspected violations and to promote integrity and accountability in institutions that operate in the service of citizens.

**Report abusive cases and practices on: [koordinatoriak@drejtësia.gov.al](mailto:koordinatoriak@drejtësia.gov.al)**



## UNODC conducts cooperation projects with the Anticorruption Policy Directorate for rapid investigation of corruption and anti-corruption education

**23 - 26.05.2023:** Anti-corruption development programs at the regional level have entered a new stage of implementation through the drafting of a practical action guide for judicial police officers and prosecutors. The daily investigative activity, processes and procedures will be summarized in a procedure document with detailed instructions, based on the legal and regulatory framework in force, but also on the procedural actions of the practice. The General Directorate of Anticorruption, in cooperation with UNODC, coordinates this process in the drafting of this Guide, especially for cases of financial crimes and the recovery of assets resulting from the crime of corruption. A working group consisting of prosecutors, state police officers, money laundering experts and representatives of the Ministries of Justice and the Interior are drafting the guide, in implementation of the commitments made within the framework of the Berlin Summit. Also, UNODC is collaborating with the General Directorate of Anticorruption, Corruption Prevention Agency in Kosovo and with the civil societies of both countries, to promote cases and anti-corruption education initiatives. A table was organized, where it was discussed about completed projects and exchange of ideas for initiatives and new cooperative methods for anti-corruption education and requests for cooperation. The UNODC Regional Office for South East Europe joins the interests and demands of the Directorate of Anticorruption Policies in the Ministry of Justice, to improve the way of operation and to offer more initiatives for education, training and publications against corruption.



Learn more about these initiatives on the social profiles of the General Directorate of Anticorruption in LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter.

## The staff of the Anticorruption Directorate added knowledge to the investigation of corruption cases in international investment projects

**18 - 19.05.2023:** Staff and professionals of the General Directorate of Anticorruption at the Ministry of Justice, who are engaged in the investigation and verification of suspected cases of corruption in the public administration, participated in an international seminar organized by UNODC, in Kazakhstan. The topic of the seminar was the intensification of corruption investigation and the strengthening of cooperation in international investment projects. In this training activity specialists of the General Directorate of Anticorruption shared their experiences in the fight against corruption, for cases followed by this directorate and within its legal and regulatory mandate. The main objectives of this seminar were to increase awareness of the causes and consequences of corruption in international investment projects, as well as to strengthen the professional and technical capacities of experts in preventing and fighting corruption in investment projects. The meeting dealt with priority and assessed with importance that through the exchange of practices, national challenges and international standards, a suitable and favorable environment for investments could be built, ensuring the integrity and responsibility of local and foreign investors. Specialists of the directorate were engaged in solving cases and practical exercises, as a possible potential to happen in our country.



## Conflict of Interests in the Security Sector as a mechanism of the fight against corruption

**16 - 17.05.2023:** Conflict of Interests in the security sector brought together anti-corruption and Ministry of Defense specialists in a regional training meeting in Podgorica, Montenegro. The meeting was organized by the RACVIAC Center, the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative - RAI and the Ministry of Defense of Montenegro. Participants from the security sector of many countries in the region addressed cases and discussed policies on conflicts of interest at the national level. During the two days of the training, the impact of the conflict of interests on decision-making, transparency and trust of public institutions was discussed. The report "Rolling Back State Capture in Southeast Europe", drawn up and published by the SELDI organization, was also presented at the meeting, a report that emphasizes the need to use effective tools for declaring assets and for politically exposed persons. Albanian representatives shared Albania's experience and achievements in this field, too. This meeting, held in an active and dynamic environment, enabled all participants to discuss and learn about topics from colleagues in the security and conflict of interest sectors.

More information can be found in the link: <https://www.racviac.org/racviac-and-rai-workshop-on-conflict-of-interest-in-the-security-sector-commences-in-podgorica-me/?fbclid=IwAR2TFy9RhSPqXxy88qx-3F-0gBfZmE39WuHw5h1H6flq6OWxuwCY3bhduVg>



## Media and the public, partners of the General Directorate of Anticorruption

**12.05.2023:** Director of Anticorruption Policies in the Ministry of Justice, Mrs. Rovena Pregja, conducted a televised interview on the SCAN TV station. The topic discussed were the issues of anti-corruption policies, the measures and objectives of the Albanian administration, as well as their role in the European integration process. Through this cooperation with the media, the Ministry of Justice has established communication bridges and is increasing public information on new initiatives and processes of coordination of legal acts and technical capacities in the fight against corruption. Communication with the media and the increased interest of journalists on the work of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator, provides more information to citizens, making them part of the process of the fight against corruption. During the interview, cases of punishment and disciplinary measures given by the anti-corruption structure in the Ministry of Justice were also discussed. The role of the Ministry of Justice in the process of the country's integration into the European Union was given special attention, showing that the commitment against corruption is one of the primary conditions for the success of this process. Cooperation with the media emphasized the importance of strengthening coordination between public institutions and the public in addressing corruption issues and promoting legality and accountability.

You can access the full interview at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w22uyHMdy0Q>



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