



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 August, 2023

Albania opens the proceedings of the first world conference "On harnessing data to improve corruption measurement"

31.08.2023 - 01.09.2023: The first world conference "On harnessing data to improve corruption measurement" began in Vienna, as an initiative of UNODC office at the United Nations Organization and the International Anti-Corruption Academy, IACA. Albania was represented at the conference with the Deputy Minister of Justice, Mrs.Adea Pirdeni, honored to give the opening speech. Albania's participation in the conference and in its opening session, highlights the role and initiatives taken on the international level. The conference brought together political leaders from around the world, experts and professionals in the field, academics and researchers, civil society and business representatives. The conference brought to attention the vigilance for the fight against corruption and the need for awareness in accordance with the activities of UNODC and IACA, as two important organizations in the planning and implementation of measures, in all countries. UNODC and IACA have deepened the methodologies of measuring corruption in the world, enabling the use of data that countries have and can use. The conference was a very good opportunity to discuss and exchange experiences, but also to share opinions based on statistical data, measurement and evaluation of the efficiency of anti-corruption bodies and authorities and on the progress made. The use of technology and communication tools received increased attention in the discussions of the various panels.



Find more on: <https://grace.unodc.org/grace/en/news-and-events/unodc-iaca-global-conference-on-harnessing-data-to-improve-corruption-measurement.html>

Final draft of the monitoring report on the implementation of the Anticorruption Action Plan, January-June 2023

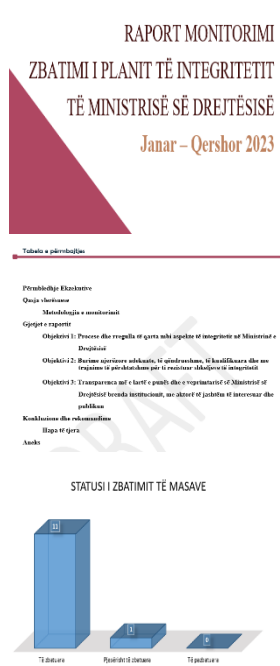


04 - 16.08.2023: The Directorate of Anti-corruption Programs and Projects in the Ministry of Justice has prepared the second and final draft of the monitoring report of the anti-corruption action plan, January-June 2023. The report is a detailed overview of the developments of the last six months, of the Inter-Sectorial Against Corruption, 2015-2023. This report is a continuation of the work started with the first monitoring draft, mentioned in the July 2023 e-bulletin, which presents an essential analysis of the specific objectives of the strategy, part of the three dimensions of the fight against corruption: *prevention - punishment - awareness raising*. Special attention is given to the implementation of measures and activities, such as: the electronic register for requests and responses has been installed in 27 new public authorities; The Public Procurement Agency issued 3 recommendations regarding the forms of communication in public procurement procedures; NAIS registers 1227 electronic services for citizens; HIDAACI has prepared an evaluation report on the applicability of the law of whistleblowers; The Ministry of Finance and Economy records 4030 accepted and implemented recommendations; The General Anticorruption Directorate has also continued with the development of integrity and transparency policies in public bodies; AASCA has taken over assets seized for the criminal offense of corruption in the amount of ALL 32,034,000, while the State Police has exchanged 443 practices with international partners. The report continues to remain open for public consultation, with all interested partners in the fight against corruption. During September 2023, the consolidated content of this draft report will be agreed on a technical level with all anti-corruption contact points in public institutions.

You can find the monitoring report published at: <https://www.drejtësia.gov.al/raporte-monitorimi-2023/>

The Ministry of Justice drafts the January - June 2023 monitoring report of the Integrity Plan

01.08.2023: The Ministry of Justice, as the leading institution on integrity policies in the country, has drawn up the January-June 2023 monitoring report, in implementation of its Integrity Plan 2020 - 2023. This monitoring report describes in detail the content and steps taken by the ministry for the implementation of the measures provided by the Plan. The content of the report describes the 3 objectives of the Integrity Plan that include clear integrity processes in the Ministry of Justice, the importance of qualified human resources to prevent integrity violations and improving transparency in the daily work of the institution. The monitoring results show that out of 12 measures, 11 measures have been fully implemented, while the other measure and 5 activities are still in the implementation process. The report shows that concrete steps have been taken to achieve these objectives, including active interventions to mitigate the risk of corruption at all levels of the ministry. Also, through this report, it is known that interaction with external stakeholders and the public is an important component of efforts to increase transparency and build trust. The Ministry has successfully completed a number of measures, while working towards the completion of other following objectives. The report also states that current efforts show a significant improvement in institutional integrity, while further steps aim to positively influence the improvement of integrity and the fight against corruption in the country. With the end of the implementation period of this plan in 2023, the Ministry of Justice has also started to work on drafting a new plan that will respond to the institutional needs for the upcoming years 2024-2027.



More information can be found in: <https://www.drejtësia.gov.al/instrumente-antikorrupsioni/>

The General Directorate of Anticorruption continues with the investigation of suspected cases of corruption

01-31.08.2023: The General Directorate of Anticorruption in the Ministry of Justice has continued with in-depth administrative investigations in several key institutions, part of the Network of Anticorruption Coordinators. Only during the month of August 2023, 28 complaints and denunciations from different sources were administered at the official address. After a careful administrative observation, 4 final reports have been drawn up. This process has also continued with the initiation of 9 disciplinary measures against individuals identified as involved in violations, as well as 7 recommendations to public bodies. During this period, the National Coordinator Against Corruption has also approved the Control Plans for 17 institutions part of the activity of the Network of Coordinators against Corruption, based on the Risk Analysis and Assessment document that was carried out for the institutions part of this Network. As a result of these actions, the Ministry of Justice has worked towards guaranteeing the implementation of the law and strengthening work practices in the affected institutions. The Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators has continued deepening its efforts in order to increase awareness and intensify the fight against corruption in all spheres involved. The use of administrative investigations is an effective mechanism that helps strengthen institutional structures and increase transparency in the public sector. The General Directorate of Anticorruption continues to work with dedication and commitment to create a more transparent environment in the service of citizens and the rule of law.

In case you come across corruption practices in dealing with state institutions, report them to: koordinatoriak@drejtësia.gov.al



The Regional Roadmap: Anti-corruption and illicit financial flows, brings together the region's initiatives in the fight against corruption

17.08.2023: The Regional Roadmap on Anticorruption and illegal financial flows is in the process of implementation. This document of measures that came as a proposal of the Berlin Summit in 2018 for the countries of the Western Balkans and was drafted and approved by Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Kosovo and Serbia, in June 2021, has included technical and professional structures in the field of public procurement, declaration and control of assets and properties, control and prevention of corruption and law enforcement bodies (police-prosecutor-money laundering agencies). In August 2023, the implementation of the measures included in this plan-document was monitored and it resulted that throughout this time (2022-currently 2023) for Albania, the public procurement procedures have been carried out correctly, and other significant achievements have been made: increased capacities of the sector's staff, online declaration of assets of reporting entities, strengthening preventive capacities and efficient punishment structures, referred to SPAK and NBI. The UNODC regional office is monitoring the implementation of the document in all countries of the region and will soon have a meeting to promote progress, respectively. Monitoring will also serve to identify the needs for cooperation between countries, in the future.

More information can be found in:

https://www.unodc.org/documents/southeasterneurope/AC_and_Illicit_Finance_Roadmap_Full_25.06_PDF.pdf

