



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 Anti-Corruption Coordinators, who, with actions or omissions, have committed violations of legal/sublegal acts in force, as well as the development of projects and programs in the field of anti-corruption, planning, coordination and determination of instruments necessary 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 throughout October, 2023

Two years of activity of the General Directorate of Anticorruption

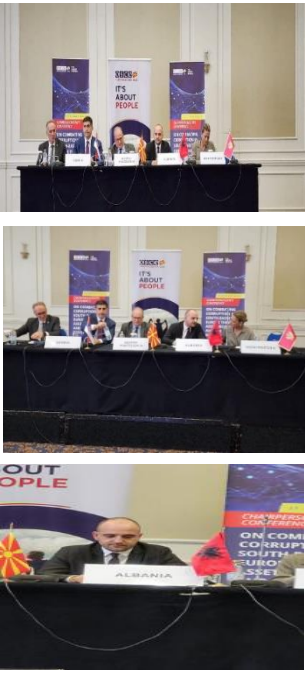
21.10.2023: The month of October 2023 has marked 2 years of activity of the General Anticorruption Directorate, creating an important structure to increase public trust and consolidate results in the fight against corruption. This success is reflected in labor statistics, which show significant results and a solid track record in joint efforts to build a fair and more transparent society. The General Directorate of Anticorruption is a centralized body with policy-making functions and the establishment of punitive measures for cases of corruption in public administration bodies. For two years of activity, 500 administrative measures were taken for violations of the rules of public employees and 240 recommendations were offered to improve and unify institutional practices. Also, as a result of the analysis of the violations found, 46 criminal reports were filed with the prosecutor's office. Problems in the field of properties, services with the public in taxes, in the sectors and offices of education, civil status, postal services. The drafting of a new strategic anti-corruption framework, the creation of a stable and effective performance framework for risk sectors, integrity in the private sector and the coordination of national anti-corruption policies are the increased attention of the directorate's activity. The General Directorate of Anticorruption has an obvious role in increasing the performance of the country with the standards of the European Union, within the process of approximation and programming of future action measures.



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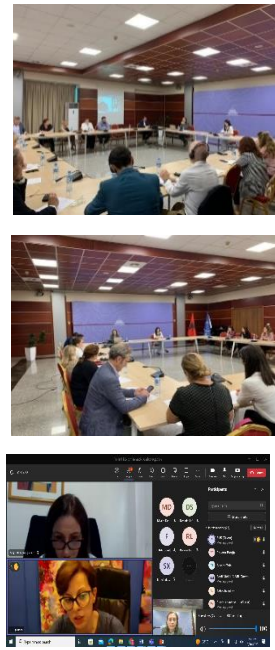
The countries of the Western Balkans together in the Regional Conference "On the fight against corruption, money laundering and facilitating efforts to recover assets"

31.10.2023: Skopje was the host of an important regional event for political authorities and representatives of experts in the field. The Regional Conference "On the fight against corruption, money laundering and facilitating asset recovery efforts", was organized under the auspices of the OSCE Chairmanship of Skopje, and brought together the countries of Southeast Europe, which shared experiences and created the environment to work on the main challenges of the fight against corruption. The Ministry of Justice presented its efforts and results in the fight against corruption for Albania, with the participation of the General Director of Anticorruption, Mr. Florin Demollari. The achievements of the justice reform so far, the ease of the digitalization process, the international partnership and the will to harmonize measures and actions to punish corruption in the economic field, were the focus of the discussion. All participating countries shared their experiences in developing and implementing effective anti-corruption policies. They also expressed their willingness to develop joint projects that will increase their impact in the fight against corruption and presented the initiatives and institutional measures taken to address this important problem. Public awareness and its role in the fight against corruption, to have an informed public and involved in the initiatives received the agreement of the countries. The conference was concluded with a joint expressed commitment of the participants to accelerate anti-corruption initiatives and strengthen regional cooperation.



The monitoring report of the implementation of the Anticorruption Action Plan, January - June 2023, is approved

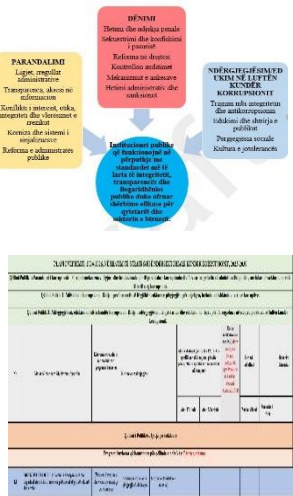
10.10.2023: Anticorruption Thematic Team, under the direction of the Deputy Minister of Justice, Mrs. Adea Pirdeni, reviewed, discussed and approved the monitoring report for the implementation of the Anticorruption Action Plan, for the period January - June 2023. The meeting was attended by representatives of the implementing institutions of the action plan, partner organizations of the fight against corruption, as well. This monitoring report provides information on progress for 60 measures and 104 activities planned for implementation for the period January - June 2023, which also corresponds to the last year of implementation of the anti-corruption action plan. From the monitoring carried out, it appears that 34 measures/59 activities were fully implemented, 10 measures/6 activities were partially implemented and 16 measures/39 activities were not implemented. The main achievements during this monitoring period can mainly be mentioned: 2,827,371 users for 1227 electronic services; 4030 accepted and implemented recommendations and 6 external quality assessments conducted by the Ministry of Finance and Economy; continuation of the extension of the Integrity Plans in a capillary manner in the institutions of the line ministries and 22 municipalities; 110 criminal proceedings with 118 persons under investigation, for criminal offenses related to corruption by SPAK as well as the use of special techniques in conducting proactive investigations in 988 cases; 84 criminal proceedings with 62 defendants for criminal offenses in the field of corruption by the General Prosecutor's Office and 32,034,000.00 lek, assets seized for corruption by AAPSK. Following the approval of this report, work on the monitoring of the Anticorruption Action Plan, for the period July - September 2023, also began during the month of October.



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

The new Intersectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy, 2024-2030, is expected to be finalized within 2023

2-31.10.2023: During the month of October, the Technical Secretariat of the General Directorate of Anticorruption continued its work on the drafting of the Inter-Sectoral Strategy Against Corruption, with an extension of 2024-2030. This final phase of consolidation of the package is being coordinated with the technical expertise of the Delegation of the European Union in Albania. The result of this document is the drafting of an act with complete information, for the purposes of the policy (prevention - punishment - awareness), specific objectives (17 in total) and the Action Plan with concrete measures and activities that must be undertaken. The Action Plan will have a duration of 3 years, in implementation, the years 2024 - 2025 - 2026. The new strategic anti-corruption package will reflect the objectives of the Albanian institutions in the fight against corruption, the recommendations addressed to Albania from the screening process, and the commitments taken for implementation until 2030. At the beginning of 2024, the process of public consultation of the strategic document is expected to start, to be finalized with its approval within the first 4 months of 2024. The new Anticorruption Strategy will materialize the country's steps in the fight against corruption, as well as bringing the institutional framework in line with Albania's 2030 agenda.



The meeting of the Steering Group of the Regional Anticorruption Initiative is held in Moldova

24 - 25.10.2023: The cooperation of regional initiatives in the fight against corruption brought together the member countries of the Regional Anticorruption Initiative - RAI, in the meeting of the Steering Group, for the year 2023. The Ministry of Justice attended the meeting with the Secretary General, Mr. Ismail Shehu, and the General Director of Anticorruption, Mr. Florin Demollari. In this reporting and discussion table, RAI member countries shared their experiences in designing and implementing effective anti-corruption policies in 2023. They also focused on the development of joint projects in this field, recognizing the importance of regional cooperation. Progress for the future against corruption remains a great challenge and in an effort to reconcile between countries. RAI continues to be a level of full and effective cooperation in efforts to reduce and eliminate corruption in the region, as a common goal of all participating countries of the region.



Integrity and ethics in public administration as instruments of the fight against corruption



27.10.2023: The Ministry of Justice participated in a cooperation project on integrity and ethics in public administration, organized by the Institute for Democracy and Mediation. The project was developed with the participation of 60 employees of central institutions in a joint effort to address integrity and ethics in public administration, as an essential part of their work activity. The research was developed through an international methodology, which included three critical areas: (I) integrity rules in public administration; (II) concealment of corruption and (III) tolerance of corruption. Participants reacted to hypothetical situations of ethical violations and irregularities that may occur during work processes, using carefully prepared questionnaires to assess their behavior in these situations. The data collected during this research will serve as a basis for the drafting of analytical reports and will provide an essential analysis on the attitudes and behaviors of public administration employees in relation to corruption, ethics and rules of integrity in the workplace.