

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.

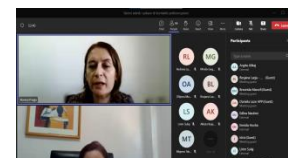
The National Anti-Corruption Coordinator is responsible for verifying (administrative investigation) denunciations/complaints about abusive, corrupt or arbitrary practices for the implementation of law, as well as identifying employees of institutions, part of the Network of Coordinators, who, by actions 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.

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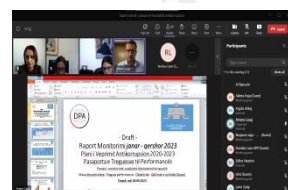
Activities of September, 2023

Finalized consultation of the 6-month 2023 monitoring report of the Anticorruption Action Plan

18.09.2023: The Anticorruption Thematic Group, at the technical level, met and approved the content, data and analysis of the first 6-month, 2023 monitoring report of the Anticorruption Action Plan. For this monitoring period, January-June 2023, data has been collected and analyzed for 60 measures and 104 activities, distributed respectively in 32 measures and 58 activities for the preventive approach (A), 20 measures and 29 activities for the punitive approach (B) and 8 measures and 17 activities for the awareness - raising approach (C). The result of the analysis of the report shows that 35 measures were fully implemented, 10 measures were partially implemented and 15 measures were not implemented, and 64 activities were fully implemented, 7 activities were partially implemented and 33 were not implemented. The implementation of the Anticorruption Action Plan has good indicators in the field of prevention and awareness raising against corruption. Punitive anti-corruption policy for this period as well, is divided between SPAK and general jurisdiction prosecutors with 110 criminal proceedings with 118 persons under investigation by SPAK and 84 criminal proceedings with 62 defendants from general jurisdiction. This report will also be discussed at the meeting of the Anticorruption Thematic Group at a high management level, during the month of October 2023.



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The Ministry of Justice is part of the regional table on the promotion of anti-corruption education



4.09.2023: The Ministry of Justice, in the capacity of the National Coordinator Against Corruption in the country, participated in the regional table "Promotion of Anti-Corruption Education", organized by the United Nations Office (UNODC) and financed by the Federal Republic of Germany, which was held in Becici, Montenegro. This conference brought together experts from public bodies and the civil society sector from six countries in the region, including Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, to discuss and share experiences in the field of education against corruption for young people of all age groups. This conference was rich and provided an important platform for the exchange of ideas and good practices. The participants emphasized the importance of education against corruption in the formation of a fair and transparent society. Through the representatives from the General Directorate of Anti-corruption, the Ministry of Justice shared its so far-experiences at this table, in anti-corruption education projects, in pre-university education and expressed its institutional commitment to make these initiatives part of the 2030 strategic vision. The sharing of experiences in the design and drafting of anti-corruption education policies was accompanied by discussions on the various challenges and successes in the anti-corruption education projects of the countries of the region. The involvement of all actors in youth education, teachers, parents and local communities is important to ensure that initiatives on anti-corruption education are efficient and sustainable, cultivating a shared sense of civic responsibility and legal education.

Activity of the General Directorate of Anticorruption in the 9 months of 2023

1-30.09.2023: The General Anticorruption Directorate in the Ministry of Justice makes an analysis of its 9-month activity (January - September) 2023, in the field of administrative investigations for corruption cases in the public administration. The following results are highlighted during this period: 52 Final Reports through which: 108 measures for the initiation of the disciplinary process were proposed; 40 measures for dismissal and 147 recommendations. For this period alone, 14 reports were filed for criminal prosecution with over 30 people reported, for suspected cases of finding elements of the criminal offense of corruption. Sectors with problems in cases of corruption continue to remain the field of property, taxes, food control, postal service, the field of education, etc. The General Directorate of Anti-corruption and the mechanism of the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators are close to the citizens not only for raising awareness and intensifying the fight against corruption where problems are identified, but also by receiving and administrative verification in time, to create a more honest environment and legal in the service of citizens.



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The role of the Parliament in curbing corruption, as inclusiveness in the cross-sectoral anti-corruption strategy



15.09.2023: The fight against corruption requires more involvement and cooperation. For this purpose, the national conference of one of the long-standing partners of the Albanian institutions, the National Democratic Institute - NDI, was held in Tirana. The conference "Parliament's role in stopping corruption" brought together representatives of politics, government, the civil society sector and jurisprudence experts to discuss the findings of the report developed by NDI and to offer their thoughts and opinions as well. Deputy Minister of Justice, Ms. Adea Pirdeni, was part of the main speaking panel at the conference. Ms. Pirdeni accepted the recommendations given by the report affirming their reflection in the new document of the Cross-Sectoral Strategy Against Corruption, 2023-2030, and in the action plan. The Assembly and its controlling role towards the central institutions and with policy-making and executive powers will also have a role in the strategic engagements against corruption, in the following years, as a reflection and in pursuit of the recommendations left in the resolutions given by it. The Ministry of Justice confirmed the cooperation with interested partners in the finalization of this document, also as part of its commitment to increase accountability and institutional transparency against corruption. The new anti-corruption strategy is expected to be an action document that will reconcile the necessary ethical interventions, parliamentary control and inter-institutional cooperation in the country.

Public procurement, declaration of assets and conflicts of interest and beneficial owners as anti-corruption instruments, part of the Anti-corruption Roadmap

26-27.09.2023: The Roadmap Anti-corruption and Illegal Financing referring to the instruments of the prevention of corruption, namely the development of public procurements, the declaration of assets and the control of conflict of interests, as well as the instrument of beneficial owners brought together the countries of the Western Balkans, in Budva, Montenegro. The implementation of the state commitments made in this document, data and good practices as well as the expectations for the future, were discussed at a technical level by experts from Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Kosovo. Changes in the legislations of the participating countries, the establishment and organization of structures and bodies, the use of control mechanisms and tools, online systems of public procurement and assets, public awareness and information on the mechanization of beneficial owners were shared among countries as a good way of replication, where there are possibilities identified. The Roadmap: Anti-corruption and Illicit Financing is a product of the Berlin Summit, 2018, and implemented by the UNODC office for the Western Balkans region. This commitment is a process and participation to establish good and thematic standards against corruption. In October 2023, the next meeting will take place for the 3rd objective of the Roadmap: on the cooperation of law enforcement bodies, bodies with anti-corruption powers, police and money laundering authorities. The Ministry of Justice in the role of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator coordinates the process and reporting of Albania, and guarantees correct and timely participation and implementation towards UNODC.



The GlobE Network for the Western Balkan region is established

5.09.2023: The Western Balkans continues the institutional and coordinating cooperation to synchronize the processes in the fight against corruption. The global network of law enforcement agencies - GlobE, is also organized at the level of the bodies of the Western Balkans between the countries Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia. The country's prosecution bodies, investigative bodies, anti-corruption authorities have joined the Globe Regional Network, with the aim of harmonizing the human, technical-professional capacities and tools in use to share and consult cases and issues of investigation and analysis. The exchange of experiences between countries and authorities in the field of criminal investigations will help in-depth investigation and progress in tracking economic crime and corruption. All participating countries gave their approval to be part of the Globe Regional Network and agreed to use joint communication for initiatives and actions with impact on the investigation of corruption. By participating in this activity, the Ministry of Justice exercised its role as the leading national anti-corruption institution and policy initiator at the central level. Representatives of the Minister of Justice and technicians of the General Directorate of Anticorruption were an active part of the first meeting announcing the GlobE Regional Network. The GlobE network has also part of its members, the authority of the General Prosecutor's Office and SPAK.



More information about the GlobE Network can be found at the link:

<https://globenetwork.unodc.org/globenetwork/en/network/launch-of-regional-component-for-western-balkans.html>,

and in the social profiles of the General Directorate of Anticorruption.

Training and capacity building of the General Directorate of Anticorruption

14, 19-21.09.2023: The staff of the General Directorate of Anticorruption and the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators, involved in the activity of administrative investigation and policy-making, have participated in training sessions prepared for auditors of anti-corruption agencies in the countries of the Western Balkans. Topics such as: Corruption Risk Monitoring and Assessment, organized by the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative, RAI, focused on the identification of problems as well as the sharing of good practices at the regional level in this field, in the application of the SWOT analysis in relation to the assessment and monitoring the risk of corruption in specific jurisdictions, as well as monitoring and assessing the risk of corruption in daily work, in the creation of adequate anti-corruption strategies, not according to a general model, but based on the specific problems of a country. The other topics: for the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) Review Mechanism, focused on the application of UNCAC provisions, conducting and returning responses to reviews, introducing review methodology and tools, and empowering them to repeat the workshop sessions at the national or regional level and create a platform for constructive dialogue by sharing knowledge between participants.

