

The role of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator

The Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-corruption, 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.

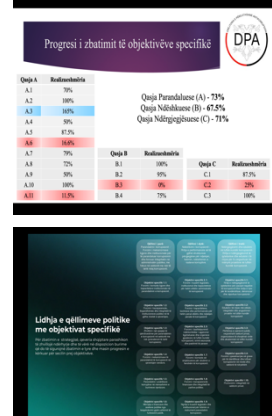
The National Anti-Corruption Coordinator is responsible for the verification (administrative investigation) of denunciations/complaints about abusive, corrupt or arbitrary practices for the implementation of legality, as well as the identification of employees of institutions, part of the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators, who, with actions or omissions, have committed violations of legal/sublegal acts in force, as well as 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 through the reflection of a summary of the main activities developed by the Minister of State for Public Administration and Anticorruption and the General Directorate of Anticorruption in the anticorruption field, on a monthly basis.

Activities throughout May, 2024

The Anticorruption Coordinating Committee approves the report on the implementation of the action plan for 2023 and paves the way for the discussion of the new strategy

23.05.2024: The Coordinating Committee for the implementation of the anti-corruption strategy approved the monitoring report of the Anti-corruption Action Plan for 2023. The Minister for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption in the capacity and the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator, Ms. Adea Pirdeni led the first meeting for 2024, where (I) the monitoring report for 2023 was discussed and approved, (II) the new document on the new anti-corruption strategy for the years 2024-2030 was presented and (III) the preparation of the report of Albania for GRECO. The monitoring report of the implementation of the Anticorruption Action Plan 2023 contains data on the implementation of measures and activities and the level of implementation of the objectives of the anticorruption strategy for the year 2023, which is the 9-th year of the implementation of the strategy. The Intersectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2023 has marked an implementation level of 71%. In addition, this meeting continued with the presentation of the new anti-corruption strategic document, the primary policy mechanisms that it will regulate, the content of the 2024-2026 action plan as well as the main indicators for measuring the expected results throughout the years of implementation in 7 upcoming years. The Coordinating Committee was also familiarized with the preparations and analysis of the information that will be part of Albania's report to be presented to GRECO within the framework of the evaluation of Round V. The meeting of the Coordinating Committee was open to representatives of civil society, the private business sector and partners of foreign organizations in the country.



The final 2023 monitoring report approved can be found at the link: <https://www.drejtesia.gov.al/raporte-monitorimi-2023/>.

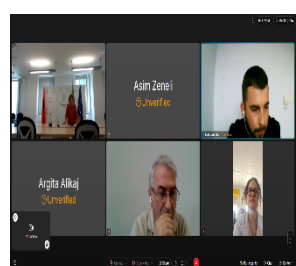
35 political advisers to the ministers are certified for the knowledge gained in the field of integrity and the fight against corruption

02.05.2024: 35 advisors of the ministers of the government cabinet successfully completed the online training curriculum (self-learning) "Introduction to the prevention of corruption". The course is a special curriculum within the Human Rights Education Program for Legal Professionals (HELP) of the Council of Europe, which was offered in the Albanian language to public political officials to increase their information and awareness about integrity and the fight against corruption. The political advisors attended 13 essential modules in the content of the program, namely: (1) Understanding corruption; (2) Instruments for the prevention of corruption; (3) Ethical principles and codes of conduct; (4) Conflict of interest and incompatibilities; (5) Restrictions after leaving office; (6) Gifts and other benefits; (7) Declaration of assets; (8) Free access to information; (9) Lobbying; (10) Financing of political parties; (11) Signaling; (12) Public procurement and (13) Audit of public activity. At the end of the course, a final test was held and the political advisors were provided with a certificate of participation. The 35 technical participants were supported by two tutors on the platform who facilitated discussions, referred training-related issues and supported the participants technically. The training curricula has become part of the Albanian School of Public Administration. The initiative will also serve Albania's reporting to GRECO.

"Education against corruption" held meetings in two schools in Gjirokastra and Durrës

02-03.05.2024: The General Directorate of Anti-corruption under the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator completed the cycle of meetings for the first academic year in implementation of the "Education against corruption" project in 2 secondary schools of higher education, in Gjirokastrë and Durrës.

On 02.05.2024, the meeting took place at the secondary school of higher education, in Gjirokastrë, a meeting that was made possible in a hybrid form. At the "Asim Zeneli" school, the teachers and students received the specialists of the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Education and Sports as well as the officers of the Italian law enforcement agency in Albania "Guardia di Finanza". Videos from the anti-corruption activity and other activities against illegal activities were shared for the students, public information about the fight against corruption was provided for the audience. After the presentations, an interactive conversation was held with the students who brought examples from their daily experience at school in the face of illegality and suspected cases of corruption.



On 03.05.2024, the closing meeting of this cycle of meetings for the first academic year, in implementation of the project, took place at the "Naim Frashëri" school in the city of Durrës. Anti-corruption policy staff and Italian colleagues, professional experts in the field of legality, together with the 10th grade students collaborated and exchanged ideas to find ways of setting good standards in society. The anti-corruption staff resubmitted the request to receive clues to convey anti-corruption messages, awareness and informational videos for specialized anti-corruption units. Italian experts discussed the fight against corruption, the integrity and culture of law enforcement. The joint initiative of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator with the Ministry of Education and Sports and the Italian Embassy in Tirana is expected to continue with the beginning of the new academic year 2024-2025.

"Trust in governance 2023" as a bridge of government to civil society cooperation

21.05.2024: The Minister of State for Public Administration and Anticorruption, Ms. Adea Pirdeni, increases the framework of cooperation with civil society organizations in the country in their research activity within the framework of good governance and the fight against corruption. The organization IDM Albania published for the 11th year the "Trust in Government 2023" survey. Minister Pirdeni participated in the promotional activity of this perception index, encouraging the voice and role of civil organizations for more inclusiveness and activity. Pirdeni accepted the results of the index as a form of transparency and accountability of public administration to provide better and open governance. The 2023 survey included the assessment of public perception of how effective public institutions and structures are in the fight against corruption in the country. The data show that SPAK is the institution that citizens perceive as the most effective in dealing with corruption, with 60.9% expressing great trust or a basic level of trust. The 2023 survey also showed a high level of awareness of the electronic services offered by e-Albania, with 92% of respondents aware of the platform. Among them, 75.6% have used the services in 2023. Most of the users consider e-Albania as functional (84.7%) and that it offers citizens the necessary assistance (59.7%).

