

**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 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 during the month of July, 2024**

**The public consultation of the Inter-Sectoral Strategy Against Corruption, 2024-2030 is launched**

**22.07.2024 - 25.07.2024:** The Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption, acting as the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator, Mrs. Adea Pirdeni, publicly announced the start of consultation on the draft Inter-Sectoral Strategy Against Corruption, 2024-2030. Inter-Sectoral Strategy Against Corruption, 2024 - 2030, is the main document of the Albanian government that programs legal and institutional interventions, guarantees the performance of public administration and public authorities, at the level of policies, the executive, and the administration of the judicial system to fight corruption. The Inter-Sectoral Strategy Against Corruption, 2024-2030, brings to life Albania's commitments for the fight against corruption and as a priority of European integration.



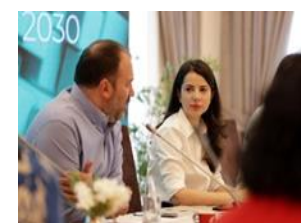
The Public Consultation week of the Inter-Sectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy, 2024-2030, brought together in four dedicated meetings interest groups, whose opinions, positions and suggestions, from state and non-state actors, for addressing interests in the function of strengthening of the fight against corruption were shared. The Inter-Sectoral Strategy Against Corruption 2024-2030 encourages the cooperation of public administration bodies, central and local, with non-governmental institutions and the business sector. An integral part of this strategy is its action plan, which foresees concrete, measurable, results-oriented initiatives.

The first day (22.07.2024) of the public consultation on the draft Inter-Sectoral Strategy Against Corruption 2024-2030, began with the institutional participation of public implementing authorities, over 30 institutions that have given their primary contribution to the shaping of the strategy. At the meeting, the draft strategy was presented, it was emphasized that the strengthening of institutional coordination remains a challenge, as a key element for the success of the fight against corruption. The vision of the strategy is: to create public institutions that operate with the highest standards of integrity, transparency and public accountability, providing efficient services to citizens.



The second day (23.07.2024) of the public consultation on the draft Intersectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2030, gathered representatives of Businesses and Chambers of Commerce and Associations. The Minister of State for the Protection of Entrepreneurship and Business Climate, Mrs. Delina Ibrahimaj, joined the meeting, in order to attract comments and suggestions to address business concerns and ideas. Encouraging and promoting integrity in the private sector is one of the innovations of this strategy, which will be developed in partnership with business organizations operating in Albania. An essential element in the fight against corruption is raising public awareness, including the business community, which has an important role in reporting and preventing corruption.

The third day (24.07.2024) for the draft Intersectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2030, gathered representatives of civil society organizations, representatives of the media and the academic world/universities. In this meeting, the goals of the new strategy were discussed, which aims to increase awareness and education against corruption, through strengthening education on integrity in the pre-university education system, throughout all its cycles, as well as strengthening the education of the public sector, with the aim of guaranteeing a responsible and accountable public sector to society. Research policies aimed at increasing programming and interventions in areas and sectors with effects on prevention, were brought with interest by participants.



The public consultation meetings for the draft Inter-Sectoral Strategy Against Corruption 2024-2030 were closed on the fourth day (25.07.2024), at the table with representatives from the institutions of Local Self-Government, where the Minister of State for Local Government, Mr. .Arbjan Mazniku, was also present. The Inter-Sectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2030 addresses for the first time issues of integrity and corruption at the local level, taking into consideration that these institutions are not only providers of a significant number of services at the local level, but also managers of public funds.

Detailed information about these meetings can be found on the social profiles of the General Anticorruption Directorate [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Threads](#)

**Draft Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption, 2024-2030, open for public consultation until 31 August 2024**

**22.07.2024:** After 18 months of work and with the engagement of experts from the Albanian public administration and the assistance and expertise of the Delegation of the European Union in Tirana, EU4GG, the draft of the Inter-Sectoral Strategy Against Corruption 2024-2030 has been completed, together with the Action Plan and Passport of the Indicators. The Intersectoral Strategy Against Corruption, 2024-2030, represents a document of the Albanian government with concrete commitments of all institutions that exercise powers in terms of prevention, punishment and awareness in terms of the fight against corruption, including here, public institutions at the central level and local, independent institutions as well as law enforcement institutions and those belonging to the judiciary (special prosecutor and special courts). The new strategy presents a new approach with systemic intervention in sectors vulnerable to corruption (property, health, education, tax and taxation, public procurement and concessions), further strengthening of the legal and institutional framework in the fight against corruption, extension of measures to prevent corruption in local government, promotion of integrity in business, further consolidation of the institutional framework responsible for investigating and judging corruption, as well as raising awareness and educating young people about legality and integrity. This new strategic framework guarantees full compliance with the commitments undertaken by Albanian institutions in the Roadmap for the Rule of Law and coherently addresses the findings of the European Commission on the necessary steps to improve Albania's performance in the fight against corruption, as one of key areas of advancing the rule of law. The Intersectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024 – 2030 consists of 3 policy goals (prevention – punishment – awareness), 16 specific objectives (prevention 9, punishment 3, awareness 4), 60 measures, 281 activities, and 25 performance indicators. The Draft Intersectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2030 will remain open for public consultation in the register of acts and public notices until August 31, 2024.



The draft strategy document, 2024-2030, has been published on the online page of the Electronic Register for Public Notices and Consultations, in the link: <https://konsultimipublik.gov.al/Konsultime/Detaje/765>.

## Draft Intersectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy, 2024-2030, discussed at the European Integration Partnership Platform meeting



**22.07.2024:** The General Directorate of Anticorruption participated in the second meeting for the year 2024 of the European Integration Partnership Platform for Chapter 23 "Judiciary and Fundamental Rights" and the political criterion, directed by the Deputy Minister of Justice, at the same time negotiator, Mr. Tedi Dobi . The meeting presented and discussed the draft Intersectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2030, complete package. Director of Anticorruption Programs and Policies, Ms. Rovena Pregja, explained the content of the new strategic document of the Albanian Government, for the years 2024-2030, as the main instrument that will implement commitment no. 1 taken in the Roadmap for the Rule of Law, component: Fight against corruption. The meeting of the European Integration Partnership Platform for Chapter 23, considered the anti-corruption strategy forecasts, mainly the strategy innovations and the commitments that are expected to be followed and implemented with the civil society organizations in Albania. These organizations, which are also the main auditor and monitor of the European Integration Partnership Platform, are expected to be co-implementers of the strategy and promoter of the development and strengthening of the mechanisms of integrity and the fight against corruption in the years 2024-2030. Anti-corruption education, cooperation with civil society through development programs, tables, awareness campaigns, measures and activities with the media and academia, which can be found in full in the Action Plan, as part of the 3rd policy: Awareness and education against corruption were read at this meeting and for which the first comments were received from the organizations, members of the Platform.



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## The European Commission promotes the results of Albania's fight against corruption in the Rule of Law Report, 2024.

**24.07.2024:** The European Commission published its fifth annual report on the rule of law, 2024 (Rule of Law Report). The report takes into consideration the developments of the rule of law in all the member states of the European Union, and for the first time the report has a separate chapter on developments in the field of law and law for candidate countries, such as Albania. The report assesses several components, where the field of the fight against corruption is an integral part. The European Commission through its structures in Tirana, meetings and fact-gathering missions, and other sources such as civil society organizations and media, evidences some findings of the field. Accordingly, the report talks about the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy for the years 2015-2023 and also the preparation of the new Anti-Corruption Strategy for the years 2024-2030. The legal framework to fight corruption is generally consolidated. Initial encouraging results from the SPAK and the SPAK courts are noted, however, the specialized authorities for the punishment and prevention of corruption emphasize the lack of resources and specialized tools at their disposal. The number of persons investigated, prosecuted and convicted for corruption offenses has been increasing during the last three years. The systematic use of financial investigations and confiscation of assets has improved, although their limited scope affects the achievement of expected results. The report shows that the coordination between the institutions responsible for the prevention of corruption and the relevant law-enforcement structures is somewhat weak. In general, corruption is widespread in many areas, including during election campaigns. Preventive measures have a very complex legal framework and continue to have a limited impact, especially in vulnerable sectors such as: the health sector, education, property and the police. There is lack of transparency in public procurement procedures, especially for PPPs, while digitalization has only helped curb petty corruption. The report does not give recommendations for the country, but it is also worth mentioning that everything mentioned as an issue in this report has been addressed with measures for intervention in the new Strategy of the fight against corruption, 2024-2030.



**EU ANTI-CORRUPTION EDUCATION**  
The progress in fight corruption is shared between several authorities. Specialized bodies in charge of investigating, preventing and educating citizens have been established in 2016. These are the Special Anti-Corruption Structure (SPAK), comprising the Special Prosecution Office (SPO) and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and the Anti-Corruption and Integrated Crime units (ACIU). Courts, both of first instance and appeal, the General Prosecution Office (GPO) is competent to investigate cases of petty corruption. In 2021, a dedicated Directorate for Public Administration and Corruption was established to ensure coordination of anti-corruption measures across the government entities. The new strategy to investigate the General Directorate for Anti-Corruption, currently established in the Ministry of Justice. Finally, the High Institute for the Judiciary and Audit of Assets and Conflicts of Interest (HIAI) is responsible for collecting and analyzing data on declarations and conflicts of interest of public officials and monitoring and investigating cases reported by whistle blowers.  
The progress among reports and business operations is that the level of corruption in the public sector is high. In the 2023 Corruption Perception Index by Transparency International, Albania scores 37/100 and ranks 106 globally. This perception has been stable since 2016 and the past five years.  
A new Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2024-2030 is being prepared, while the implementation of the current strategy has highlighted shortcomings. Implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2024-2030 is crucial to curb, identify, deterrence and raise, such as limited attention to certain particularly sensitive to corruption, limited resource transparency, acceptance measures in local and regional government, conflict of interest and codes of ethics and conduct. Monitoring does not provide risk analysis and results. A new strategy for 2024-2030 is in preparation by the Government, and adoption is expected during 2024.  
The legal framework to fight corruption is broadly in place. Criminal and procedural legislation was fully revised in 2016, in line with European standards. The system provides

The Report on the Rule of Law of the European Commission can be found published at the link:

[https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/0154dce1-5026-45de-8b37-e3d56eff7925\\_en?filename=59\\_1\\_58088\\_coun\\_chap\\_albania\\_al.pdf](https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/0154dce1-5026-45de-8b37-e3d56eff7925_en?filename=59_1_58088_coun_chap_albania_al.pdf)

## The Network of Anticorruption Preventive Agencies holds the plenary session for 2024

**09.07.2024:** The Network of Corruption Prevention Agencies at the Council of Europe, NCPA, held the plenary meeting, which was the first under the direction of the French Anticorruption Agency. The General Directorate of Anticorruption was represented in this meeting by the director of Anticorruption Programs and Projects, Mrs. Rovena Pregja. The Network of Corruption Prevention Agencies was joined in observing role by countries such as Portugal and Libya, which offered presentations of their agencies with anti-corruption powers. Also, part of the meeting was sharing of the information from the webinar held on May 15, 2024, on the topic: Corruption in sports, the international framework and the cross-border approach to the prevention and punishment of corruption applied in the Olympic organizing countries. Some of the member countries of NCPA had participated in the webinar and shared their opinions requesting the replication of such events. Albania's experience in creating and distributing the monthly anti-corruption e-bulletin was mentioned as a good experience, starting to be launched for this organization as well.

Information and data about the NCPA Network can be found at the link:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/corruption/ncpa-network>