



HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON “THE WAY TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF THE NEW ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR THE DECLARATION AND PUBLICATION OF PRIVATE INTERESTS OF ELECTED PERSONS AND CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS

VENUE: HIGH INSPECTORATE OF DECLARATION AND AUDIT OF ASSETS AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

8 APRIL 2019

TIRANA ALBANIA

BACKGROUND OF THE MEETING

The High Inspectorate for Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interest (HIDAACI) performs an important task of receiving and reviewing/auditing asset declarations from about 5,000 - 6,000 public officials and related persons annually. It is paramount that this work is done thoroughly but also efficiently so that the integrity of the institutions in which these officials hold positions is maintained, as is public trust in their functioning.

Through the support of the EU/CoE Horizontal Facility Action against Economic Crime in Albania Project (AEC-AL) and USAID’s Transparency in Health Engagement Project, HIDAACI will be equipped with the new Electronic system for the Declaration of Private Interests. A robust new electronic system will support HIDAACI with ensuring quick and quality processing of information and will improve media and civil society’s ability to monitor government officials’ private interests. The new Electronic System for the Declaration of Private Interests (EACIDS) represents a step forward in efforts to fight corruption and increase transparency in Albania.

The development of the EACIDS begun in the second half of 2017. The system is expected to be ready for final testing and piloting during 2019.

The Action against Economic Crime in Albania is co-funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe and implemented by the Council of Europe’s Economic Crime and Cooperation Division. The Action aims to support Albania’s efforts to counter and prevent corruption, money laundering, and the financing of terrorism in accordance with European standards, as well as in the process of implementation of recent key recommendations of the Council of Europe’s Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL).

The USAID’s Transparency in Health Engagement Project, implemented by University Research Co., LLC (URC), aims to improve health services for Albanian citizens by focusing on corruption and encouraging cooperation among selected independent government institutions, civil society organizations, and media to encourage more responsible governance in the health sector. The project works with HIDAACI, the High State Audit (HSA), the Office of the Ombudsperson, and local civil society organisations (CSO’s) to increase governance and transparency in the Albanian health system.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The meeting scheduled for 8 April 2019 looks to bring together the partners and the beneficiary to discuss on the progress so far and the way forward to the establishment and functioning of the new electronic system for the declaration and publication of private interests of elected persons and certain public officials.

HIDAACI in cooperation with the Donors will design and implement a follow up agenda in order to present, consult and discuss the electronic system from a more technical perspective with representatives of civil society, media, and other key players and main users of the system. These activities will be organised during the timeframe April-June 2019. An awareness and advocacy campaign will be designed and will be part of the follow up activities to inform the general public and interested parties on the EACIDS.

PARTICIPANTS

The meeting will be attended by the General Inspector of the High Inspectorate for Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interests(HIDAACI), representatives of USAID/Albania and Transparency in Health Engagement Project, the European Union Delegation to Albania and the Council of Europe.

OTHER

- Accredited media will be invited during the speeches of the dignitaries.
- A joint press release will be sent before/distributed to media during the event
- A summary report with pictures will be distributed after the closed doors meeting
- An informative video will be developed, that will show in the background of the speeches. It will be distributed largely in visual media and social media.
- Informative leaflet on the online system will be developed and distributed, during follow up activities.

BRANDING

All above mentioned activities will be co-branded with the logos of HIDAACI, USAID, EU and COE.

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AGENDA

MONDAY, 8 APRIL 2018		
10:30-11:00	<p>Meeting with the General Inspector of the High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interests (HIDAACI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of an electronic system for the declaration of private interests for HIDAACI 	HIDAACI's Meeting Room
11:00-11:30	<p>Press Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Inspector General of the High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interests(HIDAACI) - Head of the European Union Delegation to Albania - Country Representative, USAID Albania - Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tirana 	HIDAACI's hall

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