



NETWORK OF CORRUPTION
PREVENTION AUTHORITIES

Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities Virtual Plenary Meeting
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Public Minutes

Item 1. Opening remarks by the NCPA Presidency

Mr. Dragan Sikimić, Director of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) and 2021 NCPA President, opened the third Network's virtual plenary meeting. He welcomed and expressed his gratitude to all members, observers, partners, as well as to the other three vice presidents from France, Croatia, and Palestine for their unwavering commitment and cooperation. He thanked the members for their dedication and effort in the implementation of the numerous projects and activities during 2021.

After the respective remarks, Mr. Dragan Sikimić gave the floor to Desislava Gotskova, Head of the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) Secretariat. Ms. Gotskova presented RAI as well as current, and further plans and activities.

Item 2. Updates and newness

The NCPA Presidency shared information on the preliminary report based on the NCPA survey on the current state of play and potential recommendations for improvement of NCPA operation that was sent at the beginning of December. Based on the preliminary paper, the list of recommendations will be drafted, which will serve the Network as a basis for defining the future strategic directions and priorities.

Item 3. Results and latest developments of ongoing projects

Participants presented the results and latest developments of ongoing projects

Slovak Republic

Public integrity

They informed members that they were finalizing publishing of Integrity review. They are also preparing the Integrity forum.

Palestinian Authority

The role of media in corruption prevention and detection efforts

They informed that at the beginning of the next year they would send the first draft for review and during this time they would be still open to additional inputs and contributions.

France

Key success factors in anti-corruption training

They are finalizing the compilation of good examples of anti-corruption trainings based on the answers from the questionnaires. They are planning to prepare a summary table with all the different examples and divided into categories and they are going to share it for review and additional inputs very soon.

The Basel Institute on Governance

The Basel Institute on Governance sent the questionnaires to the NCPA members on engaging the private sector in the Collective action against corruption and based on these answers they prepared a draft guide on this subject. This guide includes practical examples from NCPA member states and from other countries such as UK and Mauritius, and the Basel Institute on Governance will share this draft guide with the NCPA members for additional inputs.

The colleague from France also highlighted that this was a great addition to the work of the NCPA and especially now because the Collective action was endorsed as a good practice of the new 2021 OECD anti-bribery recommendation. They are planning together with the Basel institute to organize a meeting on this subject, Collective action, at the beginning of the next year.

Romania

Challenges and good practices identified in the monitoring process of the implementation of national anti-corruption strategies

They informed that since the last plenary they had not received any other inputs so after this plenary, they will share the final document with the members.

Italy

“Using innovative tools and technologies to prevent and detect corruption. Compendium of good practices and practical examples in the use of ICT”

The compendium was shared with NCPA members a day before. The NCPA members participated in the study and gave valuable input and contributions. This document will be officially presented during the upcoming UNCAC CoSP special event “Challenges and opportunities of ICT to prevent and detect corruption and to foster integrity and transparency” that will be held in Sharm el-Sheikh on, 14th of December.

Albania

Corruption-proofing of legislation

They informed that since the last plenary they adopted a revised Legislation Drafting Manual, containing a dedicated section on the corruption-proofing of legislation (CPL). The manual details the process of assessing areas for corruption in legislation (laws and bylaws), and it is based on the best operational practices of countries that apply this evaluation method. CPL is foreseen to be conducted by the legal structures within the line ministries and ultimately in the Ministry of Justice.

Awareness-raising campaigns against corruption

They informed that during 1-10 December, 2021 the Ministry of Justice, as the National Coordinator Against Corruption (NCAC), co-organized and participated in the Week of Integrity (WoI) for the third time. In the framework of this campaign, NCAC held two discussion forums, respectively with representatives of youth organizations and the private sector, focusing on strengthening the partnership, inclusion and cooperation with these stakeholders in the implementation of preventive, punitive, and awareness-raising measures.

Item 4. Proposals for new projects and initiatives

A colleague from Greece proposed for the project in 2022 work on Lobbying and Internal control and internal lobbying.

Item 5. Election of the 2022 NCPA president and vice-presidents

The NCPA president informed that until this meeting, there were no proposals for the 2022 NCPA president. There were proposals for vice-presidents. It has been agreed to wait for the formal proposals for the president and vice-presidents, submitted by email until the end of this year. After that, the elections will be held in January 2022.

Item 6. Closing remarks of the NCPA Presidency and participants

The NCPA Presidency once again expressed gratitude to all members, partners, as well as to the other three vice presidents for such a good cooperation and work.

The NCPA Presidency concluded the third plenary meeting in 2021, thanking all participants for their valuable contributions and with a hope that the next plenary would be organized in person.