

**Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities Virtual Plenary Meeting**  
**16 September 2021**  
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 second 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 that NCPA members have jointly started. He highlighted the importance of drafting a paper on the previous work of the NCPA which will help to strengthen future programs and activities and enhance the cooperation environment. He expressed his gratitude to everyone who participated in the Member Satisfaction Survey and fulfilled the questionnaire and called the other members to do so.

• **Item 2. Updates and newness**

The NCPA Presidency shared updates on a new partner of the NCPA, the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) as well as information on the election of the new Steering Committee members from Ecuador, Albania, Greece, and Morocco.

The new Steering Committee members expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to take part in the work of the Steering Committee and for further strengthening of cooperation.

The NCPA Presidency informed that thus far they have received 16 responses to the Member Satisfaction Survey, and conveyed their sincere gratitude for all the contribution in that regard. Once again they invited additional members to provide their contributions.

◆ **Item 3. Results and latest developments of ongoing projects**

Participants presented the results and latest developments of ongoing projects

## Italy

### *Using modern tools and technologies to prevent and detect corruption*

They shared information related to the work of the new International Relations Office on the collection and processing contribution to this document. Soon they will share the new version of the document with the NCPA members.

## Serbia

### *Asset declarations*

A questionnaire on asset declarations has been fulfilled by 11 members. The deadline was extended to gather more information on the various asset disclosure systems implemented in different regions of the world. In November they will share the first draft with the members.

## Albania

### *Transparency in the legislative process and citizens incentives for integrity*

They shared the latest information on public consultation in the legislative process in their country during the first six months of this year. In addition, they informed that within the EU direct technical assistance project in Albania guidance to enhance raising awareness among stakeholders and the wider public on the main stages of the process of public consultation within the legislative process related to the draft laws was developed.

## France

### *Guidance on facilitation payments*

The project is considered concluded. The Practical Guidelines for Businesses is published and available on the NCPA website and the LinkedIn page in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

### *Key success factors in anti-corruption training*

They analyzed all the answers from the questionnaires. Now they are finalizing a summary note of the initiative. They should have the first draft very soon and they will share it with members before the next plenary.

## North Macedonia

### *Whistleblowing*

They informed that the Strategy for the promotion of whistleblowers has been prepared with the EU Project support. They also informed that approximately 90 representatives of the public administration attended the training on whistleblowing as well as about media campaign available for whistleblowers in their country.

### Estonia and Tunisia

*Transparency in the business sector*

Information to be provided at a later stage.

### Morocco

*Impacts of national anti-corruption strategies and corruption risk assessment methodology*

They are still working on the document. When they get the new results they will share them with the members.

### Slovak Republic

*Public integrity*

They work on an Integrity review about Lobbying. The review will be finished by November this year and it will be shared with NCPA members. They are preparing the Integrity forum that could be held in November.

### Palestinian Authority

*The role of media in corruption prevention and detection efforts*

They informed that this initiative was already available on their website and that they have conducted many media initiatives and succeeded in reaching many people as well as increasing the number of whistleblowers.

### Ecuador

*Information exchange sessions on the prevention mandate of members*

They also informed about exchange sessions on the prevention mandate of members that were held since the last plenary. They will finalize the findings from the exchange sessions in the coming weeks and provide a report by the end of the year.

### Romania

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

They informed that after they complete the final document they will share it with the members.

◆ **Item 4. Proposals for new projects and initiatives**

Note: No new proposals

◆ **Item 5. Closing remarks of the NCPA Presidency and participants**

Firstly, France congratulated colleagues from Italy for the drafted document within the project on the Modern tools to prevent corruption. Secondly, they thanked Ecuador for their great initiative in the exchange sessions.

Moldova also expressed their gratitude to the members' contributions to their project.

The NCPA Presidency informed that the next plenary session was probably going to be held in December and the members would be informed in due time. And in terms of the new partner, the RAI, the Head of Secretariat will deliver a short speech at December plenary session.

The NCPA Presidency concluded the second plenary meeting in 2021, thanking all participants for their valuable contributions.