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
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# NCPA

## 2022



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*a year's overview*

## MESSAGE FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

*The Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities (NCPA) aims at uniting efforts to improve the systematic collection, management and exchange of information among anti-corruption authorities, including their respective experiences and good practices; supporting the members to enhance capacities and promote operational independence; recognizing and promoting international standards for the prevention of corruption; stimulating and partnering with other international stakeholders for the promotion of integrity.*

*The Presidency (of 2022) was represented by the Greek National Transparency Authority (NTA). The co-Vice Presidents for 2022, were the (Morocco) National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight against Corruption (INPPLC), the Croatian Commission for Conflict of Interest (CCCI) and the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC). The Ministry of Justice of Albania and (Ecuador) Office of the Comptroller General have participated in the Steering Committee as members.*

*During 2022, NCPA has undertaken a series of ambitious initiatives for strengthening the exchange of information between anti-corruption authorities and enhancing the collective spirit among its members, both in the context of the implementation of the annual workplan as well as within its everyday operation and development.*

*In the context of the NCPA annual workplan, a multi-pillar approach has been adopted, covering webinars for the dissemination, and sharing of expertise among NCPA members, guides on best practices on "National Anti-Corruption Strategies", "Gender and corruption," and "Cooling-off periods", and reporting activities to improve the outreach of the network. In parallel, the frequent cooperation between the members fostered by their participation in the NCPA working groups and meetings strengthened their capacities in key areas of the members competences.*

*By utilizing the professional experience, scientific training, and know-how of authorities' experts, the NCPA has contributed to promoting international standards in the fields of integrity and transparency, such as lobbying, whistleblower protection, and addressing corruption-related challenges in sports and public procurement.*

*Active participation in the NCPA constitutes a guarantee for further strengthening of cooperation among anti-corruption authorities as well as greater accomplishments in the global fight against corruption.*

*a year's overview*

## MESSAGE FROM NCPA PARTNERS

### *Basel Institute of Governance*



*As a partner to the NCPA, 2022 was a particularly engaging and rewarding year of being part of the Network for the Basel Institute on Governance.*

*We were given the opportunity to lead a discussion on the importance of private-sector engagement to prevent corruption within the membership. We also worked with interested members to capture good practices from the Network toward developing and publishing practical guidance in the summer of 2022. The guide on how to engage the private sector will be updated in 2023 and extends beyond the geographical scope of the NCPA, but it would not have been possible without the cooperation of active NCPA members to get this off the ground.*

*The rotating secretariat, while essential from a governance perspective, can make it difficult for partners to develop good and consistent working relationships. A difficulty that the Network is handling well so far.*

### **Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative**



*RAI Secretariat extends its deepest appreciation to the National Transparency Authority for the excellent 2022 Presidency and for opening the room for discussions and dissemination of knowledge in innovative anti-corruption areas such as lobbying, corruption in sports, whistleblower protection, and for producing valuable guides on specific topics.*

*The small, but dedicated NTA team, recognized for its creativity and openness managed to further promote the Network as a valuable knowledge resource, but, as well as a platform for connecting anti-corruption professionals and enthusiasts from different regions of the world.*

## THE NETWORK

Established in 2018 under the umbrella of Council of Europe, the **Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities (NCPA)** is a platform dedicated to the exchange of information and sharing good practices among the anti-corruption authorities from the various regions around the world, pursuing cross-border collaboration and joint capacity building, and sometimes even joint principles, policy – making and harmonization of national laws. The Network aims at: (1) Uniting efforts to improve the systematic collection, management, and exchange of information among anti-corruption authorities, including their respective experiences and good practices; (2) supporting the members to enhance capacities and promote operational independence; (3) recognizing and promoting international standards for the prevention of corruption; and (4) stimulating and partnering with other international stakeholders for the promotion of integrity.

Since its establishment, members have collaborated under number of projects on mutual topics of interest including exchange of information, addressing corruption with modern solutions, and sharing best effective practices. Today, with 32 member authorities NCPA continues to promote the establishment of valuable work relations and enhance cooperation through establishing guidelines and organizing webinars on topics of mutual interest.

### Structure and Organization of the Network

The Network has a very light structure, and the Secretariat activities are secured by the current Presidency. The current Presidency (of 2022) is represented by the Hellenic National Transparency Authority (NTA). The 3 co-Vice Presidents are the Morocco National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight against Corruption (INPPLC), the Croatian Commission for Conflict of Interest (CCCI) and the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC). The Ministry of Justice of Albania and the Comptroller General of Ecuador participate in the Steering Committee as members.

### Precedent Presidencies

**2021:** Serbia - Agency for Prevention of Corruption

**2020:** France – Agence Francaise Anticorruption

**2019:** Italy - Autorità Nazionale Anticorruzione

## NEW ENTRIES

### **Independent Authority Against Corruption of Cyprus (IAAC)**

The letter of application of the Independent Authority Against Corruption of Cyprus (IAAC) was discussed at the Plenary of September 6th, 2022, and the plenary agreed to its accession as a Member.

The Independent Authority Against Corruption of Cyprus (IAAC) began its operation in July 2022, created by law approved by the Parliament of the Republic of Cyprus. The organization is governed by the Transparency Commissioner and four members and is in the process of creating regulations and procedures. The Authority's objective is to prevent and combat acts of corruption at the national level, in charge of supervising the actions of public sector services.



### **Agency for the prevention and fight against fraud and corruption of the Valencian Community (AVAF)**

The letter of application of the Valencian Community Agency was discussed at the Plenary of September 6th, 2022 and the plenary agreed to its accession as an Observer.

The Valencian Community Agency for the Prevention and Fight against Fraud and Corruption, from Spain, was created by law in 2016. The agency has own legal personality and full capacity to act for the fulfillment of its purpose. The scope of action is the regional and local administration of Valencia and is subordinate and reports only to the Valencian parliament.

It works as an instrument for the prevention, investigation and combat of fraud and corruption, with the capacity to protect whistleblowers. Its primary purpose is to strengthen the actions of the Valencian public administrations and institutions to avoid moral deterioration and economic impoverishment that is detrimental to the Valencian citizenship. During the presentation, the representatives of the organization clarified that the Agency has no national jurisdiction. For this reason, the participation in the NCPA is as an observer.

# THE MAP OF THE NETWORK

## MEMBERS

	Albania	Ministry of Justice
	Azerbaijan	Commission on Combating Corruption
	Benin	<u>Autorité Nationale de Lutte contre la Corruption</u>
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ministry of Justice
	Brazil	Office of the Comptroller General of the Union
	Bulgaria	Commission for Anti-Corruption and Illegal Assets Forfeiture
	Canada	Quebec - Permanent Anti-Corruption Unit (UPAC)
	Chile	Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic
	Croatia	The Commission for Conflict of Interest
	Cyprus	Independent Authority Against Corruption of Cyprus (IAAC)
	Denmark	Danish Embassy
	Ecuador	Office of the Comptroller General
	Egypt	Administrative Control Authority (ACA)
	Estonia	Ministry of Justice
	France	<u>Agence Française Anticorruption (AFA)</u>
	Georgia	Civil Service Bureau
	Greece	National Transparency Authority
	Italy	<u>Autorità Nazionale Anticorruzione (ANAC)</u>
	Jordan	Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission (JIACC)
	Kazakhstan	Anti-Corruption Agency
	Montenegro	Agency for Prevention of Corruption
	Morocco	National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight against Corruption (INPPLC)
	North Macedonia	Commission for Prevention of Corruption
	Palestinian Authority	Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission
	Republic of Moldova	National Anti-corruption Centre
	Romania	Ministry of Justice
	Serbia	Agency for Prevention of Corruption
	Slovak Republic	Department for corruption prevention to the Prime Minister's Office
	Slovenia	Commission for the Prevention of Corruption
	Tunisia	National Anti-Corruption Authority (INLUCC)
	Ukraine	National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU)
		National Agency on Corruption Prevention (NACP)

## AFFILIATES:

Ministry of Justice

The Network wishes to build and affiliate with a large community of corruption prevention supporters in order to extend, deepen and elevate its voice, and reach more easily and effectively different sectors and levels of societies. For this reason, the Network welcomes application from:

1. **Observers:** for those State Agencies, departments or in general State entities as an initial step of association, in view of full membership.
2. **Partners:** for any other kind of affiliates (i.e. international and regional organizations, think-tanks, universities, NGOs and CSOs) that support for strengthening the prevention of corruption.

## OBSERVERS:



Balearic Islands, Spain

Office for Prevention and Fight against Corruption of the Balearic Islands



Valencian Community, Spain

Agency for the prevention and fight against fraud and corruption of the Valencian Community (AVAF)

## PARTNERS:

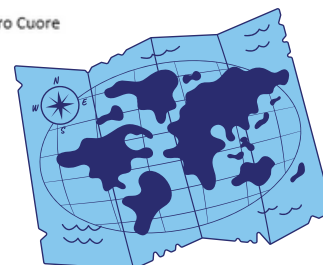
Basel Institute on Governance

East African Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (EAAACA)

Program on Corporate Compliance and Enforcement (PCCE), New York University School of Law

Transcrime - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI)



## THE ANNUAL WORKPLAN PROGRESS

### NCPA Annual Workplan Activities - PLENARIES - STEERING COMMITTEES

During 2022, four plenary meetings (with the preceding steering committee meetings) have taken place. The finalization and approval of the Annual Workplan by the plenary was the starting point for its implementation. The NCPA Secretariat has undertaken the organisation of the webinars (1st pillar-activities) and provided the necessary information for keeping all the members updated during the meetings. The coordinating Authorities of the NCPA Working Groups for the preparation of guides on corruption prevention related areas and of Communication and visibility initiatives (a Newsletter and an Annual Report) systematically briefed the Plenary on the recent developments in their activities.

Information was also shared during the meetings with regard to four applications to join the network (either as members or partners) by the interested Authorities-Agencies, active in anti-corruption area and the procedure for their accession to the network has been completed for two of them.



The constructive existing cooperation with Transcrime University will continue in 2023 through the Kleptotrace proposal focused on asset recovery and sanction tracing against transnational high-level corruption. NCPA, as a member of the Advisory Board, is expected to facilitate the exchange of information between the research team and the project's stakeholders and become familiar with well-designed tools to curb corruption and support investigations in sector-specific corruption.



The initiatives already undertaken in cooperation with NCPA partners, such as the cooperation of the NCPA network with Transcrime University in the Datacros II project (participation as a non-cost partner and member of the Advisory Committee), continued with the undertaking of the necessary follow-up and communication activities throughout the year.

# THE ANNUAL WORKPLAN PROGRESS

## NCPA Annual Workplan Activities - WEBINARS

A series of four webinars has been successfully conducted for the dissemination of information and the exchange of best practices in key areas of the members' competence. In this context, the contributions of experts, practitioners, academics, and experienced professionals were warmly welcomed by all the members of the network, and they actively participated in the webinars.



Trends and Challenges in Regulating Lobbying Activities  
(Tuesday, March 15 , 2022)  
*details included in the NCPA Newsletter - July 2022*



Designing and Implementing Effective Whistleblowers  
Protection Systems  
(Wednesday, June 15th, 2022)  
*details included in the NCPA Newsletter - July 2022*

The webinars were structured in two parts. In the first session, prominent speakers, representing the OECD, MAPS-OECD, the European Commission, the European Court of Auditors, the Authority of Lobbying of Quebec, Canada, the Anticorruption Authorities of the Network, and their partners and affiliates, presented the international standards on the topics, while in the second part, participants had the opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities related to the practical implementation of the regulatory framework and to evaluate case studies on the thematic areas presented.



Tackling Corruption in Sports in the 21st Century  
(Thursday September 15th, 2022)

The third and fourth international webinars referred to sectoral anti-corruption policies on "Tackling Corruption in Sports in the 21st Century" and "Tackling Corruption in Public Procurement" and were held on September 15th, 2022, and December 15th, 2022, respectively.



## THE ANNUAL WORKPLAN PROGRESS

### NCPA Annual Workplan Activities - WEBINARS

In the third webinar, the Greek Secretary General of Sport, President of the EPATHLA platform, and Chairman of the Monitoring Committee of the Council of Europe's Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (Macolin Convention) presented the national initiatives in combating corruption in sport along with esteemed speakers from the Anti-Corruption Authorities of Italy, France, and the Palestinian Authority, who all shared their initiatives to develop national strategies to fight corruption in sport.

In the second part of the seminar, participants had the opportunity to pose their questions on challenges presented in the implementation of the regulatory framework and to exchange good practices they had adopted in public awareness initiatives. The event was coordinated by Mr. Leyenberger, a representative of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) of the Council of Europe.



Tackling Corruption in Public Procurement  
(Thursday, December 15th , 2022)



Tackling Corruption in Public Procurement  
(Thursday, December 15th , 2022)

mandates and competences in combating fraud in public procurement, as well as their initiatives and measures undertaken to tackle corruption in public procurement. During the second part of the webinar, the participants, discussed the operational aspects of the monitoring and assessment tools and commented on the selected case studies. The event was coordinated by Mr. Spiliotopoulos, Head of the Greek AFCOS Audits Sector and NTA representative (GR).

# THE ANNUAL WORKPLAN PROGRESS

## NCPA Annual Workplan Activities - GUIDES

### Guides



The relevant activity roadmaps were designed and sent to NCPA members, as soon as the workplan was finalized. Accordingly, the working groups for the preparation of guides on corruption prevention-related areas have been formulated to coordinate all the necessary work in order to complete the 2nd pillar work plan deliverables.

### The 2nd pillar's (Guides) WGs:

TOPIC	COORDINATOR	WG MEMBERS
DESIGNING IMPLEMENTING MONITORING STRATEGIC ANTICORRUPTION PLANS	AL/IT	RO, MA, FR, RS, MK, MD, BR
GENDER & CORRUPTION	RS	MK, HR
COOLING-OFF PERIODS	HR	ME, GE, BR

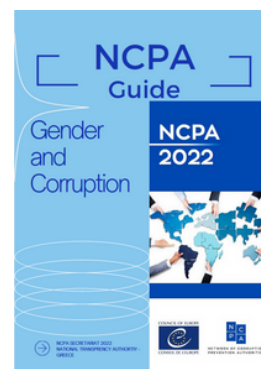
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The importance of systematic coordination and monitoring is considered a key factor for the success of the implementation.

The NCPA microsite, as well as the frequent communication with the NCPA Secretariat, facilitated the quick exchange of information among the members of the network.

### In December, 2022:

- the **Guide on Gender and Corruption** has been released and shared with all the network members.
- the **Final Draft of the Guide on Cooling Off Periods** has been shared with all the NCPA members for their final comments and remarks so as to be released within the first month of 2023.
- the **Final Draft of the Guide on National Anti-Corruption Strategies and Plans** has been finalized by the coordinating authorities to be released within the first month of 2023.



# THE ANNUAL WORKPLAN PROGRESS

## NCPA Annual Workplan Activities - REPORTING



The relevant roadmaps for reporting activities were designed and sent to NCPA members as soon as the workplan was finalized. Sequentially, the working groups for the preparation of reporting activities have been formulated to coordinate all the necessary work in order to complete the 4th pillar workplan deliverables.

The 4th pillar's (Newsletter) WGs:

	COORDINATOR	WG MEMBERS
NEWSLETTER	GR - MA	CL – JO

The 4th pillar's (Annual Report) WG:

	COORDINATOR	WG MEMBERS
Annual Report	GR	PS, EC

The implementation progress of the reporting activities was monitored through frequent virtual meetings, organised by the NCPA Secretariat.

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To update NCPA members on recent developments on national and international anticorruption initiatives, a newsletter has been disseminated in July 2022.

All (2022) network's activities have been included in the Annual Report, released in December.

# THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

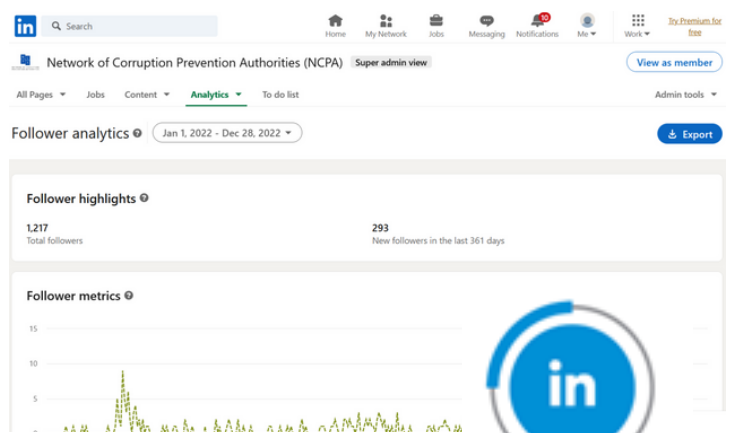
## 2022 NCPA WORKPLAN PROGRESS



## RELEASE OF THE NCPA PENDING (FROM 2021) GUIDES

- Report on the similarities and differences in the mandates of the members of the Network of Anti-Corruption Authorities (NCPA) (Sept.2022).
- Guide on Engaging the private sector in Collective Action against corruption (June 2022).
- Key Success Factors in Anti-Corruption Training. *Overview of Training Activities Implemented by NCPA members* (April 2022).

## NCPA AND THE SOCIAL MEDIA



**1.217 FOLLOWERS**  
**+293 NEW Followers**  
**in 2022**

**NCPA Members' Activities**

**ALBANIA - THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**



At the government level, the efforts to curb corruption in Albania are led by the Ministry of Justice in its capacity as National Coordinator against corruption in coordinating all governmental efforts in preventing, raising awareness and punishing corruption in the public administration.

To ensure the sustainability and continuity of actions to progressively reduce corruption, strengthen the integrity of the institutions and promote good governance, the Albanian government is in the process of developing and adopt a new strategy on anticorruption.

The Strategy will cover the years of 2023-2030, aims to commit the political actors, the public administration, civil society stakeholders and business sector to effectively combat corruption, to promote transparency of decision-making, and to strengthen the ability of relevant authorities to hold those who have engaged in corrupt practices accountable for their actions. The vision of the strategy is: “substantially reduced corruption in Albania by 2030 and setting the path towards the achievement of a corruption-free country, with transparent and accountable government institutions and business sector”.

**A new General Directorate of Anticorruption** has been established in Albania. This unit is the first unified technical anti-corruption structure established and placed under the National Coordinator Against Corruption, with the aim of exercising executive powers in the field of policy – making, taking anti-corruption initiatives, representing in regional and international organizations as well as the verification and control powers at the administrative level for cases of denunciations against corruption.

**Three directorates are assigned within its institutional structure:** (1) Directorate of Anti-Corruption Coordinators, (2) Directorate of Anticorruption Programs and Projects, and (3) Operational Directorate for Anti-corruption Issues. In 2022, a total number of 107 employees are technical staff to the fight against corruption in administrative level, in Albania.

**NCPA Members' Activities**

**ALBANIA - THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**

The main outputs of the Anticorruption in 2022 are to be mentioned in:

- Designing, implementing, monitoring of and reporting on the Cross-cutting Strategy against Corruption and Action Plan 2020-2023
- Undertaking administrative investigations based on complaints lodged by citizens/businesses or through the anticorruption coordinators
- Coordinating the process of conducting corruption risk assessments
- Designing and implementing awareness-raising campaigns based on specific target groups
- Undertaking research in the area of anticorruption for the purpose of informing the policy directions on the fight against corruption.

Further and live information on anticorruption can be accessed regularly in the link: <https://www.drejtesia.gov.al/strategjia-ndersektoriale-kunder-korrupsionit/>

**Other issues scored in 2022:**

- Thorough process of integrity risk assessments as well as approval of Integrity Plans for all line ministries and a number of their subordinate institutions completed the integrity instrument of anticorruption;
- the Ministerial Code of Ethics of Albania was revised under the GRECO standards; providing a solid legal framework on integrity issues, such as conflicts of interest, gift acceptance and detail rules on interactions with lobbyists;
- Introduction of Ethics Commission recommending measures on breaches of Code of Ethics;
- there are organized every three months systematic awareness-raising on integrity issues for members of the Council of Ministers and political advisors;
- Set up and full functioning of online declaration of asset system since January 2022;
- Proper mechanisms in place for cooperation between HIDAACI and Special Prosecution Office ensuring proper follow up of cases of hidden asset/non-disclosure of assets and the
- Introduction of corruption proofing mechanism through the Manual of Legislative Drafting applicable to all line ministries.

**NCPA Members' Activities**

**BRAZIL-THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF BRAZIL (CGU)**

The Office of the Comptroller General of Brazil (CGU) launched the Electronic System for the Prevention of Conflict of Interest (SeCI) in 2014. The system allows federal public agents to submit consultations on situations that may generate conflict of interest, as well as request authorization to carry out private professional activities.

In June 2022, CGU launched the Conflict of Interest Prevention Panel, using SeCI data, as well as a Manual on Handling Conflict of Interest. Until October 2022, a total of 14,647 requests had been submitted, with a gradual increase over the years. This increase can be associated with efforts to promote integrity in the federal executive branch, including the prevention of conflict of interest.

The regulations in force establish the obligation for the agencies and entities of the direct, autonomous, and foundational administration to institute integrity programs with mechanisms to prevent, detect, remedy and sanction, among others, situations of conflict of interest. In addition, CGU has intensified training and awareness raising efforts on the subject.

The federal government's Anti-Corruption Plan, instituted in December 2019, established several actions related to conflict of interest. As part of the Plan, Decree n. 10,571/2020 was enacted to optimize the collection of asset and income declarations of public officials. The regulation also provides for the submission of declarations of conflict of interest by authorities. The e-Patri System was launched in 2021 to process the declarations provided in the Decree and facilitate their monitoring.

The Anti-Corruption Plan also provides for the updating of regulations on conflict-of-interest prevention. One of the objectives is the harmonization of the prevention policy under the competence of the Public Ethics Commission (CEP), referring to senior authorities, and of the CGU, applicable to all other public agents. A new system will replace SeCI and be integrated into e-Patri, to facilitate the monitoring of consultations and declarations.



**NCPA Members' Activities**

**BRAZIL-THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF BRAZIL (CGU)**

Furthermore, decree n. 10,889/2021 regulated two relevant aspects of the Conflict-of-Interest Law: the publication of federal government authorities' schedules of public commitments; and the definition of a conflict of interest related to the receipt of a gift from anyone who has an interest in a decision by the public agent or collegiate of which the agent is a part.

The aforementioned regulation represents a milestone in the transparency of public-private relations within the federal executive branch, notably in relation to lobbying. It establishes, among others, the obligation to give transparency to these relations through the schedules of public commitments. In 2022, the e-Agendas System was developed to support this publication. CGU is planning to create the InfoAgendas platform to make e-Agendas data publicly available in an easy and intuitive way, boosting social control.

In December 2021, the federal government submitted Bill n. 4391/21 to the National Congress with a proposal to regulate lobbying at the national level, along the lines of the provisions of Decree n. 10,889/2021 that is applicable to the federal executive branch.



**NCPA Members' Activities**

**ECUADOR - CREATION OF A DIGITAL TOOL FOR THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION  
"SIMULATOR OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST"**

Within the framework of the commitments of the Ecuadorian State to accelerate the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), the Office of the Comptroller General of the State leads the development of a digital tool called "Conflict of Interest Simulator" as a consultative, exploratory, and didactic tool that gathers the prohibitions, incompatibilities and inabilities related to conflict of interest provided in the different regulations of the Ecuadorian legal system.



The Ecuadorian State and the UNODC identified that the Office of the Comptroller General of Ecuador will constitute an ideal institution to champion an awareness initiative regarding conflicts of interest, since it has a previous experience concerning the reception and verification sworn statements of assets and other relevant anticorruption projects. It should be noted the prototype of the Conflict of Interest Simulator was created after assessing all the provisions contemplated in an array of regulations: Constitution of the Republic of Ecuador, Organic Law of Public Service, Organic Comprehensive Criminal Code, Organic Law of Electoral and Political Organizations, Organic Law of Public Companies, Organic Law of the National System of Public Procurement, Organic Law of Transparency and Access to Public Information, Organic Law of the Foreign Service, Organic Law of the Legislative Function, Organic Law of the Comptroller General of the State, Organic Law of the Regulation and Control of Market Power, Organic Law of Culture, Organic Code of Territorial Organization Autonomy and Decentralization and the Executive Decree No. 4 of May 24, 2021. Bearing that in mind, the tool is comprehensive but still could add more information on secondary legislation.

### NCPA Members' Activities

#### **ECUADOR - CREATION OF A DIGITAL TOOL FOR THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION "SIMULATOR OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST"**

Following a co-creation criterion to review the prototype, a first workshop was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. In this event, opportunities for improvement were identified, both in the content of the revised regulations and in the final response that determines whether a decision could be framed as a conflict of interest.



Authorities and delegates from the Citizenship and Development Foundation (FCD), Faro Group, Esquel Foundation, Citizen Participation Corporation, Council for Citizen Participation and Social Control (CPCCS), Presidency of the Republic, Ministry of Labor, Institute of Senior National Studies (IAEN), Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (UASB), UNODC and Embassy of the United States attended to this event.

A second workshop was held on Thursday, May 12, 2022. The encounter also provided relevant observations for the enhancement of digital tool and it was joined by the authorities and delegates from the Banking Superintendency, the Market Power Control Superintendency, the State Attorney General's Office, the National Public Procurement Service, the Association of Ecuadorian Municipalities, the University of Cuenca, and the University of the Americas. With this second workshop, the testing phase of the prototype concluded.

The launch of the Conflict-of-Interest Simulator was held on August 9, available to all public and private entities, servers and citizens. Ecuador is evaluating the tool and collecting information that allows visualizing the queries made and the most recurrent conflicts. In these few months that the Simulator has been running, 1500 simulations have been registered, where more than 54% of them show some type of conflict.

Afterwards, the Office Comptroller General of the State of Ecuador will consider mechanisms to continuously incorporate relevant regulations and other suggestions that users deem appropriate.

## NCPA MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

### NCPA Members' Activities

#### MOLDOVA - THE NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CENTRE (NAC)



The National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC) of the Republic of Moldova is the national authority specialized in the prevention and fight against corruption, corruption related acts and acts of corruptive behaviour (Law 1104/2002).

Considering that one of the principles in NAC's activity is the priority of applying corruption prevention and combating methods and in order to implement the legislative provisions on integrity, National Integrity and Anti-corruption Strategy for

the years 2017-2020 (Parliament Decision no. 56/2017), the followings results of the activity of NAC were registered during 2022:

#### I. In the field of corruption prevention:

**1.285** draft normative acts (+166% compared to 489 in 2021) were submitted for examination

**1.298** draft normative acts (+165% compared to 489 in 2021) were approved and examined (considering **13** drafts still under examination since 2021). Of these, **477** drafts were submitted for approval and the necessary recommendations were drawn up and expertise reports were issues on **821** projects.

Out of the total number of **821** expertized drafts: **327** - are draft laws, **457** - draft Government decisions, and **37** - draft departmental acts.

Following the anti-corruption expertise, in the draft normative acts were identified:

- **2.555** risk factors (the most widespread: lack/ambiguity of administrative procedures (15%); attributions that admit of derogations and abusive interpretations (12%); ambiguous wording that admits of abusive interpretations (12%); legal gap (11%));
- **2.749** corruption risks (the most widespread: abuse of power (17%); exceeding the duties of office (12%); conflict of interest and/or favouritism (10%); improper influencing (8%)).

It is worth mentioning that, 439 anti-corruption trainings were organized (+79% compared to 2021: 245), attended by 17.746 persons (+110% compared to 8.450 in 2021): **public agents: 15.242 persons; pupils, students/young people: 2.354 persons; other categories: 150 persons.**

**NCPA Members' Activities**

**MOLDOVA - THE NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CENTRE (NAC)**

The Analytical Directorate carried out 370 operational analysis reports on the phenomenon of corruption in the investigated cases and in the social-economic fields and 9 strategic analysis reports regarding:

- judicial practice on corruption and corruption-related cases, based on the court decisions handed down during 2021;
- the profile of the offender in corruption cases, based on court decisions handed down during 2021;
- the deficiencies in the field of production and use of energy from renewable sources in the Republic of Moldova;
- some malfunctions of the public procurement system and the promotion of low-value public procurement, in order to avoid the scope of Law on public procurement no. 131/2015;
- the impact of public and private actors on the process of recovery of criminal assets;
- the court rulings adopted, in the period of 2021, on the contravention causes of acts of corruption, acts related to corruption and corruptible acts;
- the effectiveness of monetary policy measures from the perspective of the interests of the representatives of the management bodies of the National Bank of Moldova;
- the effectiveness of the process of documentation and contravention sanctioning of drivers for driving transport while intoxicated.

**In the field of anticorruption policies:**

The National Integrity and Anticorruption Strategy for the years 2017-2023 (NIAS) represents the main public policy tool intended to systematize and streamline the efforts of public entities in the field of preventing and combating corruption. On 24.12.2021, Parliament Decision No. 241 was adopted on the amendment of the previous one No.56/2017 for the approval of the National Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy for the years 2017-2020 (NIAS), (in force from 28.01.2022, OG No.27-33, art.32), which provides for the extension of the implementation period of the above-mentioned Strategy.

During the reporting period, the configuration of the NIAS Action Plans was ensured, on the E-institutional integrity information portal, the "National Anticorruption Strategy Report" section, and sent to the implementing entities of the Strategy's Action Plans, in the spirit of effective inter-institutional cooperation, and ensuring electronic reporting of the progress and deficiencies recorded in the actions' implementation for 2021 and the

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#### **MOLDOVA -THE NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CENTRE (NAC)**

1st semester of 2022. At the same time, the portal was supplemented with the completion of the Users and responsible institutions module.

Thus, 95% of the public authorities at the central level sent the reports on the implementation of the Strategy to the Secretariat of the Monitoring Groups. Similar progress can be seen at the level of local anti-corruption action plans, revealing a reporting rate of 83%.

The NIAS Monitoring and Evaluation Report for the first semester of 2022 developed, includes a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the progress of the actions due and the permanent ones for implementation, as well as identifying the progress and challenges encountered by the implementing entities.

In accordance with the provisions of action no. 19 of Pillar II, Priority II.2 "Sectoral anti-corruption approach" from the Action Plan of the Strategy the responsible entities will ensure the continuity of the implementation of the sectoral/local plans of anti-corruption actions within the 10 identified vulnerable sectors, with a deadline - the first quarter of 2022. As a result, during the reporting period, advisory and methodological support was provided to the authorities responsible for the development, adoption and implementation of sectoral/local anti-corruption action plans.

The development and approval/extension of the implementation deadline of 29 local anti-corruption action plans, aimed at strengthening the common position of local public entities in fulfilling specific responsibilities at local level, was ensured.

In order to ensure the continuity of the implementation of the sectoral plans, a rate of 45% of sectoral plans of anti-corruption actions was adopted (in the fields: health protection and medical insurance, education, customs and fiscal).

At the same time, with the support of the GIZ project, a team of experts was selected to ensure the completion of the final evaluation exercise of the NIAS impact for the years 2017-2020. Thus, during the reporting period, in collaboration with NAC, the Methodology for evaluating the impact of the Strategy was developed, the evaluation process of the above-mentioned document was started and the Impact Report on the implementation of NIAS was finalized. In order to implement and participatively monitor the Strategy and to support the involvement of public entities in corruption prevention activities, the public entities involved in the implementation of the measures included in the anti-corruption action plans, during the reporting period, were assisted through advisory support.

## NCPA PARTNERS' ACTIVITIES



### RAI Secretariat conducts trainings in the capitals to present Corruption Risk Assessment and Corruption Proofing of Legislation Guidance with Checklists for 2 sectors: Higher Education & Public Enterprises

#### **Public servants training**

RAI Secretariat developed the Corruption Risk Assessment and Corruption Proofing of Legislation Guidance with Checklists for two sectors: Higher Education and Public Enterprises. The main objective of the Guidance is to assist national jurisdictions in identifying and decreasing corruption risks, corruption risk factors as well as regulatory corruption risk factors in the Higher Education and Public Enterprises Sector.

The documents contain two main components: a) Guidance for CRA/CPL in Higher Education/Public Enterprises, and b) Checklists for four common corruption-prone areas/regulatory corruption risk factors in the higher education/public enterprises sectors of targeted jurisdictions and offer an overview of the most prevalent corruption risks and corruption risk factors and related legislations within selected common corruption-prone areas/processes of targeted jurisdictions, and key questions and recommendations related to the efficient mitigating these risks.

Guidelines are primarily dedicated to stakeholders who participate in the preparation and adoption of public policies and regulations for the Higher Education/Public Enterprises Sector, including the anti-corruption policies and rules. These are competent ministries, anti-corruption bodies, councils for higher education, bodies for accreditation and quality assurance, universities, regulatory and auditing bodies, national assemblies, public enterprises and civil society organizations.

The Checklists provide only a basic set of questions with the direction in which one should look. The user needs to tailor the questions to the specific circumstances and exercise close scrutiny of all details in legislation and practice in every single jurisdiction linked to each question.

Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) is implementing a 3-year regional project titled "Southeast Europe – Together Against Corruption (SEE-TAC)" in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and funded by the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC). The Programme is implemented in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia, with participation of Romania, Bulgaria and Croatia.

*Regional Anti-corruption Initiative Secretariat, South East Europe*  
<https://rai-see.org/learning-hub/publications/>

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**REGIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVE**  
*We look for better solutions together.*

**EU funded Project Breaking the Silence:  
Enhancing the whistleblowing**

### **POLICIES AND culture in Western Balkans and Moldova - Youth Component**

Young people are more likely to be creative in their approach to problem solving. Their anti-corruption efforts are more innovative, forward thinking, and they make better use of modern technologies. They are also more likely to suffer disproportionately from corruption.

This is one of the reasons why RAI Secretariat engaged with the youth organizations in the region to discuss their ideas and how to turn them into action. RAI Secretariat met with over 300 youth in six cities from the region and engaged in a constructive discussion about civil courage and whistleblowing. Young leaders spoke about ways whistleblowing and whistleblower protection could be enhanced. Meetings were held in venues which simulate parliamentary discussion and resolution adoption (European Youth Parliament) or such similar occasions, with youth who are active in the CSOs and political parties. RAI Secretariat also shared the results of its youth survey that revealed a number of factors which discourage young people from reporting corruption: Scepticism 53% - 72%; Fear from retaliation 20% - 45%; and Friendship 19% - 28%.

Whistleblowing is instrumental in the fight against corruption, because the vast majority of serious corruption crimes is detected through reports of whistleblowers - persons who directly witnessed these crimes, which happen under the veil of secrecy. Those who stand up to oppose corruption, including young people, need proper protection.

*Youth corner on RAI website providing information on surveys and youth events:*

*<https://rai-see.org/what-we-do/whistleblowing2/whistleblowing-platform/youth-corner/>*

### **Asset Recovery Network and its Online Platform <https://arrplatform.org>**

Since 2018, AIRE Centre (AIRE) and the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) are implementing a regional project to strengthen the capacity of key institutions to effectively implement asset recovery measures. The project is supported by the UK Government. To embed best practices AIRE and RAI launched a Asset Recovery Network (AR Network), a broad regional network of judges and prosecutors, professionals and experts in the field of asset recovery. The key objectives of the Network are to:

- Facilitate communication and exchange of good practice amongst asset recovery practitioners;
- Provide access to guides and other resources;

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- Become an advocacy tool fostering ideas and initiatives to strengthen the rule of law and fight organized crime and corruption.

The regional network will ensure the longer-term sustainability of the work done through the project and allow for regional dialogue to develop and grow. The Network platform provides practical tools and publications and the opportunities for seminars and conferences. The platform is built to be easily reachable tool for practitioners to access relevant educational materials and publications, news and latest developments relevant to the region, case studies and examples of good practice.



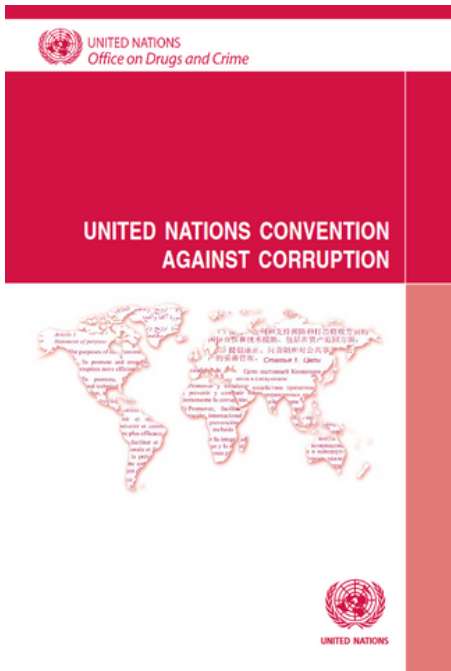
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# INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

## UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

General Assembly resolution 58/4  
of 31 October 2003

### United Nations Convention against Corruption



The General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the UN Convention against Corruption on October 31, 2003 and decided to designate December 9 as the International Anti-Corruption Day, aimed at raising awareness on corruption as well as the role of the Convention in prevention and combat against corruption.

**NCPA Members' Activities**

**CHILE - OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC**

**ANTICORRUPTION ALLIANCE UNCAC CHILE CLOSES THE YEAR 2022 BY CELEBRATING  
ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY**



Under the leadership of the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile, the Anticorruption Alliance UNCAC Chile celebrated its 10th anniversary on December 13th in the framework of the international anticorruption day.

The AntiCorruption Alliance UNCAC Chile is a collective action initiative created in 2012 by the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile and the United Nations Development Programme.

The event gathered authorities and representatives from its 33 institutions members of the public sector, private sector, academia, and the international community to launch the report “Alianza Anticorrupción UNCAC Chile: 10 años trabajando por la integridad” ([Anticorruption Alliance UNCAC Chile: 10 years promoting integrity](#)).

The document presents the main achievements of this network during its ten years of existence, highlighting the importance of continuing and strengthening this initiative.

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During the event, the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile, Mr. Jorge Bermúdez, introduced the special edition on anticorruption of the Revista Chilena de la Administración del Estado (Chilean Journal of the State Administration).

This edition comprises ten articles that provide insights on local administration, public assets management, behavioral science, lobby, and public-private partnerships, including the two award-winning articles of the first congress of the Anticorruption Alliance “Primer Congreso Estudiantil “Construye con ideas un Chile íntegro.””

Both presentations are available [here](#).

The event was finalized inviting participants to visit the Anticorruption Alliance UNCAC Chile fair, where citizens interacted with delegates from its institutions members to know their roles and functions regarding the fight against corruption.

## INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY CELEBRATIONS

### GREECE - NATIONAL TRANSPARENCY AUTHORITY

The 2nd Integrity Forum of the National Transparency Authority (NTA) "Integrity, Accountability and Transparency in Senior Government and Local Government Officials. Integrity and Transparency: Duty, not an Option" concluded on December 9th on the International Anti-Corruption Day with a great success.



The Interim Governor of the National Transparency Authority and Head of the Inspections and Audits Unit, Ms. Alexandra Rogakou, who declared the opening of the Forum's proceedings, highlighted that the **issues of fighting corruption and strengthening transparency and accountability are a priority for the National Transparency Authority.**

The event focused on three thematic sections:

- **The exercise of lobbying activities.** In September 2021, the law regulating for the first time the area

The purpose of the Integrity Forum was to highlight the institutional role of the National Transparency Authority (NTA) and inform public and private sector entities, as well as citizens, on issues of transparency, integrity, and accountability, by establishing the day as an annual meeting for conducting a fruitful dialogue with all stakeholders on issues related to transparency and corruption prevention.

The event was attended by Secretaries General, representatives of the European Commission, of Municipalities, Regions, NGOs, Independent Authorities, as well as public and private sector's executives.



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### GREECE - NATIONAL TRANSPARENCY AUTHORITY



#### NATIONAL TRANSPARENCY AUTHORITY

of lobbying was entered into force. Prior to its adoption, lobbying activities remained unregulated in Greece, a fact that had been repeatedly highlighted by international and European organizations in the context of country's evaluations.

- **The presentation of the Public Opinion Survey's results**, conducted by the National Transparency Authority in September 2022 on citizens' attitudes and perceptions towards corruption
- **Conflict of Interest**. The introduction of the **institution of the Integrity Advisor** in Local Government (Municipalities and Regions of the country) and the data related to the adoption and implementation of the Code of Conduct of Authorities.



During the Forum, the **2nd Panhellenic Competition for Student Creativity "Leaders of Integrity for Tomorrow"** was announced with the theme: **"No" to Violence, "Yes" to Friendship - Block Bullying**. The competition is organized by the National Transparency Authority in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, the National Committee for Human Rights and the Library and Educational Television of the Hellenic Parliament.

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## INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY CELEBRATIONS

### THE PALESTINIAN ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

#### THE FOURTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF 2022: "ANTI-CORRUPTION: A COLLECTIVE NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY COMPLEMENTARITY... AFFINITY... RESPONSIBILITY... COMMITMENT"



A complicated social, economic and political problem, corruption at its core targets the democratic process, prevents the rule of law, and creates an environment whose only function is to allow for bribes. On the 31st of October 2003, the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and requested that the Secretary-General designate the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as secretariat for the Convention's Conference of States Parties. Moreover, the Assembly designated the 9th of December as the International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD), to raise awareness on corruption and of the role of the Convention in combating and preventing it.



Since its inception and its accession to UNCAC, The Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) has been keen to celebrate the IACD, by focusing on a different annual theme related to its mandate. In the 2022 IACD, PACC focused its conference on three themes:

#### **FIRST THEME: THE ROLE OF THE STATE AND ITS INSTITUTIONS IN ENHANCING THE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY IN ANTI-CORRUPTION.**

This theme highlighted the collective responsibility of the state and its institutions within a framework of complementarity and coordination, by focusing on the participation of the government and its ministries, especially service-delivery institutions in enhancing the tools of integrity, transparency, and the best practices that lead to an environment repellent of corruption.

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#### **SECOND THEME: SOCIETAL PARTICIPATION IN ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS IS A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

This theme focused on the importance and effectiveness of the public opinion role in combating corruption, combined with a sense of national affinity and responsibility toward all occurrences of corruption affecting the homeland and its citizens, as public opinion makes a positive difference that promotes integrity and transparency on the ground, and benefits all citizens through the quality of services provided to them.

#### **THIRD THEME: THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT INSTITUTIONS AND ITS IMPACT ON THE TRUST OF THE PUBLIC IN ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS**

Under this theme, papers that were presented were limited to examining the role that law enforcement play in the stages of processing reports and complaints regarding suspicions of corruption, from the moment of their reception to reaching a final ruling by the competent judiciary or court, as in matters of corruption suspicion the law enforcement responsibility are exclusive to PACC, Corruption Crime Prosecution Office, Corruption Crimes Court, and the Palestinian Civil Police in its capacity as public judicial police.

Following the discussion of the papers presented under each theme, a number of critical recommendations were introduced including:

1. The significance of the role of educational and religious institutions, as well as institutions concerned with women and youth, in promoting integrity and combating corruption through a variety of activities and initiatives aimed at fostering a culture that rejects corruption.



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tool for promoting integrity and combating corruption.

3. The media, with its numerous means, is the most capable party in confronting false news and rumours aimed at reinforcing what has come to be described on our side as the perception of corruption, which necessitates working on preparing a national plan in that all components of the official, civil, and independent media components participate in preparing, implementing, and following up on.



4. Promoting an effective participatory approach in the process of preparing the next national strategy to enhance the integrity and combat corruption, including the stages of planning, preparation, implementation, and oversight. Bearing in mind that accountability requires defining the responsibilities and tasks for all components of the state, and to

support that strategy with a monitoring and evaluation system based on an agreed-upon indicators that are capable of determining whether or not the strategy has been successful.



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# INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY CELEBRATIONS

## THE AGENCY FOR PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA



**CORRUPTION RISK ASSESSMENT**

8 December 2022

Hybrid format (Head Zira, second floor, Miklasevic conference room, and zoom platform)

AGENDA

8.30-10.00	Registration
10.00-10.45	Keynote Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dragan Sikimić, the Director of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Republic of Serbia</li><li>• Ambassador Jan Braathu, the Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia</li><li>• Nadia Cuk, the Deputy Head of Office, Council of Europe Office in Belgrade</li><li>• Maja Popović, the Minister of Justice, Government of the Republic of Serbia</li><li>• Ana Ibrahim, the Prime Minister, Government of the Republic of Serbia</li><li>• Dr Vladimir Orlić, the President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia</li></ul>
10.45-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.00	Thematic Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Corruption Risk Assessment</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dragan Kević, the Head of Unit for Integrity Plans and Corruption Risk Analysis in the Sector for Prevention and Strengthening of Integrity Agency for Prevention of Corruption</li><li>• Ana Šabić, the Program Manager Economic Crime and Corruption Division, Council of Europe</li><li>• Jovana Šabić, the Director, Inspectorate, Bulgaria</li><li>• Marijana Berganović, the Superior Inspector in the Anti-Corruption, Economic Divisions, National Anti-Corruption Centre, Moldova</li></ul></li><li>• Moderator: Aneta Čerkezović, the Assistant Director in the Sector for External Affairs and Strategic Development, Agency for Prevention of Corruption</li></ul>
12.00-12.15	Corruption Risk Assessment by Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aneta Radović, the Assistant Director in the Sector for Legal Affairs, Agency for Prevention of Corruption</li><li>• Julija Ananović, the Chief Specialist of the Corruption Prevention Department, Special Investigation Service, Lithuania</li><li>• Rado Čadež, the Team Leader, OSCE Mission to Montenegro</li></ul>
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12.30-12.45	Break
13.00	Lunch

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The Agency for Prevention of Corruption marks the International Anti-Corruption Day with the support of the OSCE Mission to Serbia at the International Conference "Corruption Risk Assessment", organized on December 8, 2022 (in a hybrid format).

Corruption risk assessment represents a systemic tool used to identify areas sensitive to corruption and development of effective strategies to manage those risks. The objective of effective corruption risks management is the protection of public interest, rule of law, protection of human rights, timely provision of adequate services to citizens, legal and efficient management of public resources. In other words, everything that is violated by corruption stressed the director of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Mr. Dragan Sikimić.

In addition to Director Sikimić, opening speech was delivered by Ambassador Jan Braathu, the Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia, Nadia Cuk, the Deputy Head of Office, Council of Europe Office in Belgrade, Vladimir Orlić, the President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and Maja Popović, Minister of Justice of the Government of the Republic of Serbia. The International Anti-corruption Day reminds us that corruption is a global malady and not unique to any country.

Corruption infiltrates into all segments of society, from economy and businesses, to justice sector, education, and media. Corruptive practices are the antithesis of good governance.

The OSCE Mission to Serbia will continue to cooperate with Serbian authorities and independent institutions in developing innovative and sustainable measures for both the prevention and the penalization of corruption. *To eliminate corruption, we need to work in synergy and with awareness that strong democratic institutions and rule of law mechanisms can be a strong deterrent to corrupt activities*, stressed Ambassador Jan Braathu, the Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia.

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### THE NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CENTRE OF MOLDOVA



In the introduction, the author writes that the integrity warning institute has been little analysed in the Republic of Moldova, taking into account the fact that this concept is new in the country. At the same time, the rapid development of whistleblowers' protection at the international level required an extensive analysis of the applicability of the national normative framework, but also of the international and regional instruments related to the examination of whistleblowing and the protection of people who report violations of the law.

During the presentation, Stela Rusu spoke about the adoption of Law no. 122/2018 on whistleblowers, which was certainly a particularly important step for the establishment of a functional system for examining whistleblowers and protecting people who want to contribute to the defence of law and order by disclosing crimes and other types of violations of the law. However, taking into account the fact that this field is a new and very sensitive one for the country, it becomes imperative to continue connecting the national legal framework to the rigors of international and regional instruments regarding the protection of whistleblowers, as well as taking over the good practices of countries with established systems in this area.

The deputy head of the International Cooperation Directorate (ICD) of the National Anti-Corruption Centre (NAC), Stela Rusu, presented today, for the first time, a study on the functioning of the institute of whistleblowing. The study "Disclosure of Illegal Practices in Moldova: Legislation and Mechanisms" represents a detailed analysis, which was initiated in order to address the most important problems related to the practical implementation of the existing legal framework, but also in order to identify ways to connect it to the most important international and regional normative acts regulating this sphere.

"Conducting an in-depth study was necessary to identify the vulnerabilities of the whistleblower protection system in the Republic of Moldova, in order to offer possible normative solutions for their removal.

The purpose of the study is to compare the best international practices with the current situation in the Republic of Moldova in terms of integrity disclosures, to detect the most important problems in the field and identify possible solutions for remedying them.

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The writing of this study allowed the detection of the vulnerabilities of the national legal framework in this field, the drawing of conclusions regarding the measures that need to be taken to remove them and the formulation of proposals to amend the national normative acts that regulate the institution of integrity warnings", mentioned the deputy head of ICA of the National Anticorruption Centre.

Present at the event, the deputy director of the NAC, Vadim Cojocaru, welcomed the author's efforts to carry out an exhaustive analysis of the gaps identified in the normative and institutional framework for the enforcement of the whistleblower law, as well as the author's professional approach by putting in the foreground of the protection mechanisms for people who denounce illegal practices.

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## NEXT YEAR'S ENDEAVOURS

### 2023 PRESIDENCY - VICE PRESIDENCY - STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The last plenary meeting of the Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities (NCPA) of the Council of Europe took place virtually on **Monday, December 5 2022**, under the Chair of the Hellenic National Transparency Authority (NTA) with the participation of the representatives of the members and partners of the Network.

The progress of the implementation of the annual action plan of the Network was one of the agenda items, along with the examination of two new members' applications to join the Network and the Elections for the next year's presidency.

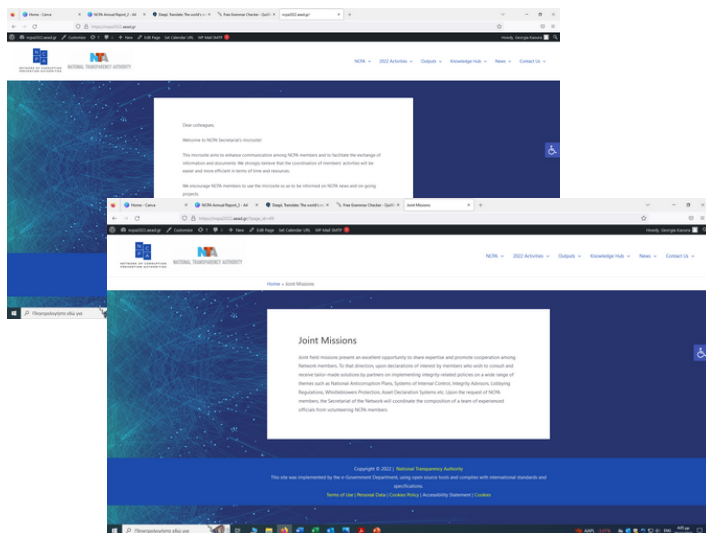
The representatives of the Coordinating Authorities of the Network's Working Groups briefly informed the Plenary on the progress achieved in pending annual activities: (i) Publication of Practical Guides and Tools in the field of corruption prevention (ii) Actions to strengthen the extroversion of the NCPA. The NCPA Secretariat informed the plenary on the issues raised by the two new applications and decided to discuss them further at the next plenary meeting.

Regarding the Elections for the 2023 NCPA President, Vice-presidents and Steering Committee members, the **Commission for Conflict of Interest of Croatia** submitted its candidature for the **Chair** of the Network, and the **National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight against Corruption (INPPLC)** of Morocco, the **Office of the Comptroller General of Ecuador** and the **National Transparency Authority of Greece** for **Vice Chairs**. As a candidate member of the Steering Committee, the representative of the **Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission** presented his candidacy. The representatives from the **Agence Francaise Anti-Corruption (France)**, **Autorità Nazionale Anticorruzione (Italy)**, and **Agency for Prevention of Corruption (Serbia)** have also submitted their candidatures for members of the Steering Committee (in writing).

In the first days of 2023, NTA will organize a meeting with the new Steering Committee members to **hand them the Chair of the Network**.

*The NCPA Chair for 2022 would like to thank all the members for their active participation in sharing good practices in the field of corruption prevention and in exchanging expertise in the development of their national anti-corruption strategies.*

## 2023 CHALLENGES



Joint field Missions present an excellent opportunity to share expertise and promote cooperation among Network members. To that end, the NCPA Secretariat welcomed and elaborated on the declarations of interest of the members who wish to consult with and receive tailor-made solutions from partners on implementing integrity-related policies on a wide range of themes such as National Anticorruption Plans, systems of Internal Control, Lobbying Regulations etc.

However, due to the unstable conditions of the pandemic, and the stringent restrictions imposed during some periods of the year, it was not possible to carry out this activity in 2022. Since it is considered an activity that reinforces the objectives of the network by providing added value to the participants (representatives of the Anti-Corruption Authorities and Agencies) and by building knowledge in the institutions, joint missions could be scheduled for 2023, always depending on the requests of the member-Authorities.

Another ambition for the new year is to expand the network; more members in the NCPA Network mean a deeper footprint in preventing and fighting corruption.

## NETWORK OF CORRUPTION PREVENTION AUTHORITIES

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