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Strengthening public ethics: practical guides



Local and regional authorities are particularly exposed to the risk of conflicts of interest, in particular because of their proximity to citizens and local entrepreneurs.

Through its "Public Ethics" collection, the Congress aims to prevent corruption by addressing it in all its aspects, including through co-operation activities in the field. This is part of the Congress' roadmap of activities for preventing corruption and promoting public ethics at local and regional levels. The objective of which is to provide a set of practical responses to the new challenges that local and regional authorities are facing.

- With the "**Conflicts of interest at local and regional levels**" guide, the Congress examines the different types of codes of conduct used to deal with conflicts of interest and their effectiveness in combating corruption. It presents the key elements of public policies for managing conflicts of interest, namely: transparency, a clear definition of responsibilities, rules on access to information, and declarations of interest.
- The "**Making public procurement transparent at local and regional levels**" guide identifies structural weaknesses that can encourage corruption. It has been developed as a concrete tool to better understand the complex procurement process.
- The "**Transparency and Open Government**" guide aims to raise awareness among local and regional elected representatives of the concept of "open government" as a means of preventing corruption and increasing effectiveness of public services, encouraging local and regional elected representatives to involve citizens in their work through better access to information.
- The booklet on the "**Administrative resources and fair elections**" is based on the Checklist for compliance with international standards and good practices preventing misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes at local and regional level, adopted in 2017. It aims at giving a practical understanding of the phenomenon and contains the Checklist but also a number of practice examples that were reported to the Congress observers during electoral missions.
- The "**Handbook on transparency and citizen participation in Ukraine**" aims to support local authorities in their efforts to improve the quality of local governance. It provides them with practical guidance on transparency and citizen participation, based on the Council of Europe principles and with reference to the general international standards and particular national legislation.

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