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The Role of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator

The Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption, in the role of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator, coordinates the work on drafting policies and preparing legal and sub-legal acts for the prevention and fight against corruption.

The National Anti-Corruption Coordinator is responsible for conducting verification (administrative investigation) of denunciations/complaints for abusive, corrupt or arbitrary practices for the implementation of legality, as well as identifying employees of institutions, part of the Network of Anti-Corruption Coordinators, who, through actions or inactions, have committed violations of legal/sub-legal acts in force, as well as at the same time developing projects and programs in the field of anti-corruption, planning, coordinating and defining the necessary instruments for the implementation of policies in the field of anti-corruption.

The electronic bulletin is a broad communication tool that aims to inform through the reflection of a summary of the main activities developed by the Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption and the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption in the anti-corruption field, on a monthly basis.

Activities during the month of October, 2025

The draft law "On whistleblowing and whistleblower protection" is finalized

of the Republic of Albania.

3.10.2025: The process for drafting the new draft law "On whistleblower protection and whistleblower protection" has entered its final phase. The Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption, the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, in cooperation with the HIDACCI, in the capacity of the public authority responsible for implementing the law, discussed at an open public consultation roundtable the content of the draft law "On whistleblower protection and whistleblower protection". Representatives from public institutions, at central and subordinate levels, the business community, civil society and representatives from academia reviewed the provisions of the draft law on whistleblower protection mechanisms, guaranteeing confidentiality and the functioning of internal and external reporting channels. The draft law is expected to create a safe and reliable environment for individuals reporting violations, while directly contributing to strengthening the rule of law and advancing the European integration process. The draft law is part of the "Anti-Corruption" legal package, currently awaiting approval by the Council of Ministers and subsequently by the Parliament







Draft law "On lobbying" announced for public consultation

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24.10.2025: Announced IN consultations PUbLIC Draft law " On lobbying, a new legal initiative THAT AIMS

experts THE Europe. The draft law On lobbying can THE accessed at the link: https://www.konsultimipublik.gov.al/Konsultime/Detaje/890



From measures to results; reporting on the anti-corruption strategy, January-June 2025, is completed

10.10.2025: The Cross-Sectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan for the period January-June 2025 have marked a sustainable implementation. At the meeting of the Team Thematic Technical Anti-Corruption, developed through Apron Microsoft Teams The final draft monitoring report for this period was presented with the participation of members of the Anti-Corruption Contact Points Network, representatives of all implementing institutions in the strategy. The overall level of implementation of the measures and activities of the mentioned period (43 measures/107 activities) results in a level of 71.3%. More specifically, from the assessment carried out, 25 measures/64 activities were implemented, 15 measures/21 activities were partially implemented and 3 measures/2 activities were not implemented. Some concrete good achievements are mentioned, those referring to the prevention of corruption through the initiation of the preparation of legal initiatives (anti-corruption legal package), the consolidation of institutional anti-corruption capacities, as well as the drafting of general and sectoral methodology for assessing the risk of corruption. As for the punishment of corruption, 30 control reports and 17 acts of findings have been recorded at the institutions where the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption operates, the Special Prosecutor's Office has investigated 462 proceedings with 230 persons under investigation and the General Prosecutor's Office has concluded 86 cases . The State Police has carried out 9 joint operations with Interpol and Europol. As for anticorruption information and awareness, meetings (open hours) on ethics and integrity have been held at universities for this period as well as the distribution of the e-bulletin "Anti-Corruption". The monitoring report is expected to be approved by the Team Thematic Anti-corruption , led by the Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-corruption in the role of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator.







October 2025; The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption proposes 13 disciplinary measures for public officials

1-31.10.2025: The activity of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption in the field of investigation and administrative verification continues with the verification of cases (complaints/denunciations) forwarded by citizens and administered by the Directorate of Analysis, Control and Administrative Investigation and the Anti-Corruption Coordinators. During October 2025, 4 final reports were concluded for the Local Directorates of the State Cadastre Agency based on a complete analysis of the facts and documentation administered during the administrative investigation process, and 13 disciplinary measures were proposed for heads, former heads and employees of the institutions where the investigation was conducted. Also, given the role of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption in terms of corruption prevention, recommendations were proposed, which are based on the principles of sustainable improvement of the institution, management, legal and technical capacities in full compliance with the laws and by-laws in force. The recommendations aim to have a concrete impact on improving systemic issues, which are related to clarifying internal practices, standardizing procedures regarding administrative and organizational aspects, strengthening inter-institutional cooperation, and increasing accountability. In this context, through 4 reports this month, 16 recommendations have been proposed, which in 12 cases address issues of an administrative nature and are related to concrete procedures and in 4 cases address issues of an organizational nature, both in relation to the daily management and internal procedures of the institution.

UNDOC in Tirana; focus on corruption risk and integrity in public procurement

31.10.2025: The Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), held in Tirana an event dedicated to the progress of the implementation of the Cross-Sectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy, 2024 - 2030. The meeting marked an important step in strengthening inter-institutional strategic coordination and consolidating the Strategy's new sectoral approach, corruption risk assessment, which aims to deepen anti-corruption interventions at the most sensitive levels of public administration. The participants, representatives of the institutions implementing the strategy, international partners, civil society and the private sector, shared experiences and practices on concrete ways to increase institutional integrity, strengthen transparency and effective coordination between public and private









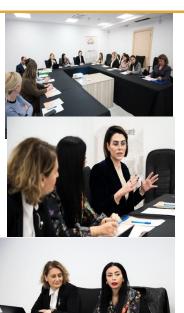






actors. The corruption risk assessment instrument and integrity in public procurement, as one of the areas with a direct impact on good governance and citizen trust, had a dedicated space for discussions. The speakers focused on the importance of strengthening control mechanisms and implementing ethical standards throughout the evaluation cycle, as a way to prevent abuses and guarantee fair and honest use of public funds. The activity brought together in Tirana, UNODC strengthening technical cooperation with the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption in guiding and monitoring the implementation of the Strategy, and UNODC's continued support in strengthening national integrity and corruption prevention mechanisms in Albania.





The State Cadastre Agency finalizes the Integrity Plan, 2025-2027

29.10.2025: With the support of the Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption and in close cooperation with the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, the drafting of the Integrity Plan, 2025-2027, of the State Cadastre Agency was finalized. The analysis of the institutional integrity risk assessment and the plan of intervention measures were discussed in two special working tables and discussions of the management and specialist staff of the State Cadastre Agency with interest groups. Notaries, bailiffs, engineers, surveyors, lawyers of the State Attorney's Office discussed integrity risks and preventive measures for exposure to corruption, the definition of concrete actions to improve institutional integrity, through internal regulatory acts, the approval of working documents (manuals), the increase and strengthening of technical-professional knowledge in all technical directorates. Strengthening the internal control system for a more effective and accountable management of processes; Increasing institutional accountability and improving the culture of integrity in decision-making; Increasing the trust of citizens and businesses in the public services provided by the cadastre, as well as increased institutional transparency and improving the perception of public trust in the cadastre are the objectives addressed in this document, which is expected to be implemented for a 3-year period, with its approval by order of the Director General of the State Cadastre Agency.

The final draft of the Integrity Plan can be found at the link: https://www.ashk.gov.al/wpcontent/uploads/2025/09/Draft-Plani-i-Integretitet- te-Agjencise-Shteterore-te-Kadastres.pdf

Albania receives "observer" status in the European Network of Countries Against Corruption

15.10.2025: Albania receives "observer" status in the European Union Anti-Corruption Network (EUAN). The third Plenary Meeting of the EUAN Network was held at the headquarters of the European Commission in Brussels, and the Directorate-General for Anti-Corruption is one of the central state authorities representing the country. The event brought together anti-corruption authorities of the member states to share experiences on strengthening inter-institutional cooperation, public integrity and preventive measures against corruption. During the plenary sessions, key topics such as corruption risk assessment, lobbying supervision, asset declaration and strengthening integrity mechanisms in public administration were addressed. Albania's inclusion as an observer in this European forum demonstrates the commitment of Albanian institutions to the implementation of EU standards in the field of good governance and transparency. The participation of the Albanian state, through the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, constitutes an important opportunity for the exchange of best practices, the presentation of reforms undertaken within the framework of the Cross-Sectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2030, as well as for strengthening professional networks with European counterpart institutions.







Regional approach to preventing corruption; General Directorate of Anti-Corruption presents Albanian experience

27-29.10.2025: The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption participated in the Regional Conference on the topic: "Prevention of corruption: regional anti-corruption challenges and approaches", in Petrovac, Montenegro. The event organized by UNODC in cooperation with the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption of Montenegro brought together representatives of anti-corruption institutions from the countries of the region, international organizations and representatives of civil society, with the aim of strengthening cooperation and exchanging experiences for the effective prevention of corruption. The conference served as a regional cooperation platform, enabling strategic discussions on challenges, innovative approaches and preventive measures of corruption. The focus was on topics related to: Regional progress and key developments in the field of corruption prevention; Strengthening institutional integrity and preventive mechanisms; Best practices of the countries of the region in the implementation of anti-corruption strategies; Resolving conflicts of interest in the exercise of public functions. Representatives of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption joined the panel on strengthening integrity and preventive mechanisms, presenting Albania's main developments in the framework of the implementation of the Cross-Sectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2030 and addressing integrity as a fundamental pillar of prevention within the framework of the Strategy; the Integrity Plans Instrument and the progress of their implementation in Albanian public institutions; the corruption risk assessment process as a practical preventive mechanism; the review of the anti-corruption law package in order to improve governance, as well as the promotion of a culture of integrity in public administration and society.



From the public sector to the private sector; integrity as a standard in the fight against corruption

24.10.2025: The General Directorate of Anticorruption supports the installation of integrity in the organization and activity of the private sector (businesses and companies). " From integrity to compliance " brought together the public and private sectors this year by addressing the strategic planning of the fight against corruption, 2024-2030, for more integrity, legality, correct activity and anticorruption measures. The American Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the technical expertise of the IDM Albania organization were congratulated by the General Directorate of Anticorruption for this initiative that raises awareness and develops practical skills for managing corruption and conflict of interest risks in private companies, through the use of self-regulation instruments such as codes of ethics, integrity plans and whistleblowing units. This cooperation between the public sector, civil society and the business community represents an important step towards the implementation of corruption prevention measures, turning integrity into a concrete and daily work value in Albanian businesses.













