

**The Role of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption**

The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption is the technical structure, at the central level, responsible for the drafting, coordination, implementation and monitoring of anti-corruption policies in Albania.

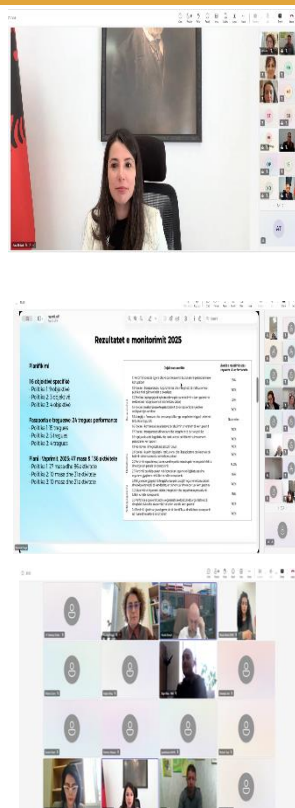
The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption drafts and follows the strategic framework against corruption, the preparation of the legal framework against corruption, the drafting and implementation of integrity mechanisms, policies and awareness-raising and education activities against corruption. It is also responsible for carrying out the verification (administrative investigation) of denunciations/complaints for abusive, corrupt or arbitrary practices for the implementation of legality, as well as the identification of employees of public institutions who commit abuse of office. The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption coordinates the referral mechanism of the Anti-Corruption Coordinators.

The electronic bulletin is a communication tool that aims to inform about the main activities, initiatives and developments in the field of the fight against corruption, providing a monthly summary of the work of the institution.

**Activities throughout the month of April, 2026**

**The Anti-Corruption Thematic Team approves the 2025 monitoring report of the anti-corruption strategy**

**16.04.2026:** The Anti-Corruption Thematic Team met under the leadership of the Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption, at the same time the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator, Adea Pirdeni, and approved the Annual Monitoring Report 2025, on the implementation of the Cross-Sectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy and the Action Plan. The report presents a detailed overview of the progress achieved in the implementation of the foreseen measures, the challenges and issues during the implementation year, 2025. The Cross-Sectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2025 has marked an implementation level of 83.5%. Out of 47 measures and 138 planned activities, 24 measures and 91 activities have been implemented, 16 measures and 20 activities have remained in the implementation process, and 7 measures and 27 activities have not been implemented. Target values have been achieved for a total of 16 performance indicators, out of 24. In terms of results, in 2025, 3 of the legal initiatives of the "Anti-Corruption" package have been approved, human and technical institutional capacities in public authorities for anti-corruption initiatives have been increased, methodologies for assessing corruption risk have been drafted and approved. The legal and institutional framework has been strengthened, with a focus on increasing the effectiveness of administrative investigations and supporting effective criminal investigations and prosecutions, prosecutors have increased the number of databases in use and cooperation with state bodies and counterparts in partner countries. In the field of awareness, efforts have been expanded for education on integrity and ethics, as well as for promoting a sustainable culture of integrity, especially through the younger generation. The report has been prepared in accordance with monitoring standards by the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, technical secretariat to the National Coordinator Against Corruption.



**The monitoring report is published at the link:** <https://antikorrupsioni.gov.al/kreu/lista-dokumenteve/raporte-monitorimi/>

**The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption processes 4 administrative measures and 11 recommendations in the public sector**

**1-30.04.2026:** 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 Anti-Corruption Coordinators, mainly. During April 2026, 3 final verification reports were administered for the Local Directorate of the State Cadastre Agency, Tirana North and the Compulsory Health Insurance Fund. Based on a complete analysis of the facts obtained, the documentation administered during the administrative investigation process, as well as in accordance with the nature of the violation found, the risk of corruption, the impact it has had on the proper functioning of the institution, as well as the degree of individual responsibility of the employees against whom the violation is alleged, 4 administrative measures have been proposed. The Directorate has processed the proposal for 11 recommendations, which in 7 cases address issues of an administrative nature and are related to concrete implementation procedures, and in 4 other cases address issues of an organizational nature referring to the management and internal procedures of the institution.

**Report cases of corruption to the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption at the following address:**

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**Albania takes the lead of the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative**

**9.04.2026:** Albania takes over the interim leadership of the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI). The Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption, in the role of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator, Adea Pirdeni, took over the leadership of the RAI for the next 6 months, reaffirming the commitment to strengthening regional cooperation and advancing anti-corruption reforms. This event confirmed Albania's active role in promoting transparency, integrity and regional cooperation on the path towards European integration. In this context, the event also served as a high-level forum for discussions on the new European Union Anti-Corruption Directive. The forum brought together heads of anti-corruption authorities in the region, representatives and experts in the field, and international partners to discuss the alignment of public activities with EU standards. The Director General of Anti-Corruption, Skerdi Tushi, a panelist at this forum, promoted and shared national anti-corruption experiences and highlighted the use of the country's preventive mechanisms in action. The Forum stressed the importance of further harmonization of the national framework with the EU acquis, as a fundamental step in the European integration process. Regional cooperation was assessed as an essential instrument for addressing common challenges and establishing a coordinated approach in the fight against corruption. Albania is represented at technical level in the RAI by **the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption**.



**Partnership with Austria strengthens the fight against corruption and guarantees good governance**

**29.04.2026:** In the framework of bilateral cooperation in the field of the rule of law and good governance, the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption joined the round table, organized on the occasion of the official visit to Tirana of the Minister of Justice of Austria, Anna Sporrer. During the meeting, the very good cooperation between Albania and Austria was appreciated, especially in terms of strengthening corruption prevention mechanisms and consolidating institutional integrity. Special appreciation was given to the support provided by the Austrian Development Agency, which, in cooperation with partners such as UNDP, RAI and UNODC, has contributed to the development of new risk-based approaches and to the building of institutional capacities for the prevention of corruption. The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption shared the institutional experience gained in the implementation of corruption risk assessment methodologies, emphasizing the transition from general approaches to a more targeted and sector-oriented perspective. The direct result of this cooperation is the development of integrity instruments, the performance of corruption risk assessments and the strengthening of technical capacities in public administration. In this context, cooperation with Austrian partners remains a key element for the further advancement of preventive and risk-based approaches in the fight against corruption. This cooperation leads to the building of a transparent, more accountable and results-oriented public administration.



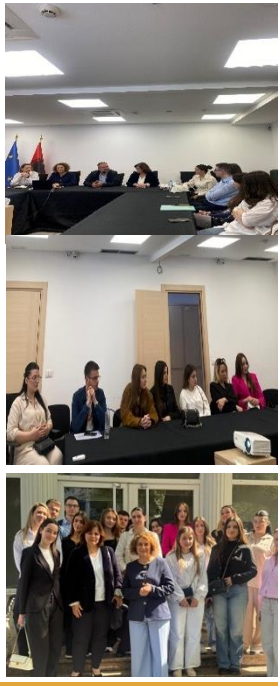
## Albania presents progress in the field of anti-corruption at the “Strategic Anti-Corruption Dialogue” Forum

**21-22.04.2026:** Two days of intensive discussions of strategic initiatives and exchange of experiences by heads of anti-corruption authorities from Eastern Europe and Central Asia took place in Vilnius, Lithuania. The OECD Anti-Corruption Network (ACN) organized this roundtable discussion and brainstorming, focused on the future of anti-corruption reforms in the region (ACN members) and strengthening inter-institutional cooperation. During the two-day sessions, representatives of the Cabinet of the Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption and the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, at the management level, presented Albania's progress in strengthening institutional integrity, increasing transparency and modernizing public governance, as part of a sustained commitment to meeting European standards and advancing anti-corruption reforms. The discussions also focused on the current challenges faced by the institutions in the field, as well as the need for more innovative and coordinated approaches in preventing and addressing corruption at all levels of public administration. The exchange of best practices, concrete experiences and lessons learned from the participating countries was assessed as an essential element for building more effective solutions, increasing institutional capacities and strengthening citizens' trust in institutions. In conclusion, the importance of continuing this international cooperation as a key instrument in consolidating reforms and advancing standards of good governance was emphasized.



## Students of the Faculty of Law at the University of Tirana hold an open lecture on integrity instruments

**17.04.2026:** An open lecture hour was held at the offices of the General Directorate of Anticorruption with second-year students of the Faculty of Law, within the framework of the course “Ethics and Integrity in Public Administration”. Accompanied by the lecturer of the course, Prof. Dr. Eralda Methasani Cani, students interested in drafting institutional documents of Integrity Plans, known as key instruments in preventing corruption in public administration, were introduced to this work process. The open hour outside the university auditoriums was organized within the framework of the institutional practices that the public administration offers to students. At the meeting (hour) held, information was provided about the competencies of the directorate by the General Director, Skerdi Tushi, and the director of anticorruption policies, Rovena Prega. The directorate staff explained the procedural steps of integrity risk assessment and the drafting of integrity measure plans to students. The concept of integrity was presented in detail, focusing on the essential role it plays in strengthening transparency, increasing accountability and improving the functioning of public institutions, the methodology for assessing integrity risks, analyzing integrity risks, as well as the main areas where they may appear. The importance of drafting preventive measures in public administration was emphasized, which constitute the basis of Integrity Plans and directly contribute to good governance standards. The activity took the form of an open and interactive discussion, encouraging the active participation of students through questions, comments and the exchange of ideas. This approach contributed to the creation of a constructive dialogue and to the increase of students' interest in integrity issues and the fight against corruption.



## Strengthening the culture of legality among young people; open information hour at the “28 Nëntori” school, Shkodër

**28.04.2026:** As part of the “Education against Corruption” project, the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption visited the classrooms of the “28 Nëntori” high school in Shkodra for an open lesson with 10th grade students. The topic “Culture of legality and responsible citizenship” brought together students accompanied by teachers of the “Citizenship” subject, and promoted increased awareness of the importance of personal and social integrity, as well as the role that each individual plays in building a just and transparent society. During the conversation with the students, the importance of respecting rules, ethics and civic responsibility in everyday life was discussed, emphasizing that education and awareness at an early age are essential elements in preventing corruption. The discussion included practical cases and concrete situations, which encouraged the active participation of students and reflection on the right moral and civic choices. Through open and interactive communication, students were encouraged to express their opinions, discuss the challenges they face in everyday life, and strengthen their role as active and responsible citizens in the community.



## Increasing integrity standards in public administration through dedicated training and capacity development

**20-21.04.2026:** The technical-professional staff of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption participated in the training on the topic “Integrity risk assessment and drafting of an Integrity plan in public institutions”, organized by the Institute for Democracy and Mediation within the framework of the “GoEthics 2.0” project. During the training, the conceptual framework of integrity in the public sector was addressed, focusing on the main policies and instruments that support its strengthening. Participants were also introduced to a practical tool for assessing integrity risk, which was presented through concrete demonstrations and interactive discussions. Subsequently, the role of institutional actors in integrity management, including integrity coordinators and management structures, was emphasized as key elements in the effective implementation of relevant policies. Special attention was also paid to reflecting on the applicability of these practices in the Albanian context. The training concluded with the drawing of conclusions on the importance of strengthening institutional integrity and the need for the practical implementation of Integrity Plans, as essential instruments in preventing corruption.



## Municipalities and regions, implementing institutions of the anti-corruption strategy

**3.04.2026:** Following the approval of the Manual for the Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting of the Cross-Sectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy, the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption provided dedicated training for the technical staff of local self-government units (municipalities) and regions. The training focused on the practical use of the Manual as a daily working tool for the Anti-Corruption Contact Points, aiming at standardizing the processes of planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting of anti-corruption measures at the local level. During the sessions, the anti-corruption strategic framework, institutional roles and responsibilities, the strategy implementation cycle and evidence-based reporting standards were addressed, accompanied by practical exercises on the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan. Special attention was paid to improving the quality of institutional reporting and strengthening coordination between institutions, as key elements for a more sustainable and measurable implementation of the strategy. Through this training, the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption continues to support local institutions in building practical capacities for the implementation of anti-corruption policies. This activity was also made possible thanks to the effective cooperation with the technical expertise of the EU4GG project of the European Union Delegation in Tirana.

