



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 activities of awareness and education 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.

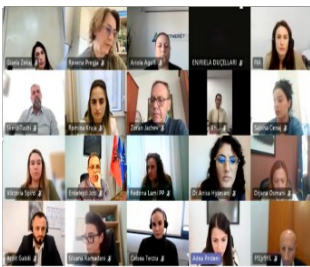
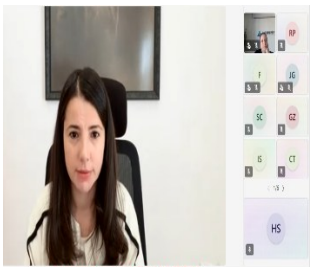
The electronic bulletin is a communication tool that aims to inform about the main activities, initiatives and developments in the field of the fight against corruption, providing a monthly summary of the work of the institution.

Activities during the month of September, 2026

The first six-monthly report on the monitoring of the implementation of the ICSD 2024-2030, for the year 2026, is approved.

29.09.2026: The Anti-Corruption Thematic Team under the leadership of the Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption, in the role of the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator, Ms. Adea Pirdeni, reviewed and approved the first 6-month Monitoring Report on the implementation of the Cross-Sectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2030 and the Action Plan, 2024-2026. The report presents detailed evidence of the progress achieved in the implementation of the measures and activities of the Action Plan, the level of achievement of performance indicators, as well as the challenges encountered during the implementation period. For the first 6 months of 2026, the strategy has marked a level of implementation of 91.6%. Of the 49 measures and 112 activities planned for implementation, 26 measures and 66 activities have been implemented, 18 measures and 27 activities are still in progress, and only 5 measures and 19 activities have not been implemented. More specifically and in line with the structure of the strategy, the preventive policy has reached an implementation level of 91.6%, the punitive policy 83.3% and the awareness-raising policy 100%, reflecting sustainable progress for the period. The adoption of two of the acts of the “Anti-corruption” legal package, the strengthening of integrity instruments and the launch of the application of methodologies for risk assessment and identification of areas for corruption, as well as efforts to increase the effectiveness of investigation and prosecution through inter-institutional cooperation and capacity building, have been among the main developments. Anti-corruption awareness and education have continued through the expansion of educational activities and public communication, increasing the involvement of citizens, especially young people and in schools and pre-university education. The report was prepared in accordance with monitoring standards by the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, technical secretariat to the National Anti-Corruption Coordinator.

The report can be accessed at the link [here](#)



The package of sub-legal acts on lobbying in Albania is presented

15.09.2026: In the context of strengthening transparency, integrity and mechanisms for preventing corruption, the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption joined the roundtable organized by the Commissioner for the Right to Information and Personal Data Protection, in cooperation with the Council of Europe and the Embassy of Switzerland, with a focus on promoting lobbying activity. The roundtable was also joined by the Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption, Ms. Adea Pirdeni, in her capacity as the Minister proposing the legal framework for lobbying, the new instrument that establishes anti-corruption control mechanisms in the country. With the adoption of the law “On Lobbying in the Republic of Albania” in February 2026 and its entry into force, a package of by-laws was prepared, which will enable the effective and functional implementation of the law. The roundtable brought together representatives of public authorities that will take care of the implementation of the law, experts in the field, experts in the mechanism and civil society organizations. The discussions served to exchange views and contributions on the practical aspects of implementing the new legal framework and the mechanisms necessary to make it workable in practice. The regulation and transparency of lobbying activities constitute important elements in preventing corruption and strengthening the integrity of public decision-making. The package of secondary legislation consists of 8 acts (orders and instructions of the Commissioner) that touch on topics such as the lobbying register, the responsible lobbying administration structure, lobbying declaration, controls and information, as well as the code of conduct for lobbyists.

September 2026; DPAK administers 15 recommendations, 4 disciplinary measures and 1 criminal report

1-30.09.2026: The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption continued to follow up on suspected corruption cases, with administrative verifications and investigations, handling complaints and denunciations administered by its investigation structure as well as by the Anti-Corruption Coordinators. Verifications throughout this month have focused mainly on cases related to non-compliance with administrative procedures, exceeding or not exercising powers, lack of transparency in decision-making, delays in the provision of public services and other issues that undermine the integrity of public administration. After analyzing the documentation and evidence administered, as well as assessing the nature of the violations found, their impact on the functioning of the institution and the individual responsibility of the employees involved, the General Directorate of Anticorruption has concluded with 4 final reports for DVASHK Elbasan, DVASHK Tirana Rurale 2, the Distribution System Operator and the National Environment Agency, and has proposed 4 disciplinary measures. In function of its preventive role, the General Directorate of Anticorruption has issued 15 recommendations for improving institutional practices and strengthening integrity mechanisms. In 14 cases, these recommendations address issues of an administrative nature and are related to concrete procedures, and in 1 case, issues of an organizational nature are addressed, aiming to strengthen internal management mechanisms and increase institutional effectiveness. The investigation structure has also filed 1 criminal report with the Prosecutor's Office of the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction in Shkodra, on the topic of property issues at the Shkodra DVASHK.

Report cases of corruption to the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption at the following address: koordinatori.ak@dpak.gov.al



The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption participates in the preparations for the Second Phase of the UNCAC Review Mechanism

31.08- 04.09.2026: The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption participated in the 17th Session of the Review Group on the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), held in Vienna, Austria. The Review Group's work focused on consolidating preparations for the Second Phase of the Review Mechanism, with the aim of strengthening a more progress-oriented and results-oriented approach in the implementation of anti-corruption measures. The focus of the work was the finalization of the instruments that will guide the next cycle of reviews, including the Self-Assessment Checklist, the Timeline Model and the Structural Scheme for Review Reports, in addition to advancing the digitalization of the process, technical assistance and the practical implementation of previous recommendations. The session also addressed corruption that facilitates migrant smuggling and links to money laundering, while activities held on the margins



of the proceedings highlighted the importance of transparent and inclusive review processes, as well as the implementation of Resolution 11/9 on corruption related to crimes affecting the environment.

Exchange of international experiences on strengthening anti-corruption mechanisms

02-03.09.2026: The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption participated in the expert meeting within the framework of the activity “Global Expert Meeting on Intelligent Tools for Anti-Corruption Agency Effectiveness”, organized in Ljubljana, Slovenia by the International Academy Against Corruption, in cooperation with the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption of the Republic of Slovenia. The meeting, held within the framework of the Global Program for Measuring Corruption (GPMC), brought together representatives of anti-corruption agencies, experts and academics from different countries to discuss the use of intelligent tools and digital solutions in preventing corruption and strengthening institutional effectiveness. Albania was represented by Ms. Silvana Ramadani, Advisor to the Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption, as well as Ms. Viktoria Spiro from the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption. In the session dedicated to the monitoring of national anti-corruption strategies, Albania presented its experience and approach in this field. Discussions focused on the use of digital technologies for monitoring anti-corruption policies, e-procurement, asset declaration management, data analysis and identification of corruption risks. Participation in this activity contributed to the exchange of international best practices, strengthening institutional cooperation and learning about innovative solutions for improving corruption prevention mechanisms.



Strengthening institutional cooperation and dialogue with civil society for transparency and integrity

14-18.09.2026 The General Directorate of Anticorruption joined several meetings on the topic “Anticorruption Network Coalition Exchange”, organized within the framework of the “Political Advocacy for Reform” project by the Albanian Helsinki Committee, with the support of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES). During these meetings, which were also attended by representatives of key public institutions, coalition members shared experiences, results and lessons learned from their community-based anti-corruption initiatives, and discussed avenues for joint advocacy, institutional cooperation and collective action. In particular, member organizations presented their action plans and community-based initiatives focusing on youth integrity, protecting the electoral rights of persons with disabilities, preventing corruption risks in free legal aid, and empowering the voice of Roma women and girls at the local level. The meetings created an important space for direct dialogue with representatives of public institutions, and are expected to serve to strengthen the capacities of organizations in the field of advocacy, transparency and corruption prevention. One of the main achievements was the joint work to identify priorities and key advocacy messages, with the aim of increasing the impact of the coalition even beyond the completion of individual projects. In this activity, the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption gave its contribution, within the framework of the institution's commitment to strengthening cooperation with civil society organizations and supporting initiatives that contribute to the promotion of integrity. Cooperation with civil society to promote public consultation of anti-corruption mechanisms, and the promotion of the “Integrity Desk Albania” platform were two models of cooperation that were highlighted in this forum.

