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Introduction

In 2021 Transparency International Macedonia has marked 15 year anniversary of its existence and gained its fourth reaccreditation as a member of the global coalition for the fight against corruption Transparency International which represents national movement with over 100 national chapters in the world.

Additionally, Transparency International Macedonia has once more proved its commitment for the fight against corruption and adopting good policies that contribute to key reforms in the political and social sphere, as well as an increased awareness among citizens about corruption and whistleblowing as proactive initiative that strengthens the fight against corruption.

There were eight projects that were implemented and were started that will continue to be implemented throughout 2022: Assessment for Vulnerability to corruption in the state institutions and authorities for physical planning, urbanism and construction, Advocacy on implementation of whistleblowing legislation in North Macedonia, Empowering Citizens to Detect and Act against Corruption through Advocacy and Legal Advice Centres in Southeastern Europe, Promotion of Common Values Across Europe, regional project - Combating Illicit Financial Flows, "How the Anti Money Laundering Regulations Respect the Data Protection

Ending Impunity for Grand Corruption in Western Balkans and Turkey, Strengthening Institutional Capacities in the Fight against Corruption.



Slagjana Taseva, Ph.D, Chair,
Transparency International Macedonia

Project: Empowering Citizens to Detect and Act against Corruption through Advocacy and Legal Advice Centres in Southeastern Europe



The project aims at supporting citizens in speaking up against corruption by providing legal advice and support. More than 15 years, the ALAC's of Transparency International encourage citizens and organizations to report corruption and support them in seeking justice. The Advocacy and Legal Advice Centers are active in 59 countries, present across all continents and have worked on more than 250 000 cases and reports since 2003.

The project's objective is to strengthen democratic governance through active citizens' participation in the fight against corruption to assess the effectiveness and accountability of the government and to contribute to systemic improvements of the policies and practices.

More specifically, the project aims to:

- Empower victims and witnesses of corruption to seek redress for their grievances;
- Engage in strategic advocacy to bring about systemic improvements (legal, administrative and institutional) in the fight against corruption.
- Strengthen the ability and willingness of institutions to receive and act upon corruption-related complaints and preventative framework.
- Provide high quality service to ALAC clients and improve the ability of project partners to capture and communicate impact

Within the framework important objectives were achieved: Recommendations and comments for improving the Code for Administrative Employees in regards standards of ethics and rules of behavior of the administrative officials, thus improvement of the public administration, Contribution for the implementation of the Government “Action 21” in the part for improving whistleblowers’ protection in the country to be in line with the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers, as well as the continuous legal advices to the citizens in the Centre for legal assistance with the legal team in TI-Macedonia.

Marking the 2021 International Whistleblowers' Day there was a successfully resolved case published from the legal advice centre on the Transparency International blog available on the following link: <https://bit.ly/3chJWbO>

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Meetings, webinars and conferences

Slagjana Taseva, Chair of TI-Macedonia was a panelist at the 2021 Anti-Corruption Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGASS 2021), which was held from 2 – 4 June and where she stated that: "No matter how much success is achieved in different fronts until now it is our collective work that will define the chances for a fair and sustainable future."



The publishing of the CPI results for 2020 and the low position for Macedonia on the 111/180 place with 35 points in comparison with the past years has attracted the attention of the Government and the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of fight against corruption and crime, sustainable development and human resources who has confirmed the commitment of the Government in the fight against corruption and the cooperation with TI-Macedonia in this regard.



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Извештај на Транспаренси интернешнл

Најлош резултат во борбата против корупцијата

Северна Македонија, Босна и Херцеговина, Панама и Монголија го делат 111. место на ранг-листата за перцепција за корумпираност на државата во последниот извештај на Транспаренси интернешнл.

По најавите за настава на српски јазик, Бугарија се жали на двојни стандарди

Зошто не се слави бугарски празник, зошто не се учи бугарски јазик?

Британскиот сој на ковид-19 детектиран во Македонија

Здравствените власти на готове: Мутниот вирус побрзо се шири, почитувајте ги мерките!

Македонија со историски најлош резултат

Северна Македонија, Босна и Херцеговина, Панама и Монголија го делат 111. место на ранг-листата за перцепција за корумпираност на државата во последниот извештај на Транспаренси интернешнл.

Северна Македонија е најлошо рангирана држава на индексот за корупција на Транспаренси интернешнл со пад од 5 места на 111. место во друштво на БХЗ, Панама и Монголија. Земјата заедно со БХЗ се на дното во регионот според перцепцијата за корупција. Северна Македонија, Босна и Херцеговина, Панама и Монголија го делат 111. место на ранг-листата за перцепција за корумпираност на државата, покажа последниот извештај на Транспаренси интернешнл.

Со ова, земјата бележи пад од пет позиции во однос на минатата година. Но, промена во индексот нема, односно и годинава зако и лани индексот изнесува 35. Ова рангирање е историски најлошо досега откако се мери во земјана - илјади вчера Силвана Тасеа од македонското претставителство на Транспаренси интернешнл.

Индексот го измиснаа пет години се движел од 37 до 35, со што и рангирањето било од 90 место до денешното 111. место. Тоа значи дека земјата не покажува никакви или слаб напредок во борбата против корупцијата.

Ова е историски најлош резултат на индексот, досега бевме најлошу на 107. место и сега сме уште полошу, ова е првпат откако Македонија се рангира да имаме толку лошо рангирање, индексните поени 35 се исти како и лани. Апсурдно не бележиме никаков напредок, а многу е важно да се знае дека методологијата е заснована на истражувања не постари од две години", вели Тасеа.

Од земјите во Западен Балкан подобрувања бележи само Албанија со скок од две позиции на ранг-листата, додека кај Хрватска нема промена.

Силвана Тасеа

Among the more important meetings in 2021 was the meeting with the German ambassador in Macedonia H.E. Anke Holstein who has confirmed the support and commitment of Germany in the work of TI-Macedonia in the fight against corruption.



Anke Holstein ✓
@GermanAmbSkopje



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for the interesting exchange.
🇩🇪 will continue supporting
your important work in
fighting corruption and
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Regional Project: Combating Illicit Financial Flows, "How the Anti Money Laundering Regulations Respect the Data Protection"

Regional Project
Combating Illicit Financial Flows - "How the Anti-Money Laundering Regulations Respect the Data Protection"



North Macedonia



Albania



Montenegro



Kosovo

This is the first regional project on Anti Money Laundering VS. Data Protection conducted between the four countries: North Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro. The objective of the project is to provide assessment of the national legal and institutional approximation of each country with the 4th and 5th European Union AML Directives. It is supported by GIZ as commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic cooperation and development of Germany and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway. The project has begun on 1st of December 2020, and will last until May 31st 2021.

The project team is composed of two experts from each one of the four countries, one who will be reflecting on Anti Money Laundering, and another one who will be reflecting on Data Protection provisions. The experts will be analyzing the existing anti-money laundering practices in the four countries, and where possible, uncover the failures to address the issue of Data Protection both in the regulation and in practice.

There will be 4 national reports and a final regional report that will be presented to the authorities and will encompass information on how the Anti-Money Laundering/ Combating Financial Terrorism VS. Data Protection is organized across the region. A final conference/webinar will be organized, to discuss and review the findings with a regional audience.



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Project: Combating Illicit Financial Flows - "How the Anti-Money Laundering Regulations Respect the Data Protection" supported by GIZ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, as commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic cooperation and development of Germany and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway

The project Combating Illicit Financial Flows, "How the Anti Money Laundering Regulations Respect the Data Protection" has been implemented in the period starting from 1 December 2020 and it is the first regional project of this kind implemented between North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, and Kosovo supported by GIZ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, as commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic cooperation and development of Germany and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway.

The project resulted with Assessment of the national legal and institutional approximation with the 4th and 5th EU AML directives with the focus on data protection in the AML/CFT regulations in Albania, Kosovo, North Macedonia and Montenegro. The publications is available on: <https://bit.ly/3cjefyM>

Project: Advocacy on implementation of whistleblowing legislation in North Macedonia

In October 2021 the project Advocacy on implementation of whistleblowing legislation in North Macedonia began to be implemented whose primary objective is to impact the proper practical implementation of the whistleblowers legislation through providing continuity in the cooperation with the relevant institutions, raising citizens' awareness and updating the interactive web-platform for whistleblowers <https://ukazuvac.mk/>

Project:
Advocacy on
implementation of
whistleblowing
legislation in
North Macedonia



Objectives of the project

Strengthening institutional cooperation
for effective implementation of the
whistleblowers' legislation

Alignment of whistleblower
legislation with EU acqui

Raising public awareness for
the legal mechanisms for
protection of whistleblowers
and safe and secure reporting

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Transparency International Macedonia implements the project "Advocacy on implementation of whistleblowing legislation in North Macedonia", financially supported by the Balkan Trust for Democracy, a project of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Belgrade.

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Within the framework of this project a publication was produced that includes the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers in Macedonia, Rulebook about Protected Internal and External Reporting, other legal acts, as well as the EU Directive for Whistleblowers' Protection. The publication began to be disseminated in all public institutions on the territory of Macedonia that have or have not appointed an official person for protected internal reporting with the aim to inform the institutions about the legal obligation in this regard - to appoint an official for receiving reports from whistleblowers and about the start of the project.



Within the framework of the project two videos were produced that were aimed at informing the public about the Law on Protection on Whistleblowers and where and how to report irregularities.

Project: Strengthening Institutional Capacities in the Fight against Corruption

The project that was implemented within the USAID Civic Engagement Project in the period between June 2020 - July 2021 and has contributed to strengthening of the rule of law, transparency and cooperation between institutions, providing technical support and strengthening the capacities and cooperation between the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption and the State Audit Office as well as the supervisory bodies and the Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors that trains the future judges and public prosecutors as institutions responsible for conducting investigations and processing cases.



Within the framework of the project a final conference was organized on which the project results were presented. The speakers at the conference were: Ms. Slagjana Taseva, Chair of Transparency International-Macedonia, Mr. Ljupco Nikolovski, Deputy Prime Minister in charge of fight against corruption and crime, sustainable development and human resources, Mr. Goran Lazarevski, Director of the USAID Civic Engagement Project, Drago Kos, Chair of OECD Working Group on Bribery, Mr. Vlado Georgiev, Member of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption, Prof. Natasha Gaber Damjanovska, Director of the Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors.

Project: Assessment for Vulnerability to corruption in the state institutions and authorities for physical planning, urbanism and construction

Transparency International Macedonia through its ongoing work for the needs of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption assessed that the sectors that are mostly vulnerable to corruption and conflict of interests are urbanism, physical planning and construction. In cooperation with EWMI in Skopje, Transparency International Macedonia has conducted a comprehensive and methodological risk assessment for vulnerability to corruption in the state institutions and authorities for physical planning, urbanism and construction.

The project: "Assessment for vulnerability to corruption in the state institutions and authorities for physical planning, urbanism and construction" seeks to advance good governance and rule of law by achieving the following two objectives:

1. Identified vulnerabilities for corruption in the field of urbanism, physical planning and construction and responsible institutions by an extensive and comprehensive analysis of the legal framework and provided risk assessment.

2. Strengthened capacities of the key actors in the prevention of corruption and conflict of interests by providing recommendations for minimization and mitigation of risks for corruption and methodology for monitoring of their implementation.

This infographic was prepared by Transparency International Macedonia within the framework of the project: "Assessment for Vulnerability to corruption in the state institutions and authorities for physical planning, urbanism and construction" with the support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The authors views expressed in this infographic do not necessarily reflect the views of the United States Agency for International Development or the United States Government.

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During 2021, especially in the beginning of the year an online campaign was promoted through infographics and informational content in regards to transparency and accountability by the governments in regards to the vaccines against COVID-19 virus.



Ask your government five simple questions:

1. **Which** vaccines has your government acquired?
2. **How many** doses of each vaccine have been secured?
3. **When** will the vaccines be delivered to everyone in your country? When will you be vaccinated and which one will you get?
4. **How much** is your government paying for a dose of each vaccine?
5. Does your government have a single **website with all information** about the COVID-19 vaccines, including timelines, coverage, financial resources and contracts?

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#VaccinesTransparency

Regarding this campaign online articles were published and a campaign was promoted for temporarily suspending intellectual property protection on COVID-19 vaccines and treatment.



Project: Ending Impunity for Grand Corruption in Western Balkans and Turkey

Within the framework of this project grand corruption cases were researched and tailor made laws that were enabling the rule of corruption instead the rule of law. This project was implemented with the Transparency International Secretariat and partners from Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Albania and Turkey and was supported by the European Union.

A publication was produced that gives an overview of the circumstances related with grand corruption cases and tailor-made laws. The goal of this project was to contribute to reduction of the adoption of this type of law and to direct the public's attention to the need for punishment for such acts.



Project: Promotion of Common Values Across Europe

Within the framework of the project that began to be implemented since April 2020 until May 2021 many activities were implemented. The overall objective of the project was to promote the EU values such as rule of law, democracy, transparency, freedom of the media, equality and solidarity among the Eastern European countries and the candidate countries. Additionally, the project encouraged the inclusion of the citizens in the democratic processes on a local, national and international level.

A photo contest was organized for a best photograph that illustrates the European values within which 10 photographs were received out of which 3 photographs were winning photos that received prizes.



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