

News



Bosnia-Herzegovina protests break out in violence *Hundreds of people injured in three days of protests over high unemployment and perceived inability of politicians to improve the situation. The escalation of the situation resulted in the worst unrest since the end of the 1992-95 war. BBC news, 7 February, 2014*



Turkish Government, Shaking Up Police, Now Seeks More Power Over Judiciary *The Turkish government reshuffled the police force yet again overnight and sought to expand its power over the judiciary. Analysts connected actions to widening corruption investigation. New York Times, 8 January 2014*



First Anti-Corruption Report Published – European Commission *Corruption continues to be a big challenge for Europe - a phenomenon that costs the EU economy around 120 billion euros per year. European Commission, 3 February 2014*



Montenegrin Minister of Justice Sued for Concealing Murder Facts *The head of a government probe into media attacks has filed charges against the Deputy Prime Minister for allegedly withholding information in the investigation into a prominent journalist's murder in 2004, raising concerns over the Minister's integrity. BalkanInsight, 29 January 2014*



Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe: Corruption and political interference burden Albania's judicial system *The high level of corruption in the judiciary seriously impedes the proper functioning of the judiciary and undermines public trust in justice and the rule of law in Albania. Albanian Anti-Corruption Portal, 16 January 2014*



Kosovo Probes Thousands of Corruption Suspects

State prosecutors said they are investigating several thousand people in connection to hundreds of suspected graft cases, as Kosovo seeks to tackle its corruption problems. BalkanInsight, 22 January 2014



Albania Prosecutors Probe Police's TV Ads Spending

The Tirana prosecutor's office has launched an investigation on the spending for ads by the general directorate of police, which went singlehandedly to one advertising agency and amounted to 1.4 million euros for 2010-2012. BalkanInsight, 22 January 2014

Upcoming Events



Anti-Corruption Pharmaceutical and medical Devices Industry –
11-12 February 2014, Zurich, Switzerland



NATO Building Integrity Conference on Institution Building – 3 – 6
March 2014, Oslo, Norway



C5 Forum on Anti-Corruption – 26 March 2014, Madrid, Spain

Reports and Analyses

EU Anti-Corruption Report

This is the first comprehensive study of corruption in the European Union. The report includes information on corruption levels in all the EU Member States and on the perception of European citizens. Notably, three quarters (76%) of Europeans think that corruption is widespread and more than half (56%) think that the level of corruption in their country has increased over the past three years.

European Commission, Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament, 3.02.2014, COM(2014, 38 final

Are EU Funds a Corruption Risk? The Impact of EU Funds on Grand Corruption in Central and Easter Europe

This article explores the impact of EU structural funds on institutionalised grand corruption in three countries where corruption is systemic – Czech Republic, Hungary, and Slovakia – between 2009-2012. It concludes that EU funding impacts institutionalised grand corruption in CEE in two ways: first, by providing additional public resources available for corrupt rent extraction; second, by increasing the controls of corruption for the additionally allocated funding.

Mihaly Fazekas, Jana Chvalkovska, et al, European Research Centre for Anti-Corruption and State-Building, Working Paper No. 39, November 2013

Quarterly Report on Monitoring the Implementation of Public Procurements in the Republic of Macedonia

This study by the Center for Civil Communication has monitored public procurements in Macedonia and established and analysed a variety of issues, including lack of downward bidding, use of subjective elements in assessing bids and rise in the use of negotiation procedures without previously announced calls for bids. Recommendations for solution of these issues are given.

Center for Civil Communications, Report No. 19, January 2013

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