

## News

### **Albania: Rama fosters national partnership government with citizens to denounce corruption online**

*Prime Minister Rama via a Facebook status invites citizens to report any case of corruption encountered in daily life, that Albania breathe easier from the burden of corruption, he says. Prime Minister also states this year should mark the start of a new era of national partnership between government and citizens in the fight against corruption. RAI-SEE, 6 January 2015.*

### **Bosnia and Herzegovina: President of the Federation indicted**

*The president of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, one of the two entities that make up the country, was charged with abuse of power, receiving bribes, and illegal intermediation. He was charged along with five others high rank officers. OCCRP, 15 January 2015.*

### **Bulgaria: Deputy PM says Bulgaria will follow Romanian example in fighting corruption**

*Bulgaria's Deputy Prime Minister Meglena Kuneva announced that the country should follow Romania's example if it wants to tackle corruption successfully. She pointed that the structures, which will be tasked with fighting high-level corruption, have to be independent and not be subjected to political pressure. Novinite.com, 16 January 2014.*

### **Moldova: U.S. Ambassador to Chisinau says the justice reform is crucial in the fight with corruption**

*The corruption represents a major problem that impedes the evolution of the Republic of Moldova to a prosper and democratic state, and the justice reform is crucial in the fight with this scourge. The corruption will diminish when the people will ask from the governors' results and more responsibility, says W. Moser. RAI-SEE, 15 January 2015.*

### **Montenegro: Zero tolerance for corruption on local level**

*Civil society organizations and administrations of 14 municipalities in Montenegro have enhanced their own capacities in addressing corruption. "The system for fighting corruption must include all levels: from the very top of the State, down to each local self-government unit, which are the closest to the citizens and which make decisions that most directly affect citizens", Mr. Mitja Drobnic, Head of the EU Delegation in Montenegro, said. Royal Norwegian Embassy in Belgrade, 6 January 2015.*

### **Montenegro: Government adopts GRECO's Compliance Report on Montenegro**

*Government adopted the GRECO's Second Compliance Report on Montenegro, which contains 14 recommendations in the field of incrimination and transparency of financing political parties. By fulfilling 12 out of 14 recommendations from the Third Evaluation, Montenegro has shown its willingness to make efforts towards meeting the recommendations and strengthening anti-corruption policy. Government of Montenegro, 15 January 2015.*

### **Romania: Corruption charges for former Romanian Intelligence officer**

*The National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA) has detained for 24 hours Daniel Dragomir, a former Romanian Intelligence Service (SRI) officer from the Terrorism Prevention Department, accused of traffic of influence and money laundering. The DNA prosecutors have received help for this case from the Romanian Intelligence Service. Romania-Insider.com, 13 January 2015.*

## Upcoming Events

**SELDI Policy Forum: Good Governance Agenda for Southeast Europe: the Role of Civil Society and the European Parliament**, 24 February 2015, Brussels. SELDI will present the key findings and policy recommendations from the first two years of the initiative at the European Parliament in Brussels. The event will aim to chart the needed governance reforms to prepare the countries for accession once the enlargement freeze of the EU is lifted.

**Call for Applications: TRAIN Programme 2015**, deadline 15 February 2015. The German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) is launching its call for applications for the 2015 edition of the TRAIN programme to foster policy dialogue in the Western Balkans

**Call for Applications: Summer Course on Leadership and Management for Integrity**. This course will be held at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, 6-11 July 2015. Application deadline is February 14<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**Call for Papers: Understanding Governance Virtuous Circles. Who succeeded and why**, 8-11 July 2014, Berlin, Germany. The workshop is organized as a theory development debate around empirical papers collected from the EU FP7 ANTICORRP project on good governance contemporary achievers. The deadline for sending abstracts is 15 February 2015.

**Workshop on Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods on Corruption and their Application**, 20-22 April 2015, Basel Institute on Governance, University of Basel, Switzerland

## Reports and Analyses

### **Anti-Corruption Assessment of Laws ("Corruption Proofing")**

*This publication analyses the concept of "corruption proofing" based on 12 country cases. It concludes guidance on sound legal drafting, transparent and participatory public decision making and sufficient rules on lobbying.*

***Regional Cooperation Council and Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative for the Southeast Europe 2020 Strategy, December 2014***

### **Cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analysis of governance and anti-corruption activities**

*Cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analysis methods are currently underutilised in evaluations of governance and anti-corruption reforms in developing countries. Two impact evaluation designs are presented that make use of cost-effectiveness analysis to overcome corruption measurement challenges. Using such designs, the value of anti-corruption activities can be evaluated even without measuring corruption. **Jesper Johnson, U4/Chr. Michelsen Institute, December 2014***

### **Corruption Assessment Report Bosnia and Herzegovina**

*Based on the based on the findings of the SELDI Corruption Monitoring System, the authors underline that despite years of reform, involvement of international community and donor support, widespread corruption remains a major problem in BiH undermining any substantive reforms that would lead to the establishment of a functional and viable state. **Center for Investigative Reporting and SELDI, 22 December 2014***

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