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HIGH-LEVEL LAUNCH OF THE EU FOR INTEGRITY PROGRAMME FOR THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
20 May 2021 - This event launched the EU for Integrity Programme for the Eastern Partnership (EaP) jointly implemented by the OECD/ACN and the Open Government Partnership (OGP). High-level officials from the national authorities and civil society leaders from the EaP discussed challenges and opportunities to advance anti-corruption reforms in EaP countries. The EU for Integrity Programme will be the key tool in this endeavour by providing a set of anti-corruption performance indicators, rigorous and unbiased examination of countries through peer reviews, high quality analysis and recommendations and exchange of experience and good practices between anti-corruption, law-enforcement and business integrity practitioners. The launch was attended by 160 participants, including governments, civil society, international organisations, private sector and academia. Click here for more information.

KICK-OFF OF THE OECD ANTI-CORRUPTION REVIEW OF THE ENERGY SECTOR IN UKRAINE
28 May 2021 - The review is conducted as part of the larger Project on Energy Reform in Ukraine co-implemented across DAF and GRS with funding from Norway. It sets to analyse in-depth policy, institutional and legal framework of the energy sector in Ukraine, its anti-corruption mechanisms and identify corruption risks and gaps. The launch of this work was announced and discussed by the OECD together with its key partners in the country to harness strong political support and involvement of key governmental and non-governmental stakeholders. OECD Deputy Secretary-General Jeffrey Schagenhaufl opened the event, along with Ambassador of Norway to Ukraine, Minister of Energy of Ukraine and Deputy Head of National Agency of Corruption Prevention. The event was attended by 130 participants from Ukraine and other 20 countries. Click here for more information.
NEW RELEASES

Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan 5th Round of Monitoring Pilot Performance Indicators

This report outlines the pilot performance indicators to the Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan 5th Round of Monitoring for the OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Click here to read it.

Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan 5th Round of Monitoring Pilot Overview and Procedures

This is the pilot overview and procedures to the Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan 5th Round of Monitoring for the OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Click here to read it.

OECD/ACN Brochure

The OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Brochure provides overview of recent activities and highlights the 2020-2024 work programme. Click here to read it.
Supporting Energy Sector Reform in Ukraine
Anti-Corruption Component

This flyer provides information on the anti-corruption component of the Supporting Energy Sector Reform in Ukraine Project. Click here to read it.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

OECD BUSINESS INTEGRITY ROUNDTABLE SERIES

The pilot OECD Business Integrity Roundtable Series (BIR) was held from 24 March - 12 May 2021, bringing together over 1,900 participants in 7 virtual events. The Series included a two-part global roundtable, 3 regional roundtables and 2 thematic roundtables and acted as a forum to promote good practices and catalyse trust in business. Topics covered include business integrity trends, incentives, challenges and innovative approaches to implementation.

For more information and to replay sessions please click here.
Anti-Corruption Performance Indicators for the 5th round of Monitoring and the Monitoring Methodology of the Pilot

19 January 2021 - The OECD/ACN hosted a virtual session for the Pilot of the 5th Round of Monitoring under the Istanbul Action Plan. The audience included 57 representatives from Pilot country governments and civil society, international and business partners. The Secretariat discussed the methodology, performance indicators and the questionnaire. The Pilot was launched in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in December 2020. It is funded by the EU for Integrity Programme. Reports will be adopted in October 2021. Click here for more information.

2nd Webinar on Anti-Corruption Reforms in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: High-Level Corruption and Independence of Prosecutors

15 February 2021 - This high-level webinar discussed the main findings of the new reports "Anti-Corruption Reforms in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Progress and Challenges, 2016-2019" and "The Independence of Prosecutors in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Asia Pacific" with prominent anti-corruption practitioners. 52 countries were represented in the meeting. This webinar is a part of the OECD/ACN webinar Series. Click here for more information and for video replays in English and Russian.

Webinar on COVID-19: Corruption in Emergency Public Procurement & Relief Support in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

4 March 2021 - Organised by the Law Enforcement Network (LEN) focused on detecting, investigating and prosecuting corruption in the health sector and emergency public procurement in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Speakers provided examples of organisational and operational measures applied by anti-corruption agencies to respond to corruption during the Covid-19 health crisis. The speakers highlighted real time case studies as well as trends and challenges faced in investigation and prosecution. There were over 55 participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania Uzbekistan, as well as the United States and South Africa. LEN meetings are open to law enforcement officials. For more information please contact ACN@oecd.org and click here.

11th Meeting of the Law Enforcement Network of the OECD/ACN

11 May 2021 - The event attracted national law enforcement contact points - practitioners in charge of investigating and prosecuting corruption-related crimes in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, including specialised anti-corruption prosecutors and investigators, along with other relevant authorities. The meeting discussed the findings of the OECD/ACN Study "The Independence of Prosecutors in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Asia Pacific", mainly focused on different aspects of the individual independence of prosecutors. The Law Enforcement Network (LEN) has also begun discussing a draft methodology of the Matrix of High-Level Corruption Cases - a database of allegations, investigations, and convictions in respective cases. The Matrix will be launched by the end of 2021 based on further consultations with OECD/ACN countries. LEN meetings are open to law enforcement officials. For more information please contact ACN@OECD.org and click here.
Ukraine Law enforcement Project: Training on the detection, investigating and prosecution of complex corruption and related money laundering

2-4 & 9-11 February 2021 – Organised in the framework of an OECD/ACN country-specific project for Ukraine funded by the U.S. Department of State, two virtual trainings focused on the sources of detection, investigative strategies and techniques applied at the early stages of the investigation of complex corruption and related money laundering. The trainings were the first part of an advanced course for law enforcement practitioners in Ukraine. Participants included 25 detectives, prosecutors and Financial Intelligence Unit officers.

Training on the detection, investigating and prosecution of complex corruption and related money laundering

5 February 2021 – The OECD/ACN organised a virtual training for monitoring experts for the Pilot of the 5th Round of Monitoring under the Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan. It included 38 monitoring experts from 13 countries and former and current high-level officials. The Secretariat explained the methodology of the peer review and Performance Indicators and responded to questions. The Pilot was launched in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in December 2020. It is funded by the EU for Integrity Programme. Reports will be adopted in October 2021.

Support to the Fight against Corruption in Uzbekistan, 8th Donor Coordination Meeting on Anti-Corruption

7 April 2021 – OECD/ACN held a donor event to discuss the status of key anti-corruption reforms by the Government with the focus on anti-corruption agency and related support by the donor community to plan possible joint activities and ensure co-ordination.

ON-SITE VISITS

The OECD/ACN undertook several virtual visits from April to May 2021 to conduct the Pilot 5th monitoring round under the Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan, the OECD/ACN’s monitoring mechanism. These countries were Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. The visits included meetings with governmental and non-governmental representatives. The Secretariat also discussed the methodology, Performance Indicators and the Questionnaire. For more information on please click here.