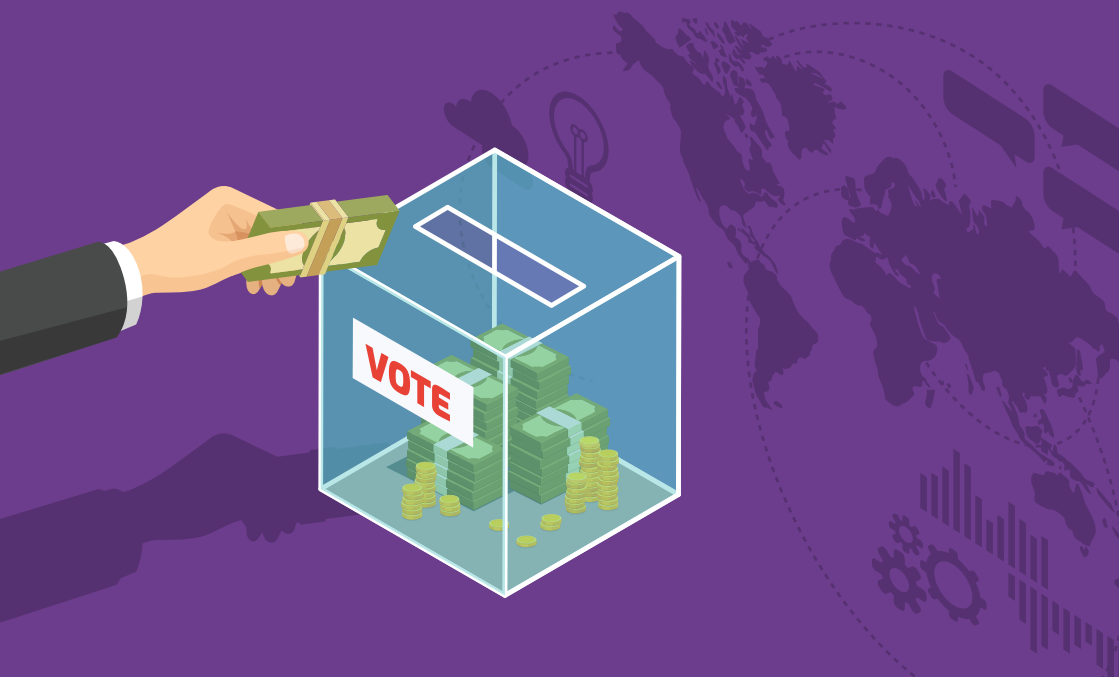


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'Money in Politics' in South-Eastern Europe



Saying 'no' to corruption and bribery in politics

Money is a necessary element of any political process. However, corruption in political financing poses a risk to democratic and economic systems. Politically exposed persons, given their access to state resources and decision-making power, are prone to corrupt activities. Combating and preventing corruption requires the protection of a strong system of regulations and integrity mechanisms.

The project:

- Aims at assessing the level of co-operation between relevant anti-corruption bodies in selected Mission areas in South-Eastern Europe to identify key challenges and existing gaps;
- Examines the relationships between

political party finance regulations, public procurement procedures, the role of politically exposed persons (PEPs), and declarations of assets and income by political and public officials;

- Discusses what the relevant authorities in South-Eastern Europe do to combat

corruption in these areas and what mechanisms could be used to improve their efforts.

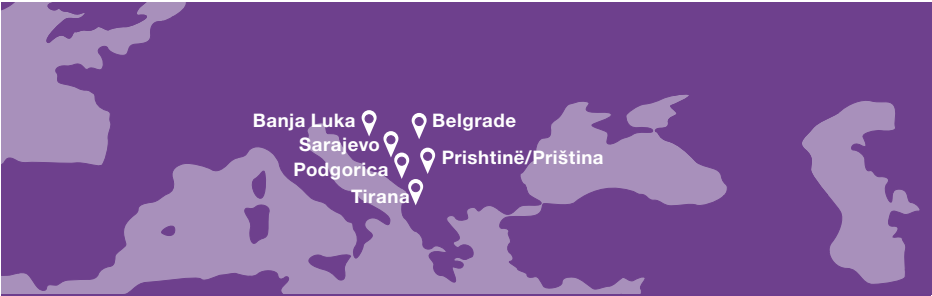
Beneficiaries

Financial Intelligence Units, anti-corruption agencies, auditors, election oversight and public procurement authorities, prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, and civil society.

Project facilitators

The project is implemented as a partnership among the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the OSCE Field Operations in South-Eastern Europe.

Project phases



1 Scoping missions conducted in the first half of 2016 to selected Mission areas to meet with relevant authorities.

2 Questionnaires disseminated to all relevant institutions to gather information on preventing and combating corruption, highlighting mechanisms in place, channels for communication and existing challenges.

3 Assessment reports to serve as tools for providing policy and technical assistance recommendations.

4 To identify trends and share best practices in combating corruption:

Among representatives of
anti-corruption agencies



*'Money in Politics' Expert Meeting
on Sharing Best Practices in
Combating Corruption, Prague,
14 September 2016*

Among NGOs



*'Money in Politics' NGOs Meeting
on Sharing Best Practices in
Combating Corruption, held as a
side event at the Human Dimension
Implementation Meeting, Warsaw,
19 September 2016*

5 **OSCE Anti-Corruption Expert Meeting “Lessons from South-Eastern Europe”**, Vienna, 24-25 October 2016

Officials from anti-corruption agencies, Financial Intelligence Units, public procurement bodies, prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, and civil society representatives discuss threats, trends and regional best practices to develop a list of policy recommendations and technical assistance requests.

Expected results

- Gather and exchange best practices on combating corruption in the area of political party financing, public procurement, prosecution and investigation to create a platform for discussion and information sharing in the field of anti-corruption;
 - Identify vulnerabilities of the institutional procedures, mechanisms and inter-agency co-operation (gap analysis);
 - Produce a set of targeted recommendations as a guiding instrument for the Financial Intelligence Units, anti-corruption agencies, auditors, election oversight and public procurement authorities, prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, and civil society.
- Project facilitators will continue discussing further relevant activities in the region on detecting, investigating and disrupting corruption following the completion of this project.

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