

## News

### HDZ verdict is a turning point for political transparency

*The conviction of former Croatia Prime Minister Ivo Sanader and the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) for corruption is a warning to all political parties, experts and politicians said.*

**SETimes.com, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

### Second Indictment for Corruption against Fatmir Limaj Filed

*EULEX mission said on Wednesday, through a press release, that an international prosecutor from the Special Prosecution has filed an indictment against Fatmir Limaj and four other persons, under suspicions of committing various criminal offences, abusing of 890,000 euro during the time he had been the Minister of Transport and Post-Telecommunication.*

**Kosovain.eu, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.**

### Corruption is ruining Kosovo

*Corruption continues to be present in all state institutions of the Republic of Kosovo. Transparency International which measures the index of the perception of corruption in 177 states, has ranked Kosovo 111th in its latest report on the level of corruption.*

**Independent Balkan News Agency, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

### Turkey attempts to curtail judicial independence

*On 17 December 2013, Turkey woke up to a political mayhem triggered by a corruption probe involving high level officials, sons of three ministers, and businessmen known for their proximity to the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP). For many observers, as well as the Turkish public, what happened in the following weeks resembled an internal strife for political power among former allies, more than legal process.*

**GlobalRiskInsights, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2014.**

### Head of Anti-Corruption Unit in Bulgaria's Security Agency Resigns

*The Director of the Corruption unit of Bulgaria's State Agency for National Security (DANS), Diana Pavlova, has resigned.*

**Novinite.com – Sofia News Agency, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

### US offer evidence of corruption in the privatization of Montenegro Telekom

*The U.S. Commission of Security found evidence of bribery in the privatization of Montenegrin Telekom, said in a statement from the U.S. Embassy in Podgorica. The US embassy today called on the authorities to conduct a thorough investigation and bring those who are guilty in this case to justice.*

**Independent Balkan News Agency, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

### Serbia: Hopefully a new government renews the fight against corruption

*The front runner to become Prime Minister of Serbia, Aleksandar Vucic, is often associated with fighting corruption. In 2012 when he was First Vice Prime Minister, he was the government's "coordinator for the fight against corruption" and developed a reputation for taking down corrupt individuals.*

**Transparency International, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2014.**

### Serbian former minister arrested

*Jasna Matic, former Serbian telecommunication minister and former head of Serbia Investment and Export Promotion Agency (SIEPA), has been arrested over suspicion of authority abuse; three other former SIEPA heads have also been arrested under the same charges.*

**Independent Balkan News Agency, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

## Upcoming Events



[www.mae.ro/seecp](http://www.mae.ro/seecp)

Workshop on  
Quantitative and Qualitative  
Research Methods on Corruption  
and their Application



**Regional Conference on promoting best practices in fighting high-level corruption and on asset recovery**, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 - Konrad Adenauer Foundation's Rule of Law Program South East Europe and the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Bucharest, Romania

**Workshop on Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods on Corruption and their Application**, 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 - Basel Institute on Governance, Basel, Switzerland

**Professional Certificate in Anti-Corruption**, 28<sup>th</sup> July- 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2014 - International Centre for Parliamentary Studies, London, UK

## Reports and Analyses

### **Institutional Integrity, Corruption, and Taxation**

*This article explores what is institutional integrity and how is it related to institutional corruption. In the first part of this paper an account of institutional corruption is presented, such that institutional integrity has been eroded in one or more of a set of relevant dimensions. The main part of this paper explores the ways in which institutional corruption exists in taxation institutions.*

Brock, Gillian, *Institutional Integrity, Corruption, and Taxation*, Edmond J. Safra Working Papers (Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics – Harvard University) No. 39, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

### **Evaluation Report “The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: Corruption prevention in respect of members of parliament, judges and prosecutors**

*Strasbourg, 17 March 2014 – In a report published today on “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, the Council of Europe’s Anti-Corruption Group (GRECO) considers insufficient and expresses concern on the effectiveness of the implementation and enforcement of the legal framework governing the prevention of corruption among members of Parliament, judges and prosecutors. GRECO Report on the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Fourth Evaluation Round, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2014*

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