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CORRUPTION IN ALBANIA – THE CURRENT PICTURE

Officials putting more pressure on the public to extract bribes

Almost one in two adult Albanians say public officials have directly or indirectly demanded bribes from them.

This is one of the key findings to be announced at a conference on the 12th May.

The Corruption Monitoring System for Albania tracks corruption pressure, citizens' involvement in corruption, and their perceptions of the corruption level in the country. It also measures the capacity and capability of the Albanian authorities to tackle the problem effectively.

This latest study found that cases of bribery had worsened by around 5 percentage points compared to the same study in 2014.

This indicates that there has been a self-admitted increase in the corruption pressure on citizens from public officials. While this is clearly not what the Albanian public and international partners have been looking for, other results from the Corruption Monitoring System point to some positive developments. In addition, they provide for important insights into how to address the problem more effectively in Albania.

The full results of the Corruption Monitoring System for Albania, 2016 will be revealed at a policy conference in Tirana, Albania, dedicated to the role of civil society in good governance and anticorruption policies in Albania and South-East Europe.

The conference will include participants from civil society and the public sector, to discuss the findings and consult policy recommendations related to the report.

When: May 12, 2016, 14:00

Where: Teuta Room, Tirana International, Tirana, Albania

Who: More than 40 anti-corruption public figures and professionals from governmental institutions, EU institutions, civil society and private sector

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