

News

Albania: EU grants Albania candidate status in light of recent anticorruption successes

On June 24, Albania was granted EU candidate status based on the European Commission's recommendation from its report on Albania's progress in fighting corruption and organized crime.

Europa.eu, June 24 2014.

Albania: Interior Ministry declares success in police anticorruption reform

Albanian Interior Minister Saimir Tahiri declared success in reforming the Albanian police 300 days after beginning the Ministry's anticorruption program. In addition to new police equipment, the Interior Ministry announced that over 700 police officers had been disciplined for bribe-taking.

Independent Balkan News Agency, 23 July, 2014

Bulgaria: Sigma policemen indicted for bribery and extortion

Seven members of the Sofia's Sigma motorcycle patrol unit, including the unit leader, were indicted on July 31 on charges of bribery and blackmail. All but the unit leader have been released on bail.

Novinite.com, 01 August, 2014.

Kosovo: Corruption in Kosovo is not being fought

In a study published by the SPEAK Up! Movement, corruption remains rampant in Kosovo's government. The SPEAK study found remarkably low levels of indictment and arrests for charges ranging from bribe-taking to abuse of office. Despite the existence of anti-corruption legislation and an anticorruption commission, activists say that the Kosovar government lacks the political will to address corruption in governance.

Independent Balkans News Agency, 04 August, 2014.

Serbia: Anti-Corruption Council says FZ should not handle reconstruction money

Serbia's Anti-Corruption Council has advised the Serbian government to not distribute RSD 1 billion (EUR 8.5 million) through the State Development Fund (FZ) due to its reputation for corruption. FZ is suspected of being little more than a patronage appendage for the Serbian Executive Branch.

InSerbia. 30 July 2014

Serbia: Foreign Minister testifies in Galenika corruption case

Foreign Minister and SPS party leader Ivica Dačić confirmed on August 1st that he was questioned as a part of the Serbian government's probe into corruption in the privatization of the Serbian state-owner Galenika corporation. So far 135 people have been questioned.

RAI-SEE. 01 August 2014

Upcoming Events

Compliance and Economic Crime in Financial Institutions, 24-25 September 2014, Moscow, Russia.

Hosted by C5 in cooperation with Bureau Van Dijk and Interfax.

6th U.S.-Central Europe Strategy Forum, 2 October 2014, to be held in Washington D.C., USA, hosted by the Center for European Policy Analysts (CEPA) in cooperation with the Slovak Presidency of the Visegrad Group.

World Bribery & Corruption Compliance 2014, 11-13 November 2014, London, United Kingdom.

Hosted by IBC Legal.

Anti-Corruption Poland, 24-25 February, 2015, Warsaw, Poland. Hosted by C5.

European Compliance & Ethics Institute, 29 March – 1 April 2015, London, United Kingdom

Hosted by SCCE.

Reports and Analyses

Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on Albania's Progress in the Fight Against Corruption and Organised Crime and in the Judicial Reform

Recent reforms and enforcement of existing anticorruption legislation within government and Albania's law enforcement agencies has led the European Commission to recommend EU candidate status for Albania.
European Commission, 4 June 2014

Protection of the European Union's Financial Interests- Fight Against Fraud 2013 Annual Report

In 2013, Bulgaria was ranked as the third most-corrupt state within the European Union after Italy and Romania. Bulgaria was found to have attempted to defraud the EU of 9.4 million euro in 97 false claims, out of a total 309 million euro claimed in 1,609 fraudulent claims across the EU.

European Commission, 17 July 2014

National Integrity System Assessment Moldova 2014

The report found that, despite its democratically elected government, Moldova still faces serious systemic corruption, especially from its lack of an independent, professional, and credible judiciary. Moldova scored 35 out of 100 on Transparency International's corruption 2013 Perception Index (0 being most corrupt and 100 being least).

Transparency International Moldova, 29 July 2014

Report on Fourth Assessment Visit; Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism

Despite Romanian efforts to improve its legal and enforcement framework, money laundering remains an ongoing problem. The report provides several recommendations for additional reforms regarding anti-money laundering efforts.

MONEYVAL/Council of Europe. 29 July 2014

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