

News

Balkans: EU Commission Charts Uneven Progress in Balkans

Presenting the annual Enlargement Package, Commissioner Štefan Füle, pointed out most Balkan countries have made some progress on their EU path, but key areas of concern remain: organised crime, corruption, rule of law, the courts, politicized state administrations and free media.

BalkanInsight, 8 October, 2014.

Albania: Albania has most corrupt justice in Europe

According to Albanian Prime Minister, Edi Rama, Albania's judicial system is Europe's most corrupt, considering corruption has been a big problem in the region. He insisted the government started judicial reforms and keep moving forward, as demanded by EU member states, especially Germany.

RAI-SEE, 24 September, 2014

Macedonia: Macedonian Corruption Commission 'Ignoring' Big Players

Macedonia's State Anti-Corruption Commission, according to experts, is turning a blind eye to important allegations made against senior politicians and focusing only on small fry. A former member of the Commission said that the "big fish" in politics were clearly untouchable as far as the the commission was concerned.

BalkanInsight, 3 October, 2014.

Macedonia: police detains 14 Skopje judges cited for corruption

In the framework of operation "Justicia", the Ministry of Interior department for organized and serious crime has pressed charges to the Skopje-based Basic Public Prosecutor's Office against 14 judges of Skopje's Court, suspected of abuse of official position and authority.

RAI-SEE, 8 October, 2014.

Moldova: Two policemen sentenced to prison for passive corruption

Two inspectors of Special Missions Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs were convicted and sentenced for passive corruption, after years in a row, their case was retried. According to prosecutors, the two officers were accused of receiving money in exchange of condoning detected illegalities.

TeleRadioMoldova, 29 October, 2014.

Romania: President approved request of initiating criminal proceedings in the Microsoft licenses resellers corruption case

President Traian Basescu has approved the Justice Minister's request of initiating criminal proceedings against the five former ministers under investigation in the Microsoft corruption case, which actually involves nine former ministers. He stressed that this case must be investigated as quickly as possible and be solved. He added that, as regards the recovery of prejudice, some bank accounts were frozen.

RAI-SEE, 6 October, 2014.

Serbia: Serbia adopts the Bill on the protection of whistleblowers

The Serbian government adopted the Bill on the protection of whistleblowers, which envisages providing full protection for persons who report suspicions of corruption. The protection of whistleblowers safeguards the public interest, and the proposed law eliminates the possibility that whistleblowers suffer adverse consequences and provides them with proper legal security.

Balkans News, 03 October, 2014.

Upcoming Events

[SELDI Regional Conference on Good Governance and Anti-corruption Policy Challenges](#), 13-14 November 2014, Tirana, Albania. Hosted by the Albanian Center for Economic Research (ACER).

[International Conference: Energy Security and State Capture Risks in Europe](#), 27 October 2014, Sofia, Bulgaria. Hosted by the Center for the Study of Democracy.

[SELDI Steering Committee Meeting: The Role of the CSOs in Implementing Regional Anti-corruption Programmes and Seminar: CSO Executive Management and Development](#), 28 October 2014, Sofia, Bulgaria. Hosted by the Center for the Study of Democracy.

[Anti-Corruption Policy Forum: USAID Macedonia Anti-Corruption Program](#), 14 October 2014, FYR of Macedonia. Hosted by the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCIC).

[XII International Conference on Anti-Corruption, Good Governance and Human Rights](#), 30-31 October 2014, Seville, Spain. Hosted by World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology.

[Anti-Bribery Seminar](#), 21 October 2014, Dubai, UAE. Hosted by TRACE International, ACCME and Norton Rose Fulbright

[Anti-Bribery Seminar](#), 30 October 2014, Istanbul, Turkey. Hosted by TRACE International.

[Anti-Corruption Italy](#), 11-12 November, 2014, Milan, Italy. Hosted by C5.

[C5's Forum on Anti-Corruption - Scandinavia Edition](#), 25-26 November 2014, Copenhagen, Denmark. Hosted by C5.

Reports and Analyses

[Volume 2: The Anticorruption Frontline](#)

Corruption is near the top of all global protesters' list of grievances – from the Occupy movement to the Arab Spring. There is increasing demand for good governance resulting in quality education and health systems, and denunciation of sheer bread and circus populism. Volume 2 of the ANTICORRP Anticorruption Report tackles these issues across key cases and developments.

Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (editor), Barbara Budrich Publishers, 17 September 2014

[Economy, corruption or floating voters? Explaining the breakthroughs of anti-establishment reform parties in eastern Europe](#)

The paper discusses a new group of parties seen as anti-establishment reform parties. Electoral breakthroughs in central and eastern Europe are analyzed and five sufficient causal paths combining high or rising corruption, rising unemployment and party system instability are found. Rising corruption plays a key role in most pathways.

SAGE Journals, 29 September 2014

[Serbia Progress Report 2014](#)

This Progress Report for Serbia identifies many important problems and recommendations related to the fight against corruption, most of them were expressed in previous years as well. This report, besides asserting certain improvements, should be regarded as another reminder to the Government of Serbia that current anticorruption measures are not sufficient.

European Commission, 8 October 2014

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