

News by SELDI members

Albania: National Conference ‘Religious Radicalism and Violent Extremism in Albania’

SELDI’s partner, the Institute for Democracy and Mediation in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior launched at a national conference the findings of the study “Religious radicalism and violent extremism in Albania”. The study is part of a project funded by the US State Department aimed at preventing religious radicalisation by examining the risk factors and producing reliable data to inform policy-making at the national and local level. **IDM, 18 August 2015.**



Photo: Institute for Democracy and Mediation

Croatia: Marie Curie IAPP Summer School for Multiple Moralities and Shadow Economies in Post-socialism

As a part of the project *Out of the Shadows: Developing capacities and capabilities for tackling undeclared work in Bulgaria, Croatia and FYR Macedonia*, the International summer school for multiple moralities and shadow economies in post-socialism was held in Zagreb on 29 and 30 August 2015. CSD’s sister organization Vitosha Research and SELDI’s partner Institute of Public Finance were part of the organizers. Early stage researchers presented empirically-based papers, as well as theoretically-rich accounts on the relationship between the formal and the informal economy, state-citizen dynamics and conflictual moralities. **IPF, 30-31 August 2015.**

Montenegro: Delegation of German SPD Paid a Visit to CCE

The Executive Director of the Centre for Civic Education (CCE) Daliborka Uljarević, along with her associates – Boris Marić, senior legal advisor and Ana Vujošević, European integration programme coordinator, met on 28 August 2015 with the delegation of twelve members of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SDP). The process of European integration of Montenegro and the current social-political situation, as well as specific issues such as corruption and the role of the NGO sector in the Europeanization of the country were topics of discussion. **CEE, 28 August 2015.**



Photo: Centre for Civic Education



Photo: Romanian Academic Society

Romania: RAS Organised the ‘Clean Romania’ Summer School

The Romanian Academic Society organized the ‘Clean Romania’ Summer University on 27-30 August 2015 in Predeal. Participants from different areas, such as representatives of the civil society, collaborators of the romaniacurata.ro platform and journalists discussed issues related to civil society and grassroots engagement. **RAS, 31 August 2015.**

BiH: Ten Years of Prison for Financial Crimes

In the biggest sentences for white collar crime in the post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mladen Keckerović, a businessman from Laktaši, was found guilty for a number of white collar crimes. His delinquencies include money laundering, tax and customs' evasion, tampering with evidence, taking down or damaging an official stamp and aggravated theft. **CIN, 04 September, 2015.**

FYROM: Former Government Officials Suspected of a Corruption Affair

Three former directors of "Magyar Telecom" as well as the former social democrat Prime Minister, Vlado Buckovski along with three officials of the Albanian party, BDI (Democratic Union for Integration) have been accused by one of the former heads of secret services in FYROM, for illicit activities between Magyar Telecom and the government. According to that, the former government coalition of FYROM has benefited 7,5 million Euros from Magyar Telecom, through contracts improvised for consultancy and other services. **Ibna, 07 September 2015.**

Upcoming Events

SELDI Conference: Enhancing CSOs Advocacy Efforts for Countering Corruption in Critical Sectors in SEE through Leveraging the EU Accession Process and State of the Art Research, 29-30 October, Podgorica, Montenegro

The SELDI initiative will organize one and half day conference in Podgorica to discuss with local and regional stakeholders the best methods for transforming the existing cutting-edge anti-corruption and good governance research into efficient policy and advocacy tools. The participants will comment on the October 2015 edition of the EC progress report and focus on the next steps in unfreezing the EU accession process. The SELDI members will present initial findings from a research on the energy sector governance deficits. During the second day the participants will exchange experience in CSOs' advocacy and management practices, and the ways of leveraging EU and national reform efforts.

Regional Conference '15 Years of Reforms: What Worked Best', 28 September 2015, Chisinau, Moldova

The Regional Anti-corruption Initiative (RAI) is organizing in cooperation with the National Anti-corruption Center of the Republic of Moldova a regional conference on the occasion of 15 years of RAI. The challenges faced and lessons learned by the countries in Southeast Europe during the last 15 years will be the topic discussed by state representatives, independent anti-corruption experts and representatives of NGOs. **RAI.**

Reports and Analyses

Exporting Corruption, Progress Report 2015: Assessing Enforcement of the OECD Convention on Combatting Foreign Bribery

The Transparency International 2015 Progress Report assesses the enforcement of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD's) Anti-Bribery Convention in the 41 signatory countries. Active Enforcement in four countries, Moderate Enforcement in six countries, Limited Enforcement in nine countries, and Little or No Enforcement in 20 countries is shown by the report. **TI.**

GRECO Fourth Evaluation Round Report 'Corruption prevention in respect of members of parliament, judges and prosecutors in Montenegro'

In its newly published report the Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption states that despite progress in several areas 'corruption continues to be an important concern in Montenegro'. It presents recommendations regarding members of parliament, judges and prosecutors in order to improve Montenegro's tools and framework for the fight against corruption. **GRECO.**

New Publication 'Political Dialogue' of IDSCS and Konrad Adenauer foundation

SELDI's partner, the Institute for Democracy 'Societas Civilis' in Skopje, in association with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation analyses political dialogue in its new publication. 'The understanding that dialogue and cooperation are inherent part of the political process should be internalized in the political behavior of the actors, in the same way as the political competition.' **IDSCS**.

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