Fighting corruption with business integrity

Business integrity helps to decrease corruption risks in private and state-owned enterprises (SOEs)

The biggest corruption risks to companies are: public procurements (57%), permits, judiciary, politicians, tax collection, absence of proper internal regulations

What shall companies do?

- Carry out corruption risk assessments within the organization
- Adopt Integrity Action-Plan and Code of Conduct
- Establish conflicts of interest rules and prohibition of gifts, hospitality, travel and entertainment, political and charitable contributions and sponsorships
- Create safe channels for reporting corruption, advice and protection of whistleblowers
- Establish rules on applying anti-corruption programmes to third parties

The role of governments:

- Establish transparent licensing, permits, and public procurement systems
- Protect whistleblowers from persecution
- Criminalize bribery, trading in influence and other corruption crimes and enforce them
- Introduce compliance programs in SOEs
- Establish an effective Business Ombudsman system
- Establish incentives system for transparent companies

What did UNDP achieve in Ukraine?

- In Ukraine, UNDP in cooperation with the OECD and the Business Ombudsman of Ukraine, facilitated the establishment of the Ukrainian Network of Integrity and Compliance (UNIC) (www.unic.org.ua)
- Over 59 companies in 46 cities have already joined the network
- In 2018, UNDP together with UNIC organized a Business Integrity Week and conducted several seminars for SOEs
- UNDP and the National Agency on Corruption Prevention of Ukraine (NACP) have also developed:
  - a model anti-corruption programme for companies (250 SOEs already using it) (https://bit.ly/2riMe5K)
  - an online course on conflicts of interest (https://goo.gl/qW6hK)

The role of business associations and civil society:

- Provide a helpline for counseling and advice on anti-corruption issues and due diligence
- Conduct training and awareness raising events on business integrity, including on foreign bribery
- Ensure proper representation of the company in relations with state authorities

What did UNDP achieve in Kosovo?

- In Kosovo UNDP has partnered with the American Chamber of Commerce to organize a series of meetings in the municipalities with companies to discuss how they can report corruption and the role of the Anti-corruption Agency
- Together we have also conducted Corruption Perception Study of businesses, which identified corruption as the most serious problem after inefficient court system

CORRUPTION CAN BE DEFEATED!

* References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of UN Security Council resolution 1244 (1999)