

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



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



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



Kosovo¹

- ✓ 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

¹ References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of UN Security Council resolution 1244 (1999)

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

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/2rmciGV>)
 - step-by-step guidelines (<https://bit.ly/2qGqMBI>)
 - an online course on conflicts of interest (<https://goo.gl/qWe6hK>)



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