SELDI CSO Training: Corruption and State Capture Monitoring, Advocacy and Impact in a World of Hybrid Threats

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Civil Society Team (CST) implements activities to promote dialogue between civil society, the private sector, and Member States on drug & crime-related issues.
• Capacity building activities (workshops, round-tables);
• Conferences and other relevant events;
• Grants for CSOs;
• Civil society e-platforms;
• Materials & publications.
United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)

The Convention covers four chapters:

1. Preventive measures
2. Criminalization and law enforcement
3. International cooperation
4. Asset recovery
UNCAC Outline

Adopted by the UN General Assembly: 31 October 2003
Entry into force: 14 December 2005
Parties: 186

There are two cycles of the UNCAC and the Review Mechanism:
2010-2015: Criminalization and Law Enforcement and International Cooperation
2016-2020: Preventive measures and Asset recovery.

Article 12 - Private sector
Article 13 - Participation of society
Achievements from workshops:

- Over 360 CSOs trained on UNCAC since 2011;
- 89% of states involved non-state actors stakeholders in the 1st review cycle and 91% in the 2nd review cycle.
CSO-PS Statement

• Action #1: Training and knowledge
• Action #2: UNCAC Country reviews
• Action #3: Collective Action

Civil society and private sector agree on principles for partnership on addressing corruption in SEE

On 1 February 2019, the UNODC Civil Society Team (CST) organized a follow-up meeting to draft an outcome document which affirms the fundamental importance of active participation of individuals and groups outside the public sector in the prevention of and the fight against corruption and raising public awareness regarding the existence, causes and gravity of and the threat posed by corruption, as stipulated by Article 12 and 13 of the UNCAC. This event resulted from previous collaborations throughout the three multi-stakeholder workshops on the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and its Review Mechanism.

The outcome statement spells out concrete and practical steps towards a strengthened cooperation in the areas of training and knowledge, implementation of UNCAC and its Review Mechanism and collective action. This document has been endorsed by the contributors and remains open for additional endorsements. As for the next steps, actions undertaken in this regard as well as the outcome statement will be presented at a side event during the upcoming eight session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in Abu Dhabi on 16-20 December 2019.

The meeting brought together ten civil society representatives and six private sector actors from the region, namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo under UNODC 1244 as well as partners from the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative, the UNCAC Coalition and the Southeast Europe Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI) network.

This event took place in the framework of the CST SEE programme that includes the "Southwest Europe Regional Programme on Strengthening the Capacity of Anti-corruption Authorities and Civil Society to Combat Corruption and Contribute to the UNCAC Review Process", funded by the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI); and the project on "Enhancing the Capacity of Civil Society on Anti-Corruption and Good Governance in the Western Balkans", funded by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), both of which place emphasis on multi-stakeholder initiatives in the fight against corruption.

Outcome Statement

Endorsed by the following entities as of 14 June 2019:

- Institute for Development, Research and Alternatives (Albania)
- International Chamber of Commerce (Albania)
- Optima Legal & Financial (Albania)
- Transparency International (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Diners Club (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Center for the Development of Youth Activism (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (North Macedonia)
- Transparency International (North Macedonia)
- Kosovo Law Institute
- CAZAS (Montenegro)
- CRNOGORSKI TELEKOM A.D. (Montenegro)
- ASTRA (Serbia)
- European Policy Centre - CEP Belgrade (Serbia)
Next steps:

In regards to the Statement:

• Disseminate the statement to a broader civil society and private sector network for endorsement;
• Develop a mechanism to monitor the implementation of the recommendations;
• Organize an event at the eight session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC (COSP8) that will take place on 16-20 December in Abu Dhabi and present the statement, as well as utilize other occasions to present the document;
• Provide materials and resources, such as the guide and documentation on entry points for CSOs in the UNCAC, TI guide on working with the PS, compliance framework materials, and expert advice in support of the implementation of the recommendations.

In regards to the SEE Programme:

• Continue trainings on UNCAC and its review mechanism;
• Engage and sponsor CSO/PS participation in relevant anti-corruption events to showcase good practices.
Thank You!

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