

SELDI webinar

***State Capture: Bridging the Gap between
Diagnostics and Practical Solutions in the
Western Balkans***

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What is the Gap between Diagnostics and Solutions?

- THE GAP IS THE DISCONNECT BETWEEN REFORMS AND OUTCOMES
- DO THE REFORMS REALLY WORK? HOW MUCH ENERGY THEY DISSIPATE? CAN WE CHANNEL THE ENERGY DIFFERENTLY?
- WHAT CAN WE TAKE FROM THE EU RULE OF LAW REPORT?

What is the question we should be asking?

“North Macedonia has been a **world champion of good governance regulation** due to its EU accession process. At the same time, **it did not prevent it from being a fully captured state** until very recently. While the country seems to have returned to democracy, with only the lack of autonomy of the judiciary reflecting the past, it has probably one of the **largest implementation gaps** when good governance is concerned.”
(public integrity forecast)

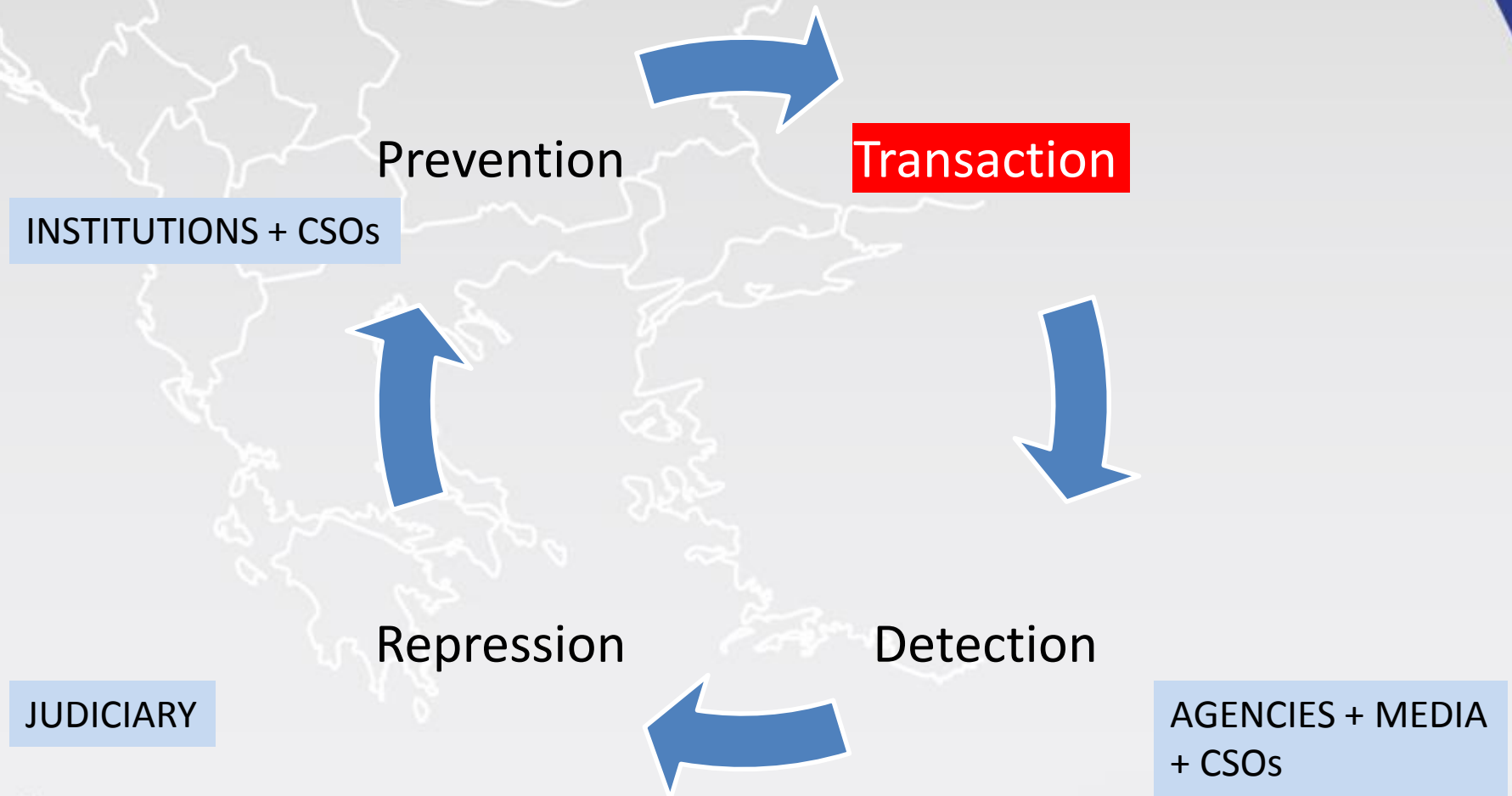


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“legislation is in place, implementation lacking”

So how do we fix implementation first?

An overly simplified diagram of anti-corruption

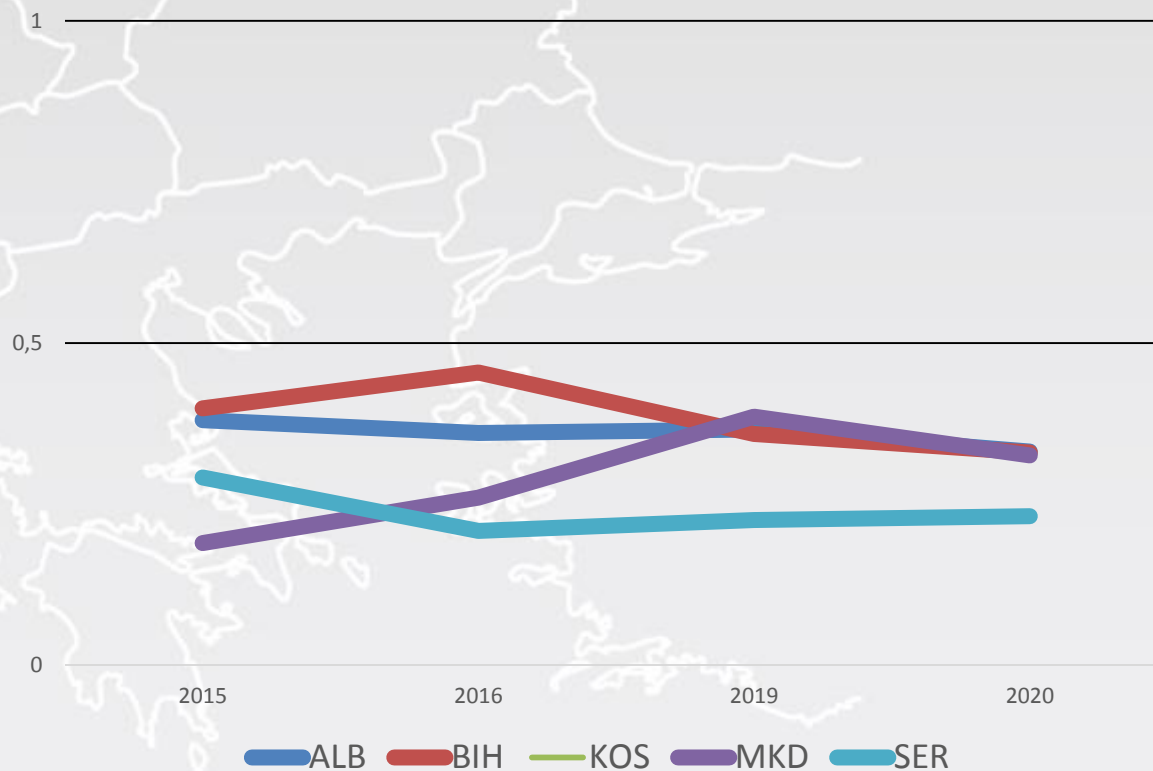


A white outline map of Southeast Europe is centered on a light gray background. The map shows the borders of countries in the Balkans and the Aegean region. In the top right corner, there are several overlapping blue triangles of varying shades, creating a geometric pattern.

**WITHOUT INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY,
THERE IS NO SUCCESS AGAINST
STATE CAPTURE**

SO HOW DO WE STAND?

CRIMINAL SYSTEM IS FREE FROM GOV. INFLUENCE (world justice project)



SOCIETAL PRESSURE
MEDIA
WATCHDOGS

CASES

JUDICIARY

CASES

INSTITUTIONS

DIAGNOSTICS

IMPROVE OR
INFORM

SCATTERED NOT SYSTEMATIC

POLITICAL PRESSURE
FROM PARLIAMENT

NO TRACKING OF GAPS BETWEEN
FINDINGS AND CASES