

Anti-Corruption in Montenegro Successes and Challenges

Round Table: The Anti-Corruption Agenda for Southeast Europe after
the 2016 Enlargement Package: How to Break the State Capture
Deadlock and Make Enlargement Deliver Again?

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Elections

- OSCE/ODIHR and EC Report:
 - „The elections were held in a competitive environment and fundamental freedoms were generally respected“
- However...
 - Professional capacity of election administration inadequate;
 - No political follow-up to the abuse of public funds for election purposes;
 - Media did not exercise editorial independence;
 - High public distrust in outcome.
- Need for professional and impartial election administration.

Anti-Corruption

- Anti-Corruption Agency
 - Conflict of interest
 - Lobbying
 - Integrity
 - Whistleblowers protection
 - Political finance
- Noticed shortcomings:
 - Lack of capacity
 - Lack of proactive approach
 - Lack of transparency and openness
 - Credibility issues

Judiciary

- Progress made:
 - New legislative framework
 - Increased capacities of Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils
 - Increased transparency
 - First „big fish“ corruption cases
- What is missing...
 - Independence (recruitment and promotion)
 - Accountability (Code of Ethics and disciplinary proceedings)
 - Capacity building

Public Administration Reform

- 2016-2020 Public Administration Reform Strategy
 - De-politicization
 - Right-Sizing
 - Improve RIA
 - Merit-based recruitment
 - Policy Planing and Coordination

Role of CSOs

- Important roles:
 - Monitoring
 - Watchdog
 - Policy Advocacy
- EU support:
 - Regional exchanges and networking
 - Access to information and knowledge

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Thank you !

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