



Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

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What is the ACN

- Since 1998, for 25 countries, **from Estonia to Mongolia**, including 4 Eastern Partnership partner countries
- Governed by **Steering Group** of National Coordinators
- One of regional programmes of OECD **Working Group on Bribery**
- **Secretariat** – at the Anti-Corruption Division of the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs (DAF)
- **Cooperation with IOs** – SIGMA, CoE, UN, EBRD, EU OSCE etc
- **Cooperation with civil society**
- **Budget** – voluntary contributions from OECD member states, co-funding by international organisations and countries self-financing.



What does the ACN do

- **High level meetings**, once per Work Programme, next in 2020
- **Istanbul Action Plan** – peer review programme for Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia + Central Asian countries, 5th round to be launched in 2020
- **Thematic work** on prevention, criminalisation, business integrity
- **Law-Enforcement Network**
- **Country projects**



Summary and Annual Reports

- **Summary reports** - after each round of monitoring – new benchmark (last in 2016, next in 2019)
- **Annual reports** – based on performance indicators – including on those of the *EaP Deliverables 2020*





ACN plenary, March 2019, OECD headquarters Paris





Thematic link with EaP deliverables on anti-corruption

- Declaration of assets and conflict of interest
- Prevention of corruption among MPs, judges, prosecutors
- Independent specialised anti-corruption bodies
- High level corruption cases
- Legal framework for confiscation, AROs
- Financial investigations
- Public registries of beneficial ownership
- Independence of judiciary



Work Programme 2020-2024

1. Peer Review Programme: Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan 5th round of monitoring
2. Regional policy dialogue
3. Regional capacity building
4. Country projects
5. Taking stock of the regional reforms



Activity 1. Istanbul Action Plan

- **Georgia** – 2016; **Azerbaijan** and **Ukraine** – 2017, **Armenia** – 2018 (**Moldova** and **Belarus** are only covered in summary and annual reports)
- Comprehensive questionnaires – peer review - assessments and recommendations
 - Anti-corruption **policy** and coordination bodies
 - **Prevention** – integrity of civil service, political officials, judges and prosecutors, procurement, access to information, business integrity
 - **Criminalisation and enforcement** – legislation, institutions, statistics on cases
 - **Sectors** – procurement for infrastructure, education, State Owned Enterprises
- Civil society and other non-governmental inputs
- Publication of reports, press releases, return missions



Activity 1: IAP 5th round of monitoring

Key principles

- Peer review and equal treatment
- Comprehensive scope
- Questionnaire, on-site visit, adoption based on consensus
- Participation of civil society, business, international and other non-governmental partners
- Publication of reports

Major innovations

- Introduction of standard performance indicators with clear benchmarks
- Streamlining the scope of monitoring
- Annual reviews
- Opportunity for countries to choose which area to prioritize annually
- Civil society's enhanced role
- High standardization, consistency and predictability



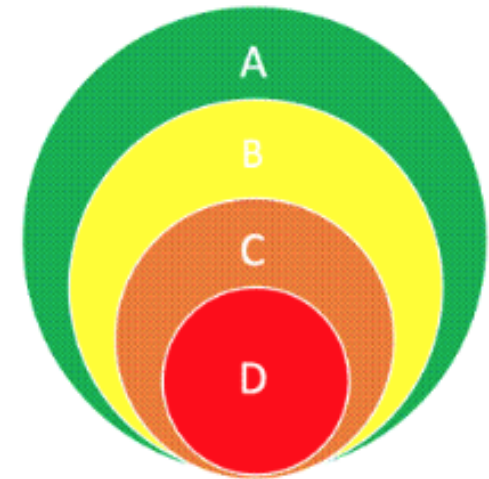
Performance indicators for monitoring

No.	Performance Indicator	Benchmarks (to be developed)
Area A. Anticorruption policy and institutions		
PI-1	Anticorruption policy, monitoring and evaluation	
PI-2	Corruption prevention and policy co-ordination institutions	
Area B. Prevention of corruption		
PI-3	Conflict of interest and other restrictions	
PI-4	Asset and interest declarations	Please see example below
PI-5	Whistle-blower protection	
PI-6	Independence of judiciary	
PI-7	Independence of the public prosecution service	
	Integrity in public procurement	
PI-8	Business integrity	
Area C. Enforcement of criminal liability for corruption		
PI-9	Enforcement of bribery offences	
PI-10	Enforcement of liability of legal persons	
PI-11	Confiscation of corruption proceeds and asset recovery	
PI-12	Investigation and prosecution of high-level corruption	
PI-13	Specialised investigative and prosecutorial bodies	



Benchmarking

Performance Indicator: Effective Asset and Interest Declarations	
Score	Benchmarks
D Not compliant	No system of asset and interest declarations is in place
C Partially compliant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Asset/ interest declarations system is established in law✓ High-level officials are required to declare assets/ interests✓ Relatives are included in the scope✓ Scope of declarations allows detecting conflict of interests and illicit enrichment✓ Sanctions are established in law
B Largely compliant	<u>All of C, +</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Electronic form of submission✓ Publicly available on-line✓ Machine readable data published✓ Responsible body with the mandate to sanction
A Fully compliant	<u>All of B, +</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Effective verification✓ Effective enforcement of sanctions



Combining pyramid and points system for scoring, tbd



Example of assessment

Example of assessment chart



ARMENIA

AZERBAIJAN

GEORGIA

MOLDOVA

UKRAINE

**Asset and
interest
declarations**

B	D	B	B	B
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Activity 2: Regional policy dialogue

- Annual **regional outlooks**
- Based on **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**
- Data from all **25 countries**, cross-checked with other available sources
- Analysis by the Secretariat
- Discussions at the Steering Group Meetings

	Istanbul Action Plan monitoring		ACN regional Outlook report
No.	Performance Indicator	No.	Key Performance Indicator (to be developed)
Area A. Anticorruption policy and institutions			
PI-1	Anticorruption policy, monitoring and evaluation	KPI-1	Anticorruption policy, monitoring and evaluation
PI-2	Corruption prevention and policy co-ordination institutions	KPI-2	Corruption prevention and policy co-ordination institutions
Area B. Prevention of corruption			
PI-3	Conflict of interest and other restrictions	-	
PI-4	Asset and interest declarations	KPI-3	Asset and interest declarations
PI-5	Whistle-blower protection	KPI-4	Whistle-blower protection
PI-6	Independence of judiciary	-	
PI-7	Independence of the public prosecution service	-	
	Integrity in public procurement?		Integrity in public procurement?
PI-8	Business integrity	KPI-5	Business integrity
Area C. Enforcement of criminal liability for corruption			
PI-9	Enforcement of bribery offences	KPI-6	Enforcement of bribery offences
PI-10	Enforcement of liability of legal persons	-	
PI-11	Confiscation of corruption proceeds and asset recovery	-	
PI-12	Investigation and prosecution of high-level corruption	KPI-7	Investigation and prosecution of high-level corruption
PI-13	Specialised investigative and prosecutorial bodies	KPI-8	Specialised investigative and prosecutorial bodies



Activity 3: Regional capacity building: Law-Enforcement Network (LEN)

- Annual meetings
- Thematic study on **high-level corruption**
- Matrix of high-profile corruption cases
- Internet community
- Cooperation with regional LENs and participation in the Global LEN
- Formal LEN contact list



Activity 3: Regional capacity building: anti-corruption in real-life sectors

- Options for sectoral work:
 - **exchange of experience good practices** in different sectors (or in one selected sector) at policy-making and expert levels,
 - developing benchmarks and **methodologies** for integrity and corruption assessments and for the development of evidence based sectoral plans,
 - **regional comparative review** of integrity and anti-corruption reforms in a selected sector.
- Selection of sectors (tbd)



Activity 3: Regional capacity building: Business Integrity (BI)

- Supporting and expanding ACN group of **BI champions (BIC)** by
 - strengthening the evidence-based policies: monitoring on KPIs and **Regional Outlook on BI, summary report**
 - providing a forum for policy debate, e.g. as a part of the **annual BI sessions** of the OECD Global Forum on Integrity and Anti-Corruption technical
 - **capacity building** through technical seminars for individual countries and for various regional groups, e.g. Business Ombudsmen, other state bodies, SOEs and SMEs, and business associations and **BI initiatives**



Activity 4: country projects

- On demand
- OECD/ACN expertise
- Value-added for regional work



Activity 5: Taking stock of regional anticorruption reforms

- Summary report
- External evaluation
- High level meeting



CSO Role

- In all 5 activities
- Shadow monitoring and advocacy
- Participation locally and internationally
- High-level corruption cases: Matrix
- Seeking synergies with various a/c initiatives



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