



**Regional Event for Higher Education and Public Enterprises Sectors on Corruption Risk  
Assessment (CRA) and Corruption Proofing of Legislation (CPL)**

Belgrade, Serbia, April 4 and 5, 2023

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Opening statements:**

Ms. Aneta Arnaudovska, Senior Anti-Corruption Advisor, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI)  
Ms. Milica Bozanic, Head of the Department for Strengthening Institutional Integrity, Agency for Prevention of Corruption of Serbia (APC)  
Mr. Jovan Bozovic, Assistant Director in the Department for Legal Affairs, Agency for Prevention of Corruption of Serbia)

On behalf of the organizers, the Senior Anti-Corruption Advisor, Ms. Aneta Arnaudovska presented steps undertaken under the framework of the strategic goal of strengthening the integrity of the public sector through transparent rules and procedures. RAI introduced a sectoral approach to the implementation of the CRA and CPL mechanisms in accordance with the recommendations of all international monitoring mechanisms that indicate the need to achieve concrete and visible results in strengthening the integrity of public officials, especially in preventing corruption at the sectoral and local levels.

Ms. Bozanic and Mr. Bozovic from APC Serbia highlighted the efforts and main achievements of the Agency in the area of sectoral CRA and CPL.

In the course of both days, participants had a chance to practice the implementation of [CRA and CPL Guidance with Checklists](#) on actual examples from both sectors. This was the opportunity for participants to share best practices and lessons learned with representatives from different sectors and jurisdictions.

Regional Event was designed to enable peer-to-peer exchange among professionals from the anti-corruption agencies and competent institutions for Higher Education and Public Enterprises sectors in the CRA and CPL. During the third session devoted to peer-to-peer exchange, **Ms. Milica Bozanic** presented Methodology for sectoral risk assessment of corruption, developed by the APC Serbia. Methodology is designed for the purpose of developing a new National Strategy for the fight against corruption. It was emphasized that this process involved numerous institutions and civil society organizations.

On the second day, **Ms. Milica Popovic**, Head of the Department for Monitoring Regulations and Providing Opinions on Anti-Corruption Regulations from the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption of Montenegro presented good practices in the application of the RAI methodology for CRA and CPL, as well as the latest good practice in the application of the Guidelines with

Checklists for CPL. Ms. Popovic cited a concrete example - the initiative for the adoption of the Law on Public Enterprises. Using the CPL guidelines for this sector, Agency conducted an analysis and submitted the initiative for the adoption of the Law on Public Enterprises with concrete proposals to the Government.

**Mr. Goran Roganovic**, Head of the Department for Legal Affairs and Representation in the Sector for Legal Affairs from APC Serbia presented the CPL Methodology developed in cooperation with OSCE Serbia, and shared with participants best practices for applying CPL mechanisms in everyday work.

Regional Event is the final step in RAI's endeavours to introduce the Guidance with Checklists to public institutions and in daily practice. After delivering a series of events in the region of Southeast Europe, participants are encouraged to replicate capacity-building activities with end beneficiaries.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

- The participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity provided by RAI Secretariat and Austrian Development Cooperation to further familiarize themselves with the use of Guidelines with Checklists through such workshops, and to exchange experiences and practices with other sectors and jurisdictions, as well as with civil society organizations;
- The participants recognized the importance of cooperation between all relevant actors including competent institutions, civil society organizations, academic community, independent experts and media representatives for the effective implementation of CRA and CPL;
- The participants agreed that the Guidances with Checklists are written in a concise and easy-to-read way and therefore could be easily applicable;
- The participants urge wider promotion of the documents and train other relevant institutions from two targeted sectors to conduct CRA and CPL and to apply the guidance in their everyday work;
- Participants encourage giving attention to the impact assessment for both mechanisms. To that end, RAI Secretariat developed Monitoring and Impact Assessment Methodologies for CRA and CPL. Newly developed Methodologies will be presented to the beneficiaries at the next regional event;
- Participants encourage establishing mechanisms for monitoring the results of completed projects;