

The role of the OSCE in promoting integrity in the transport infrastructure development field

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Outline of Presentation

- **Why is the OSCE involved in the fight against corruption?**
- **The OSCE's mandate in combating corruption, among others in the transport field and in public procurement in cooperation with partners**
- **The OSCE Handbook "Best Practices in Combating Corruption"**
- **Concrete activities: training/capacity-building, disseminating best practices**



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Why is the OSCE involved in combating corruption?

- **Corruption is a threat to security...**
- **Corruption, particularly in the public sector, is an impediment to economic development...**
- **The OSCE has a clear mandate in both of the above spheres!**

The OSCE's mandate in combating corruption

- **International Conventions: UN Convention against Corruption; UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime; CoE Conventions, OECD Anti-Bribery Convention etc.**
- **Various OSCE documents, among others the Border Security and Management Concept (BSMC), MC Decision No. 11/06 etc.**

Partnerships

- **The United Nations Office against Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**
- **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**
- **The World Bank Group**
- **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)**
- **Private sector, NGOs, academia and others as deemed appropriate**

OSCE Integrity Activities

- **Supporting the ratification and implementation of existing instruments, standards and norms e.g. the 'UN Convention Against Corruption', the 'OECD Anti Bribery Convention' through awareness raising, capacity-building activities**
- **Institution-building, supporting the development of new policies (upon request)**
- **National/regional trainings on the 'OSCE Handbook on Best Practices in Combating Corruption'**

OSCE Integrity Activities – Cont.

- **UN Convention – Article 9 Public Procurement and Management of Public Finances** which stresses i) public distribution of information, ii) establishment, in advance of conditions for participation, iii) objective and predetermined criteria; iv) effective system of domestic review and appeal etc.

OSCE Handbook on Best Practices in Combating Corruption

- **Published in 2004**
- **Aimed at legislators, government officials, NGOs etc.**
- **Available in 7 languages, among others Armenian, Azerbaijani and Russian**
- **Training workshops with ABA CEELI: national/regional workshops**
- **Available on www.osce.org/eea**

OSCE Handbook – ‘Chapter 9 Public procurement’ – Prevention of Corruption

- **A performant legal framework, based on provisions of relevant international legal instruments and conventions**
- **Open, transparent procedures and practices for conducting the procurement process**
- **Public bid openings**
- **Bid evaluation**

OSCE Handbook – ‘Chapter 9 Public procurement’ – Prevention of Corruption (2)

- **Delegating authority, independent checks and audits**
- **Closure of ‘Integrity pacts’**
- **Use of the Internet**
- **Blacklisting**
- **Timing of actions and involvement of outsiders**
- **Etc.**

OSCE involvement: the way ahead

The 18th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum process:

- OSCE offers an inclusive platform for dialogue on these important principles, standards and norms
- Can step up its capacity building efforts and provide training upon request
- Provide policy-drafting assistance, e.g. promote OSCE pS to consider the design of legislative mechanisms based on existing instruments, develop national anti-corruption strategies etc.

Thank you for your attention!

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