Informed citizens and efficient mechanisms to prevent and fight corruption

Facts and Figures

**Beneficiaries**
BiH citizens and Anti-corruption Bodies in the Federation of BiH (FBiH), Republika Srpska, cantons in FBiH and Brčko District

**Project duration**
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Context

Successful prevention and fight against corruption is multifaceted, and besides involving a robust judiciary, comprehensive legislative framework, and efficient co-operation and co-ordination in its implementation, it also involves the citizens, for they are the ones who can seek accountability from public institutions and identify and sanction cases of corruption. In addition, the effective fight against corruption requires efficient anti-corruption bodies and it is thus necessary to equip them with appropriate technology and increase their skills in using it. The Project is complementary to other Mission’s activities on addressing challenges and gaps in the anti-corruption system, such as the development and promotion of anti-corruption legislative framework or regulation of systems for asset declarations of public officials.

Project Objective

To support BiH’s efforts in diminishing corruption by raising awareness of the consequences of corruption for BiH citizens and strengthening the capacity of anti-corruption bodies in corruption prevention.

Main activities

- Establishing a comprehensive baseline on BiH citizens’ understanding of corruption and related response mechanisms by conducting a country-wide public survey.

- Implementing a comprehensive awareness-raising campaign that will encourage BiH citizens to not engage in corruption-related behavior, including by addressing and/or utilizing the main findings of the public survey (e.g., increasing their knowledge on what corruption is, how to address and/or report it).

- Educating young people about the benefits of good governance, in particular transparency and accountability, and equipping them with the knowledge that can have a significant impact on future grassroots corruption prevention.

- Building the technical capacity of anti-corruption bodies to strengthen the country’s preventive aspect of the fight against corruption and enable them to intensify their public outreach efforts and effective public communication.