

Episode 11: Fight against corruption and crime, with a focus on newly established relevant institutions

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Fight against corruption and crime, with a focus on newly established relevant institutions, was the theme of discussion in the one-hour live talk show aired on 16th November 2015 on the First Channel of Radio Television Montenegro (RTCG). This was the eleventh in the series of twenty shows named "Reaching the Trust Together", which is supported by the OSCE Mission to Montenegro.

Moderated by Andrijana Kadija, participants in the debate included Veljko Rutović, Special Prosecutor; Sreten Radonjić, Director of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption; Dalibor Medojević, Department for Combating Organized Crime at the Police Directorate and Milica Kovačević, President of non-governmental organization Center for Democratic Transition – CDT.

Panellists discussed key issues related to fight against corruption and organized crime, explaining progress and changes at the legislative and institutional level. They explained the scope of powers of the Special State Prosecution and the Agency for Prevention of Corruption and agreed that significant effort needs to be invested in order to address all current issues and gain public trust. Panellists also explained the ways of reporting corruption and agreed that it is important to further educate citizens in this area.

Jovana Marović, from the non-governmental organization Institute Alternative, contributed to the discussion by pointing that Montenegro has good legislative framework in place for further development of competent institutions but noted that the institutions still had their weaknesses and political influences still pose a significant challenge.

The main aim of the talk shows is to serve as a platform for dialogue and to engage various segments of society in Montenegro which will serve to enhance confidence, trust, and co-operation between the public, institutions, media, and civil society.

Next episode of the series will be aired on 23th November 2015.

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