

# ANTI-CORRUPTION CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS UNIFIED NETWORK

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## INTRODUCTION OF EDUCATION ON ANTICORRUPTION IN THE CURRICULA



Manuals: Ethics and Anti-Corruption

“Introduction of education on anticorruption in the curricula, engagement of all relevant elements of the education process, exclusion of political influence on the selection of staff in the education system, as well as engagement of other society sectors affecting the education and upbringing” are the principal conclusions of the final conference organised by project “Who’s afraid of corruption? Not me!” organised by INFOHOUSE, Centre for Media Development and Analysis (CRMA) and Youth Communication Centre (OKC) on Jahorina, on 25 and 26 September 2017.

At the Conference, there were over 100 representatives of institutions and agencies, teachers and directors of elementary and secondary schools from BiH, civil society and the media; they were presented with the results of work of education institutions and civil society organisations regarding introduction of education on ethics and anticorruption into the education system. This project was supported by US Embassy in BiH.

At the same time, as part of the ACCOUNT project, leader organisation CROA from Sarajevo and members of the sectoral group Education were engaged on introduction of the anticorruption education in 16 elementary and secondary schools in the Sarajevo Canton, Central Bosnia Canton and Brčko District.

## ACCOUNT FREE LEGAL AID PREVENTED CORRUPTION IN EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE

Within one month (perhaps even less) Inspectorate of the education inspection has confirmed our suspicions regarding corruption in the employment procedure! *Education inspector will apply the administrative measure of prohibiting execution and order to remove identified shortcomings.*

The case involves reporting of a corruption case alleging that the School Board of the Sarajevo elementary school Fatima Gunic have adopted unlawful decision to firstly appoint as an acting director a person who is not eligible (from another school, religious subject teacher) and subsequently established a labour-legal relationship for the same person as a teacher of Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian language, after the mandate expires. Therefore, after the acting director’s mandate expires he would move to the position of BCS language teacher.



## ACCOUNT INITIATED DEVELOPMENT OF FBiH WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION LAW

Through the Whistleblowing Sector Group, ACCOUNT supports anti-corruption CSOs to advocate for more efficient development and passage of the new FBiH Whistleblowing Law. On September 19, 2017, the Minister of Justice FBiH received representatives from ACCOUNT and its member organization JUSTICIA to discuss collaboration in this endeavor, as well as formation of a joint working group that will include members of ACCOUNT, Ministry of Justice, and legal experts to work together to draft the FBiH law.

## ACTIVITIES



Representatives of ICVA and ALDI, meeting in Gorazde, 21 September 2017.

### Activities of the ACCOUNT network members

Members of the ACCOUNT network, ICVA from Sarajevo and ALDI from Gorazde, who initiated introduction of the Rulebook for fight against corruption into the health care institutions in Zenica-Doboj Canton and Bosnia-Podrinje Canton. The initiative is implemented as part of the project "Advocating for introduction of efficient model of fight against corruption in the health sector", lead by ICVA.

## INTEGRITY PLANS



Training program on the development of integrity plans in Doboj region September 19, 2017



Training program on the development of integrity plans in Banja Luka region September 21, 2017

### Development of Integrity Plans in RS Public Sector

ACCOUNT and the Ministry of Justice of RS conducted the final round of training programs on development of integrity plans in the public institutions and municipalities in RS, September 13-20, 2017. More than 900 repeated participants divided in five groups attended the training. As in previous rounds, the training took place in the RS regional centers, including Banja Luka, Trebinje, Prijedor, Doboj, Bijeljina and East Sarajevo. Final integrity plans will be presented on the International Anti-corruption Day on December 9, 2017.

## COOPERATION



Mayor of Neum Municipality and CGS / Livno representative during the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation, September 26, 2017

### A New Memorandum of Understanding on Development of Anti-corruption Action Plan was signed

On September 26, ACCOUNT signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Neum Municipality on development of anti-corruption action plan. Neum is the first municipality in which anti-corruption action plan will be developed under the second round of the small grant program. The Center for Citizens' Cooperation (CGS)/Livno from ACCOUNT Network will lead the process.



### ACCOUNT and USAID / Strengthening Governing Institutions and Processes (SGIP) in BiH on corruption risks in anti-corruption laws

On September 15 and 29, 2017, ACCOUNT participated in assessment and reporting of corruption risks in the BiH Whistleblowers Protection Law. Major findings from the assessment will be submitted to the BiH Parliament for review and consideration.

## ŽURNAL INVESTIGATES AND REPORTS

### Bakir Izetbegović's son-in-law is principal supplier of pipes for the public water supply company in Sarajevo!

Online magazine Žurnal continues to investigate stories of corruption, crime and abuse of public authority and budget funds throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina. Reporters of Žurnal investigated how Prime Minister of the Sarajevo Canton Elmedin Konaković allocated subsidies to his political party colleagues which resulted in suspension of that decision and in which way FBiH created deficit; they also learned that government has written off 100 million KM of levies to entrepreneur Ilija Studen and present more details on the saga related to falsification of SIPA documents on the wire tapping of the Chief Prosecutor Gordana Tadić and HJPC Vice President Ružica Jukić. In Žurnal you can also read about who mediates between the Russian investors of Dragan Čović, how RS Ministry of Education closed down 14 schools to buy a luxury car, whether Nikola Špirić bought his apartments in Vienna, Belgrade and Novi Sad from potato sales, how a fine is handed down for inflicting an injury to a police officer, and who are keepers of SDA and how to survive the most difficult year with SDA.

[Read Žurnal!](#)

## USAID ON ŽURNAL

### Žurnal plays a key role in raising awareness on corruption!

Investigative stories and TV documentaries by Žurnal played a key role in raising public awareness on corruption in public companies, hospitals and public procurement procedures, as well as the role of prosecutors in abuses and corruption, noted [the official web page of USAID](#).



## ACCOUNT MEDIA POOL

### Third reporting cycle completed

Within the third cycle of support for media corruption research, in addition to 5 reports in August, media pool members made 3 more months in September. [ACCOUNT Media pool learns that in health care institutions in BiH one can only get to specialisation through party and family connections](#) about [how family manufacture of University Apeiron works](#) which resulted [in resignation of Radoslav Grujić from the position of Rector at the University of Istočno Sarajevo](#).

## SMALL GRANTS ACCOUNT



### Leaders of monitoring teams started to present monitoring results

In August 2017, ACCOUNT Monitoring team for public procurement, lead by Citizen Association Justicia, with the following members: Centre for Youth Kwart from Prijedor, ALDI from Goražde, CROA from Sarajevo and KAM from Zenica, carried out monitoring of the public procurement plans based on the sample of 108 contracting authority. Association Justicia, as team leader, presented the monitoring results in Tuzla on 27 September 2017. [Results indicate that there is no willingness for transparency, even if the basic preconditions were met - 35% of contracting authorities has an annual plan for public procurement and their own web page; however their public procurement plan has not been publicised.](#)

Lack of transparency results from shortcomings in the Law on public procurement of BiH, which did not stipulate the obligation of publicising public procurement implemented in line with procedure applied to competitive requests (purchasing goods and services up to 50,000 KM and work in the amount of up to 80,000 KM) and direct agreement (purchases in the amounts up to 6,000 KM).

Over the upcoming period, leaders of monitoring teams for the sectors of health, protection of whistle-blowers, and employment will also present results of the monitoring implemented in the given areas.



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Chair of the Strategic Board of the Coalition "Pod lupom" Vehid Šehić (Tuzla Forum of Citizens) talking to interview.ba reviewed past election results and political scene after the elections.

**Is the election process corrupt, and if yes, what would you note as an obvious example?**

Available at:

<http://interview.ba/interview/item/210-b-vehid-sehic-b-u-bih-izbori-nikada-nisu-bili-posteni-i-slobodni>



## ACCOUNT at UNCAC's Conference

During the workshop session on "Measures taken after the First cycle review: Lessons learned and good practices", organized by UNCOC, ACCOUNT presented how it worked together with parliaments and government institutions at all levels to draft, amend and adopt anti-corruption legislation, develop and implement anti-corruption policies and procedures in the public healthcare and employment sectors, as well as anti-corruption action plans and integrity plans, and introduce anti-corruption education in schooling system in BiH. The Conference took place in Sarajevo, September 27, 2017.

## ANNOUNCING!!!!

1. Signing of the Memorandum on cooperation with the FBiH Ministry of Justice regarding drafting proposal of the FBiH Law on protection of whistle-blowers
2. Launch of the monitoring of implementation of anticorruption plans in 13 new project municipalities/towns in BiH

