

Second Integrity Forum organised by the National Transparency Authority



Participants and speakers sharing at the 2nd Integrity Forum of the National Transparency Authority

More than 300 participants, including representatives from the European Commission, local governments, non-governmental organisations, independent authorities as well as executives from public and private sector in Greece attended the Second Integrity Forum of the National Transparency Authority (NTA), Greece in Athens Concert Hall on 9 December 2022, International Anti-Corruption Day. The key message is “Integrity, Accountability and Transparency in Senior Executives of Government and Local Government: Duty not Choice”.

The forum highlighted the institutional role of the NTA and its initiatives to raise the awareness of the importance of transparency, integrity and accountability in the public and private sectors, as well as among the general public.

NTA aims to make the Integrity Forum an annual event for keeping a meaningful dialogue with all stakeholders, particularly on issues related to transparency and the fight against corruption.

There are three thematic sections in the forum covering:

- **Legislation:** In September 2021, a law that regulates the policy area of lobbying came into force for the first time. The absence of a relevant legislative framework had been repeatedly pointed out by

international and European organisations in the context of international assessments.

- Public Opinion Survey: The results of the survey, conducted by the NTA in September 2022, on the attitudes and perceptions of citizens towards corruption, were presented. In the survey, 46.2% of citizens considered corruption in public life occurred to a very large extent, while 53.9% considered the most serious act of corruption was the abuse of official authority to secure unjustified benefits for himself or for a third party. Media, politics, urban planning, public sector, local government, justice and health were characterised as exceptionally vulnerable to corruption and integrity challenges.
- Preventive measures: The Forum also discussed and examined conflict of interest, the implementation of the recently institutional set up of the Integrity Advisor in local and regional governments and the adoption of the Code of Conduct for Elected Officials.

During the Forum, the 2nd Panhellenic Student Competition entitled "Tomorrow's Integrity Leaders" with the theme "*No" to Violence, "Yes" to Friendship - Block Bullying*" was announced. The competition is organized by the NTA in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Religion, the National Commission for Human Rights, the Parliamentary Library and the Educational Television of the Parliament.

The NTA has constructively contributed to the national anticorruption efforts through its multifaceted audit work, the design and implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategic Plan 2022-2025 and the implementation of critical reforms in the fields of internal audit, lobbying, gift policy, conflict of interest, protection of whistle-blowers, as well as the introduction of Integrity Advisor in the public administration.

In the 2022 Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), Greece achieved significant improvement of its ranking) with its score up by 7 points (from 45 to 52) and its ranking up by 16 places (from 67th to 51st) when compared to 2018. The country scored 52 points in the assessment and ranked the 51st in the global ranking, its highest

performance in the last decade.



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