

Project Title: Strengthening the Fight against Corruption by Increasing General Awareness of the Public Sector Focusing on Judges, Prosecutors and Public Administration

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Source of Funds

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Programme: Good Governance

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Financing

Total Amount of Grant: 25 500 000 CZK

EEA Grants Share: 72,25 % (18 423 750 CZK)

State Budget Share: 27,75 % (7 076 250 CZK)

Project Description

Aim of the Project:

The aims of the project are to improve the awareness of complex corruption-related problems within the Czech Republic; to prepare the foundation for the creation and strengthening of the judges' and prosecutors' codes of conduct; to improve the whistleblowers' protection; and to increase the public sector's (judges, prosecutors and public service employees) awareness of the issues concerning corruption. Improving the fight against corruption through the increasing of the public sector's awareness of implementation of the relevant international recommendations and standards follows the monitoring by the Group of States against Corruption of the Council of Europe, the OECD Working Group on Bribery and the UN Convention against Corruption, which have been criticizing the Czech Republic for insufficient

anti-corruption measures. The project target groups are judges, prosecutors, public service employees and general public.

Key Project Activities:

Comparative studies aimed to strengthening the background to improve the situation in the fight against corruption and practical brochures for spreading of the main findings to a maximum number of people in a given target group will be created; moreover international conferences will be organized for exchanging experience and gaining inspiration. All on topic of corruption prevention in the public sector focusing on the conflict of interests, whistleblowers' protection and codes of conduct for judges and prosecutors.

Methodologies and subsequent trainings on corruption prevention in the public sector focused on the conflict of interests and whistleblowers' protection will ensure the training of and higher awareness within the target groups.

The workshops on whistleblowers' protection and on codes of conduct for judges and prosecutors will be organized for practical information sharing among the target groups.

A statistical analysis on whistleblowing (the whistleblowers' protection) and a media campaign focusing on the fight against corruption and the spreading of awareness of the fight against corruption, in particular the whistleblowers' protection and the conflict of interests, will be also implemented within the project.