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ANTI-CORRUPTION  
CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS  
UNIFIED NETWORK

# ACCOUNT



ALEKSANDRA  
VINČAR AND MARINA  
ČIGOJA AWARDED  
FOR BEST STORIES  
ON CORRUPTION

**JOURNALISM AWARDS PRESENTED:** Anticorruption Network in Bosnia and Herzegovina - ACCOUNT presented awards for the best reporting on corruption in 2017. This year, the independent jury decided to award Marina Čigoja, a reporter for the business portal Capital.ba from Banja Luka, and Aleksandra Vinčar, a reporter for the FTV's Mreža program. Marina Čigoja got the award in the best written feature category, for the article titled [“Four public companies alone in RS spend 400 KM on salaries”](#), which talks about employment based on political connections in four public companies in RS. Aleksandra Vinčar got the award for the best video feature titled [“Emdžas collected misdeeds”](#), which talks about abuses by former Mayor of Bihać Emdžad Galijašević, non-assigned spending of budget funds, KFW project and unlawful sale of the town land.



As part of the award giving ceremony for the ACCOUNT journalism award, a premiere of the investigative-documentary film 'Arab spring in the Golden valley' by Amarildo Gutić was also held. After the screening of the documentary, public panel was held to discuss 'Investigative reporting as a public interest'. This issue was discussed by Berislav Jurič (Bljesak.info), Elvir Padalović (BUKA), Siniša Vukelić (Capital.ba) and Selvedin Avdić (Žurnal.info). The panel concluded that despite lack of time and money, investigative reporting can and must survive. Documentary film 'Arab spring in the Golden valley', is available [here](#).

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW  
ANTICORRUPTION  
STRATEGY IN RS  
2018.-2022.

The RS Ministry of Justice invited ACCOUNT along with other anti-corruption organizations to participate in development of a new RS Strategy for Fight against Corruption (2018-2022). The second coordination meeting was be organized in Banja Luka, July 19, 2017 to address issues concerning operational goals, eventual programs, measures and projects with indicators of achievements on each program. On the strategic measures, ACCOUNT stands up for two: (i) education on primary legal assistance for five regional Centers for Free Legal Assistance in RS, and (ii) introduction of anti-corruption curricula, to be integrated in the new Strategy.

**ŽURNAL INVESTIGATES  
AND REPORTS**

Corruption in education, health care, public procurement, organized crime – Žurnal investigates and reports: [cost of human rights violations in BiH](#); [how did body-guard of the “underground ruler” earn three million transporting spoil](#); [HDZ BiHs employments in Elektroprivreda HZHB](#), and [SDA in Banovići coalmine](#); [how were 8 billion KM intended for road construction actually spent](#). [Read why and how six annexes to contract on reconstruction of the Elektroprivreda BiH building were signed](#). Žurnal reports: [story of Samir Krivić](#), whistleblower from Fond for employment of disabled persons; [how did Milorad Dodik advisory got a PhD in Partisan movies](#); [what were Đemal Memagić and Alija Hadžiabdić convicted for](#), current and former Mayor of Olovo; [and new information on Pandora case](#). Žurnal reporters continue to report on the KCUS, focusing on the price paid by patients for the “savings” by Sebija Izetbegović. [You can read on how KCUS Director got rid of 30 doctors, took charge of the Chamber, removed the Dean from her position and ignored the court](#); on [KCUS debt to Sarajevogas in the amount of one million KM](#), and the fact that [only 14,000 KM was spent for maintenance of oncology equipment](#). Žurnal was the first to report on the alarming development – [due to equipment malfunction 150 oncology patients were to be discharged from the Clinic](#). [Read Žurnal!](#)

**TV AFFAIR FEATURES: 'Cold valid fraud'**

Business operations of the 'Unis - Pipe Plant' company from Derventa illustrate how lack of care on the part of government and government institutions can easily lead to half a billion KM loss, serious unlawful activities and even worse - destruction of a number of banks, agencies and institutions. The 'Cold valid fraud' documentary, as part of the TV Affair series, evidences how hundreds of millions of KM can be withdrawn from Bosnia and Herzegovina, in an operation that went on for years, without any of the competent authorities doing anything to prevent this practically public money laundering operation. Moreover, the competent authorities supported the process by directly participating in it and directly covering up the unlawful activity. The 'Cold valid fraud' documentary is available [here](#).



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**COOPERATION**



Signing USK



Signing TK

Signing SBK



Signing PK

Signing BPK

**COOPERATION Memoranda of cooperation signed with five Cantonal Governments**

Anticorruption Network in BiH - ACCOUNT formalized its cooperation with competent bodies on implementation of measures identified in action plans for implementation of anticorruption strategies in five cantons. Tripartite memorandums of cooperation were signed with the governments of Una-Sana Canton, Tuzla Canton, Central Bosnia Canton, Posavina Canton and Bosnia-Podrinje Canton. They are focused on the joint activities of the ACCOUNT Network, Agency for Prevention of Corruption and Fight against Corruption (APIK) and Cantonal bodies for fight against corruption.

*- Our objective is to respond in a systemic way, in cooperation with ACCOUNT, to systemic corruption risks. We are open to cooperation – said APIK Director Hasim Šabotić, after memorandum of cooperation was signed with Government of Bosnia-Podrinje Canton.*

Director of the ACCOUNT Network Eldin Karić noted that by signing the memoranda of understanding the Cantonal Governments have clearly demonstrated the willingness to fight corruption and work on strategic measures of prevention.

*- We hope that implementation of anticorruption measures will also be successful. ACCOUNT has the experience, experts and numerous Network members that will work on implementation of activities. We are available here with all our capacities, stressed Karić. The memoranda of understanding with ACCOUNT Network were signed by Cantonal Prime Ministers Husein Rošić (USC), Bego Gutić (TC), Tahir Lendo (CBC), Marijan Klaić (Posavina Canton) and Emir Oković (BPC).*

ACCOUNT Network formalized its cooperation with Sarajevo Canton, Herzeg-Bosnia Canton and Zenica-Doboj Canton.

## COOPERATION

### Development of the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers in FBiH initiated

At the same time, in Federation of BiH, ACCOUNT along with the Anti-corruption Team of the Government of FBiH and Lucid linx consulting agency focused efforts on development of the draft FBiH Whistleblowers Protection Law. For that, a couple of joint meetings were held in July 2017 to discuss concept, methodology and timelines for this. The analysis of the draft Law by the ACCOUNT Legal Team is currently in progress.



### Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) in BiH for CSO members of Anti-corruption Network in BiH - ACCOUNT

Seven representatives from anti-corruption CSOs from ACCOUNT's selected sector groups in the project sectors attended the training on **assessment of corruption risks in legislation that was jointly organized by USAID SGIP and ACCOUNT. The training discussed the legal framework for the anti-corruption checklists in BiH and the basics on regulatory impact assessment and the RIA methodology.** As an example of successful implementation of filters for assessment of the anti-corruption legislation, the characteristics of Moldavian methodology was presented, with a special emphasis on the role that Moldavian civil society organizations have in the development and assessment procedure. Achievements on introduction of assessment of corruption risks to the legislative procedures at levels of B&H and FB&H were discussed with emphasis on the role of B&H Agency for prevention of corruption.



### Development of Anti-corruption Strategy for Zenica-Doboj Canton with ACCOUNT's engagement

Based on the previously established cooperation and demand-driven technical assistance, the first activity that ACCOUNT and the Anti-corruption Team of the Government of Zenica-Doboj Canton will be jointly working on is the development of Anti-corruption Strategy for this Canton. This is another anti-corruption measure stemming from the Anti-corruption Action Plan in this Canton that will be developed with ACCOUNT's engagement. ACCOUNT will hire an expert with experiences in development of anti-corruption strategies to assist with this.

### Development of Anti-Corruption Strategies at the Local Level

Following adoption of anti-corruption action plans in municipalities of Ljubuški, Čitluk, Foča and Pale in FBiH, with ACCOUNT's inputs, the action plans were adopted by additional two municipalities of Odžak (June 9, 2017) and Ugljevik (July 7, 2017).

## INITIATIVES

### Implementation of the anticorruption pilot classes in Western Herzegovina Canton for education professionals

Teachers from preschools, elementary and secondary schools in Western Herzegovina Canton attended one day training in June, which will serve as the basis for introduction of pilot anticorruption classes in kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools. The objective of the training was to present the participants with prepared draft curricula (for kindergartens, grades 1 to 5, and grades 6 to 9, secondary schools and universities) on anticorruption, that was developed as part of the 'Who's afraid of corruption? Not us!' project funded by US Embassy in BiH. Visit: Choose the task, be the change.



### “More knowledge, more transparency“...

Under the grant program activity, the Final Project Conference “More knowledge, more transparency“ was organized for more than 50 representatives of anti-corruption bodies (APIK, Anti-corruption Team of Sarajevo Canton), teachers and professors of primary and secondary schools as well as representatives of other education institutions (University of Sarajevo), and anti-corruption CSOs from the education sector on development and implementation of anti-corruption measures in education system. The conference also presented anti-corruption action plans developed with participation of students in selected primary and secondary schools in Sarajevo Canton, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, and in Bijeljina and Trebinje regions.

## SMALL GRANTS

## ENGAGEMENT OF YOUTH IN ANTICORRUPTION ACTIVITIES

Team of the INFOHOUSE trainers took part in implementation of one-day training programs in Banja Luka and Sarajevo focused on engagement of youth in anticorruption activities. The training was organized by Centre for youth activism development (CROA) and Media initiative, as part of the 'Knowledge IN, Corruption OUT' project. More than 40 youth from Banja Luka, Tuzla, Bihać, Brčko, Mostar, Sarajevo, Istočno Sarajevo, Foča, Zenica and Prijedor had a chance to learn about anticorruption initiatives in the education sector carried out by Anticorruption Network in BiH - ACCOUNT. During the training, the young people learned about mechanisms and tools used to prevent corruptive behavior.



[www.interview.ba](http://www.interview.ba)

### For Interview.ba

Lars Gunnar Wigemark, Head of the EU Delegation and Special Representative for BiH, uses modest diplomatic language, but some of his messages are quite clear - EU will continue to stand with BiH that needs to complete its part of the job, in order to get support.

*Help us to help you to ensure that the most important sectors, such as judiciary, administration, economy and key infrastructure, are ready to meet the high requirements of the EU membership, to be competitive and obtain financial and technical support of the EU.*

<http://interview.ba/interview/item/170-b-lars-gunnar-wigemark-b-nase-opredjeljenje-za-podrsku-bih-ostaje-snazno>

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**Lars Gunnar Wigemark: Naše opredjeljenje za podršku BiH ostaje snažno**

Šef Delegacije EU i njen specijalni predstavnik za BiH Lars Gunnar Wigemark govori diplomatski skromnim rječnikom, ali neke njegove poruke sasvim su jasne – EU ostaje uz BiH koja mora završiti svoj dio posla da bi joj se pomoglo. Bez dvojbe, budućnost zemlje je u evropskoj političkoj i ekonomskoj porodici. Do tada, političari u zemlji trebaju obaviti svoj dio posla. Na primjer, usvojiti državnu strategiju za poljoprivredu i ruralni razvoj, bez koje pomoć EU nije moguća, kaže gđin Wigemark za interview.ba

Razgovarao/a: Asim Bešlija  
Foto: EUSR in BiH



**INTERVIEW A-Z**



5 pitanja za Zenu Alpezu: Poruka svim mladima - ne odustajete!



VISO Hagelberg: Otkrivanje ravnopravnosti spolova je prioritet za BiH



DIKIĆ: Srebrenica je najvažnija tema našeg doba

**NASILJE NAD ŽENAMA JE ZNAK SLABOSTI** „U proteklih deset godina, Evropska komisija je pomogla tristo hiljada djevojaka da postanu dio srednjoškolskog obrazovanja. Radimo

### For Interview.ba

Tamara Zrnović, a young lawyer from Bijeljina who has been successfully engaged for five years on different projects of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in RS talks to Interview.ba about how far have we come in terms of peace building, why we discriminate the minorities and the law that entire country needs.

*The Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in RS is known in public for its human rights schools and initiatives for changes and expansions of the civic education, in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. Also, our most successful initiatives have been focused on judiciary reforms for the purpose of improving efficiency and independence of justice institutions, primarily of judiciary function holders. I would like to stress we have been successful in our initiatives to fight corruption at a local level, through ACCOUNT Network and its partners. For example, we have cooperated with town of Bijeljina to develop and implement over 60% of the measures and activities from the action plan to fight against corruption, as one of the major strategic documents.*

<http://interview.ba/interview/item/158-b-tamara-zrnovic-b-mir-se-gradi-a-to-nema-rok-trajanja>





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**INTERVIEW.BA. Helsinki odbor za ljudska prava u RS je jedna od najaktivnijih nevladinih organizacija u BiH koja je već godinama posvećena razvoju pravde u našoj zemlji. Nabrojite nam tri vaše najuspješnije inicijative?**

ZRNČIĆ: Helsinki odbor za ljudska prava u RS, je u javnosti poznat po školama ljudskih prava i inicijativama za izmjene i dopune građanskog obrazovanja, kako u Bosni i Hercegovini, tako i regionu. Takođe, naše najuspješnije inicijative idu u pravcu reforme pravosuđa koja se odnosi na unapređenje efikasnosti i nezavisnosti pravosudnih institucija, a prije svega odgovornosti nosioca pravosudne funkcije. A kroz mrežu ACCOUNT i partnere u toj mreži, naše inicijative u pravcima borbe protiv korupcije na lokalnom nivou usvajamo kao uspješne. Evo, Grad Bijeljina je u saradnji sa nama usvojila i implementirala više od 60% mjera i aktivnosti iz Akcionog plana borbe protiv korupcije, kao jedan od važnih strateških dokumenata.

### BPP

In this reporting period, ACCOUNT received a total of 4 reports of corruption, out of which 2 complaints were processed while 1 had no elements of corruption. Out of 4, 3 complaints were reported directly to CRMA/INFOHOUSE, 1 was reported through the online Registry (bpp.ba). Court proceedings for 2 cases are in progress. Legal Team also continued to work on 22 active cases (this number includes all cases that were received from the project start). The Legal team also sent 16 submissions for free access to information.

## COOPERATION WITH RS MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Training on primary legal aid to victims of corruption and whistle-blowers

Upon invitation of the RS Ministry of Justice, ACCOUNT will develop and provide an education program for officers in five regional centers for free legal aid in Banja Luka, Prijedor, Doboj, Bijeljina and Istočno Sarajevo. The training will address the issue of efficient mechanisms for providing legal aid in cases or reporting corruption, outside and before judicial, administrative and other formal legal proceedings. It will discuss the experiences and methods of the ACCOUNT legal team for provision of free legal aid for people who report corruption. This training comes as a follow up of the ACCOUNT Network efforts focused on adopting and implementing legislation that encourages whistle-blowers to come forward and transparency in government work, in line with the law on whistle-blowers that came into force on 7 July 2017.

### OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES ON DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRITY PLANS



#### TRAINING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRITY PLANS

**8 TRAINERS**

**4 PHASES**

**35 DAYS**

**6 REGIONS**



**PHASE I 398 INSTITUTIONS**

**PHASE II 568 INSTITUTIONS**

**PHASE III 459 INSTITUTIONS**

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All institutions that did not participate in previous phases

**Announcement Implementation of Phase IV of Integrity Plans in September**

**PHASE IV**

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3 phases completed so far, 4<sup>th</sup> phase announced.

### COMING UP!!!!

- Training on legal aid for victims of corruption and whistle-blowers
- Preparation for organization of 4<sup>th</sup> cycle of training for development of integrity plans in public sector in RS
- New cycle of small grants and development of action plan strategy at the local and cantonal level