

**ANTI-CORRUPTION  
CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS  
UNIFIED NETWORK**

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**ACCOUNT  
STARTED  
COOPERATION  
WITH RS  
MINISTRY OF  
JUSTICE**

Republika Srpska (RS) Minister of Justice, Anton Kasipović, Director of the Centre for Media Development and Analysis Eldin Karić and Dženana Aladžuz, Director of INFOHOUSE, signed a Memorandum on Cooperation in Banja Luka on 12 January, to regulate cooperation between the RS Ministry of Justice and Anticorruption Network in BiH - ACCOUNT. "RS Government and Ministry of Justice are responsible and committed to fight against corruption. For that purpose cooperation with civil sector is very valuable", noted the RS Minister of Justice, Anton Kasipović. "This is a very important document and a big step forward in fight against corruption, in particular because it for the first time regulates cooperation of our network with the RS institutions", said Director of Centre for Media Development and Analysis, Eldin Karić.

**INTEGRITY PLANS  
FOR OVER 900 RS  
INSTITUTIONS WITH  
SUPPORT OF THE  
ACCOUNT NETWORK!**

**The first cycle of the training programme for development of integrity plans for 938 representatives of public institutions, local self-governance units, institutions and companies was completed on 16 February 2017.**

Jelena Vukadonović, Assistant Minister in the Ministry of Justice, believes that integrity plans serve as a prevention mechanism in fight against corruption, which is proposed and promoted by all international strategies and conventions in this area.

"It is obligatory to adopt these plans and the Ministry of Justice, as an institution responsible for anticorruption efforts in the RS, has started with these trainings which will continue throughout the year", noted Vukadinović.

Training programme is implemented by the RS Ministry of Justice with technical and consultancy support provided by Anticorruption Network in BiH – ACCOUNT.



**Žurnal uncovers corruption**

Žurnal regularly reports on corruption in their investigative stories, analyses and news. Reporters investigated [how did public institutions spend 48 million KM for unnecessary licensing of computers; what is behind the new FBiH Law on insurance\(SDA hands over to HDZ a million KM earnings in Federation\); how Emir Kusturica got another 1.5 million KM from the RS Government for Andrićgrad](#). We also have a story about 5 million KM spending by [BiH Association of former prisoners of war; a judge from Prijedor, Drena Marin, appoints her own sister Sanda Zubanović as ex-officio attorney... We analysed if there is justice in BiH: Courts and prosecutors offices used as tools for political manipulation](#). We reported first about the new scandal at the BiH Prosecutor's Office: [55,000 KM gone missing from the files](#). Žurnal discovers new information about alarming situation at the University Clinical Centre in Sarajevo: Children with [serious heart conditions awaiting for months to have surgeries!](#). [Patients buy medication at the pharmacy of the Chairman of the Management Board; Sebija Izetbegović: Director who elects herself, controls and signs of minutes of the meetings.](#)

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**New investigative documentary produced by TV Žurnal!**

More than two years ago former Director of the Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA) Kemal Čaušević was arrested in the "Pandora" action, together with Assistant Director for Customs, Zdravko Cvjetinović, and another 40 persons. The Prosecutor's Office team keeps getting smaller, with no indictment in sight.

In its documentary "Pandora's Box" TV Žurnal broadcasts completely new footage from the hearings for detention in the case of Kemal Čaušević *et al.* "Pandora's Box" shows in which way the BiH citizens' money was extracted through ITA, details about Kemal Čaušević, and explains who had a favoured position for years for import of textile, who profited from export of refrigerators, who is the auntie linking ITA and Dragan Čović.

Watch documentary "Pandora's Box"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTspZiyEPug>



**ACCOUNT and Government of Zenica-Doboj Canton (ZDC) signed a Memorandum on Cooperation**

As of February 2017, ACCOUNT will provide technical assistance to the ZDC Government to implement measures provided for in its Anticorruption AP.

Document signed by ZDC Prime Minister, Miralem Galijašević, and representatives of ACCOUNT also details Government cooperation with CSOs, including technical support, development of institutional capacities, information sharing and promotion. Signatories will especially focus on raising awareness on harmfulness of corruption, improvement of prevention measures and coordination of anticorruption efforts.

**Draft anticorruption Action Plan in Zenica-Doboj Canton (ZDC) is under preparation**

The ZDC Government inter-sectoral team for fight against corruption has been drafting an Anticorruption Action Plan since October 2016. The draft is expected to be forwarded to ZDC Government for review by the end of February 2017. ACCOUNT representative, Nermin Kadribašić, was an active participant in this process. Pre-draft of the AP was sent to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption and Coordination of the Fight Against Corruption and Transparency International in BiH, for the purpose of obtaining their expert opinions regarding its applicability, scope and harmonisation with relevant guidelines for all institutions and bodies of public administration at all levels of authority in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



**Anticorruption plans at the local level expected by end of March 2017!**

Representatives of the Centre for Civic Cooperation Livno have held regular meetings with working groups for development of anticorruption plans in municipalities of Čapljina and Ljubuški. Currently, the working groups are drafting APs, with technical and consultancy assistance provided by the Anticorruption Network in BiH – ACCOUNT. They are expected to be adopted by the end of March 2017.

After being adopted, Centre for Civic Cooperation Livno will produce and broadcast radio programmes to inform the citizens about adoption of the APs and how they can engage in fight against corruption.

**People of Konjic have requested for removal of deadline for application to Employment Bureaus**

As part of campaign “No deadline for my health“ in February 2017 in Konjic citizens have signed petition to request reduction of the number of people without health insurance. Organisers of this action, Partnership for Health and ICVA, in cooperation with Health network in BiH reminded of the current legislation in FBiH whereby persons who do not apply within a fixed deadline to the employment bureaus lose their right to health insurance. “Our volunteers engaged the citizens and in a short time we got 350 signatures. We believe that these efforts will continue and that citizens of Konjic, and FBiH overall, will not have to live in fear about losing health insurance”, said Almedina Kašić, Deputy President of the CSO “Volunteers and friends of the Konjic region”. The activists of this CSO successfully implemented this positive civic initiative for the community.

“Through this campaign we have requested a law on changes and amendments to the law on health insurance, more specifically Articles 19, Points 12, 13a and 14 and Article 86 Point 7. In addition to reducing the number of people without insurance, these changes to the law would ensure implementation of internationally recognised rights and freedoms established by international standards”, stated Haris Karabegović on behalf of the Partnership for Health.

**MONITORING TEAM**

Under the leadership of the Centre for Civic Cooperation Livno, the monitoring team for health sector implemented several activities aimed at improvement of health protection and raising awareness among citizens about negative effects of the corruption on their lives. Through different activities in the municipalities of Livno, Tomislavgrad, Goražde and Foča (FBiH), such as surveys, street actions, encouraging people to report corruption and provide free legal aid over 800 citizens of BiH were reached.

**Whistle-blower from BiH interviewed by Interview.ba**

After he was fired from Public Company Utility “Komb” from Bužim, Hamdija Veladžić, started his difficult and uncertain fight for justice. Things started improving after he contacted Anticorruption network Account for assistance.

<http://interview.ba/interview/item/91-b-hamdija-veladzic-b-prijavio-sam-korupciju-i-opet-bih-to-uradio>



**SMALL GRANTS ACCOUNT**

**Corruption in education sector?**

Objective of the project “More Knowledge More Transparency” is to create favourable environment for introduction of ethics and prevention of corruption into education through cooperation with schools. The project is implemented by CSO CROA (from Sarajevo) and supported by a small grant scheme project by ACCOUNT. After public debates on the importance of prevention of corruption in education, street performances and teacher training in several Cantons, CROA and its partners will in the upcoming period organise the following:

- Pilot classes on anticorruption in schools (end of February -March)
- Competition for pupils focused on ethics and anticorruption (March)
- Final conference on anticorruption in education for professional staff (April)

“Please try to influence the public, the ministries... to make this topic obligatory in schools and kindergartens... only then we can hope for healthier and better society”, said one of the participants at a training organised by CRO...

**Rulebooks for prevention of corruption in health care institutions in process of development!**

Representatives of public health care institutions from the Sarajevo Canton (SC), the SC Government team for fight against corruption and representatives of CSOs participated in the February expert debate following presentation of the draft rulebook for prevention of corruption in the health care institutions in SC. They unanimously concluded that only joint approach to the problem of corruption in SC, such as introduction of the given rulebook, can lead to reduced opportunities for corruption and increase of transparency in work. The debate was held as part of the project supported by ACCOUNT, titled “Introducing efficient model for fight against corruption in the health care institutions in SC”, implemented by ICVA.



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January 2016

January 2017

A total number of reports: 37

27   
Men

8   
Women

2    
Several persons

83,78%  
founded reports

6,45% filed criminal reports

6,45% filing criminal report was suggested

87,09% in the process of document analysis and advising

Public procurement

4  

Education

4 

Employment

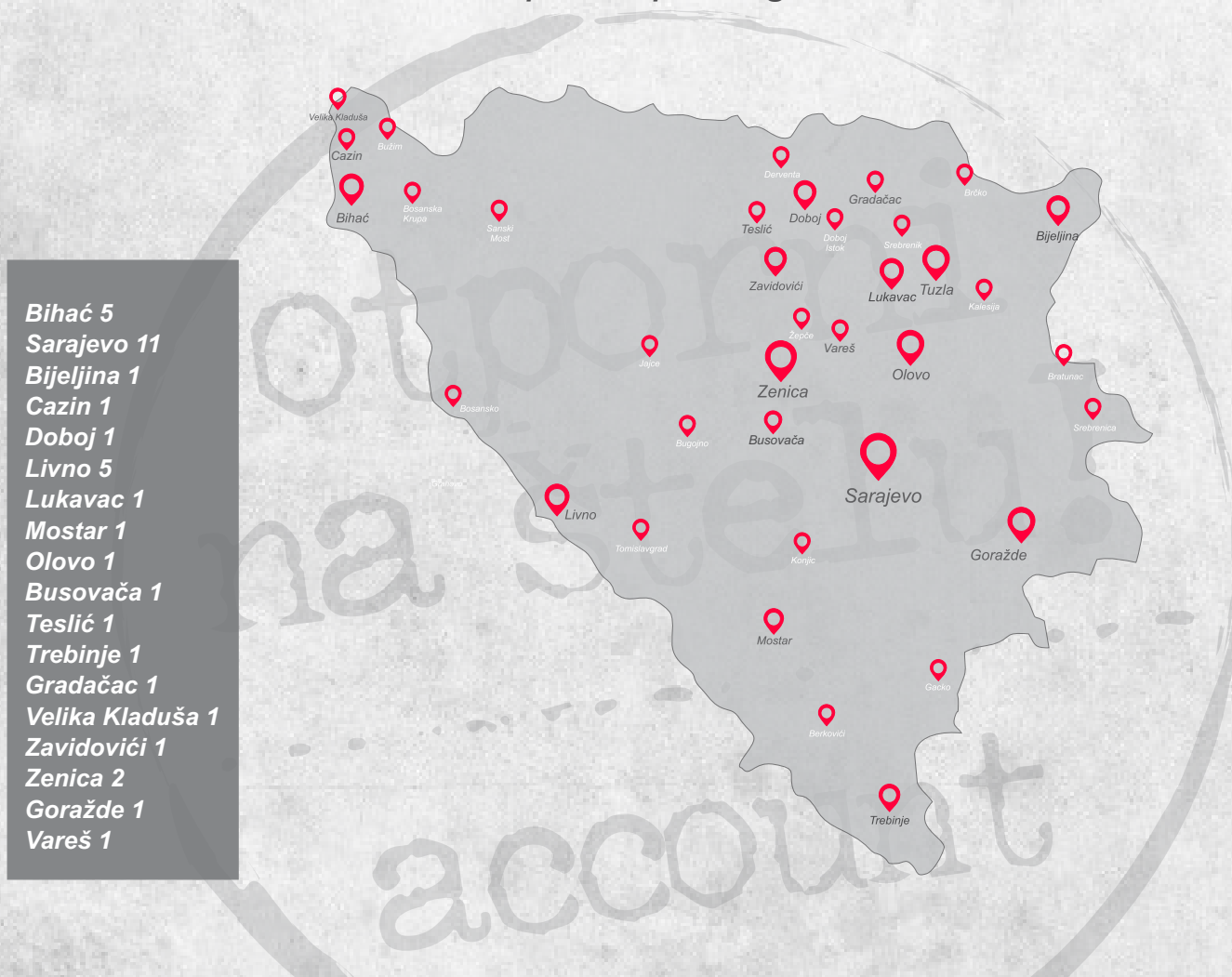
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Other

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## Map of reporting locations



## ANNOUNCING!!!

1. Conference on public procurement, organised by Association TENDER/Network ACCOUNT – May 2017, Banja Luka
2. Conference “Stop corruption, improve health care system”, organised by Association Stop Mobbing, Trebinje – March 2017, Trebinje
3. Signing of a Memorandum on Cooperation by the Anticorruption Network in BiH – ACCOUNT, Agency for Prevention and Coordination of Fight Against Corruption (APIK) and Government of Central Bosnia Canton