

ANTI-CORRUPTION CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS UNIFIED NETWORK

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TRAINING ON CORRUPTION RISKS FOR MEMBERS OF ANTICORRUPTION NETWORK IN BiH – ACCOUNT

Representatives of BiH Parliamentary Assembly, House of People of the FBiH Parliament, Agency for the Prevention of Corruption and Coordination of the Fight Against Corruption (APIK), as well as representatives of sectoral groups of the ACCOUNT Network and USAID, took part in the last training session organised by USAID/SGIP and ACCOUNT on methods and standards for submission of amendments to legislation in the consultation process. During the programme, participants discussed legislative procedures, public debates, as well as resources available at the web pages of BiH and FBiH Parliaments. As an example, the participants worked on assessment of potential corruption risks in the new proposal of the law on free access to information. Further on, the participants will have the opportunity to identify corruption risks in several proposed laws, including law on protection of whistle-blowers in BiH institutions.

ACCOUNT GRANT PROGRAMME LEADERS OF MONITORING TEAMS SELECTED

Through the second cycle of the Small Grants programme, ACCOUNT awarded funds to members of the Network for monitoring and reporting on corruption in selected sectors. Objective of the programme is to provide support to projects focused on monitoring, collection and processing of data on strategic anticorruption documents and their implementation in public administration bodies, public institutions, institutions and enterprises in BiH, highlighting the cantonal and local level.

In the selection process, the following were selected as leaders of the monitoring teams in five sectors: Serb Youth Association Brčko (healthcare), Centre for Development of Civil Society Doboj (protection of whistle-blowers), Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Banja Luka (education), Citizens' Association Justicia Srebrenik (public procurement), Youth Centre Vermont Brčko (employment).

ACCOUNT MEDIA POOL

Third reporting cycle started

Corruption in healthcare and public procurement, testimonies of the brave whistle-blowers on abuse and fight against corruption have been in focus of the members of the ACCOUNT Media pool. Under the third cycle of support to media investigative stories on corruption, five media pieces have been publicised. ACCOUNT Media pool uncovered [type and extent of damage caused to patients in BiH due to corruptive malversations related to maintenance of medical equipment](#); [and what happened with 100 million KM spent from Banja Luka city budget for development of rural areas](#); highlighted [the struggle of former RS Public Defender Danijela Novaković against corruption](#), and [closing for the corruption affair involving allocation of construction land in Banja Luka which is something she warned about](#), but did not live to see. Members of ACCOUNT Media pool include portals [capital.ba](#), [etrafika.net](#), [6yka.com](#), [mojahercegovina.com](#).

USAID APPROVES SECOND CYCLE
OF SMALL GRANTS AWARDS TO
ACCOUNT NETWORK MEMBERS

In August 2017, small grants were awarded to members of the ACCOUNT Network for projects of public advocacy in the following sectors: whistle-blowers, public sector employment, health care and education, and project of development of new and monitoring of implementation of current anticorruption action plans at the local level in FBiH and Brčko District.

“Whistle for the law - protect whistle-blowers” - In the **Whistle-blowers** sector, lead organisation *JUSTICIA/Srebrenik* (12,493.06 \$) will together with its partners work on initiating development and adopting of draft law on protection of whistle-blowers on FBiH.

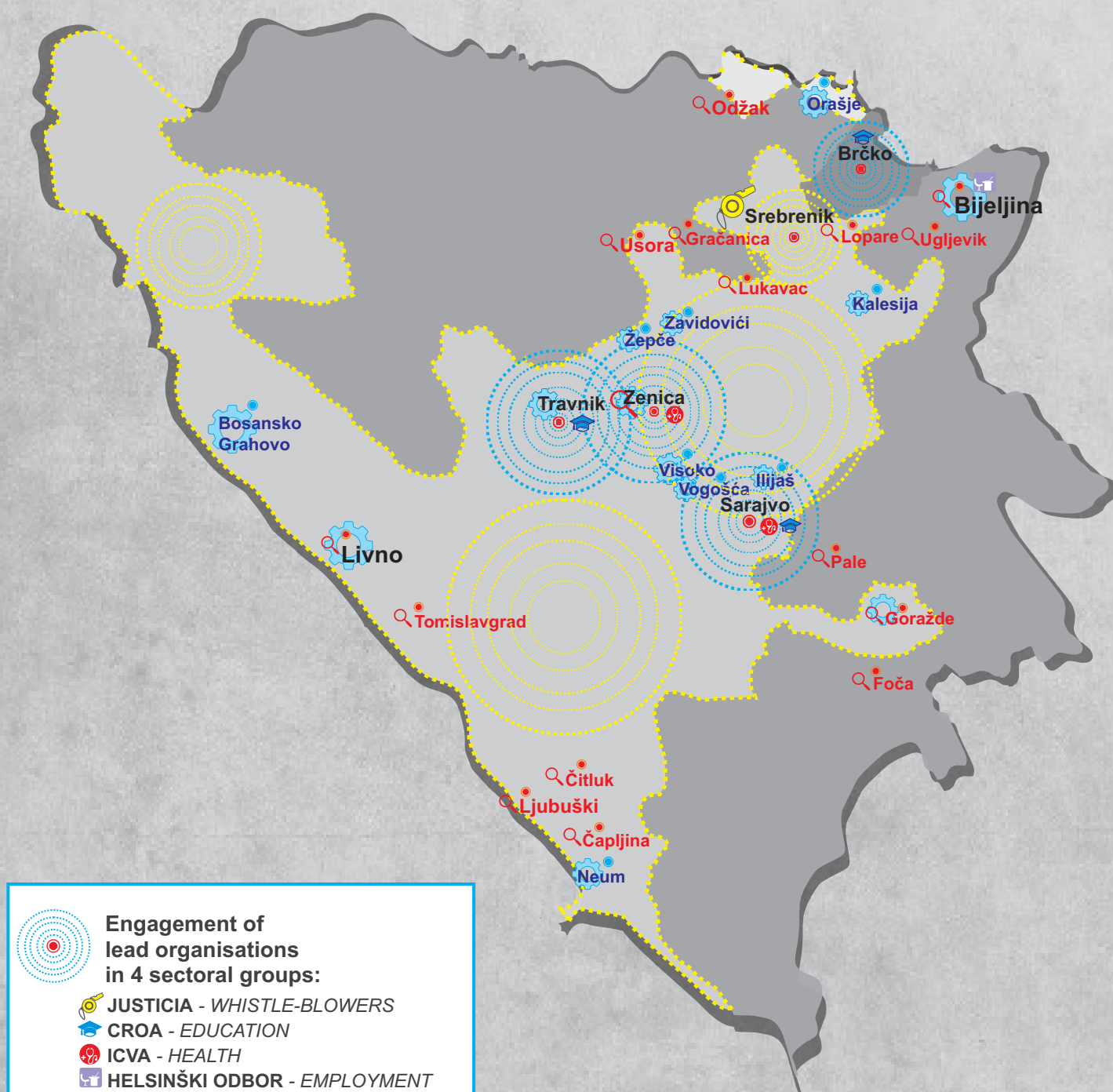
“Prevention of corruption in education: More knowledge, more transparency” - In the Education sector, lead organisation *CROA/Sarajevo* (12,496.20 \$) will work on creating favourable environment for introduction of education in the area of ethics and anticorruption in curricula.

“Advocating introduction of effective model for fight against corruption in health care institutions” - In the **Health care** sector, lead organisation *ICVA* (12,500.00 \$) together with its partners will work to reduce corruption, increase transparency and improve communication between the citizens and those employed in the health care institutions at the cantonal level.

“Equal chances – transparency in public sector employment” – In the Employment sector, lead organisation *Helsinki Committee for Human Rights* (12,500.00 \$) will work on reduction of real and perceived corruption in public sector employment, at the municipal level, as well as affirming accountability, transparency and integrity of municipal administrations in BiH.

Lead organisations ALDI/Goražde, CGS/Livno, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights /Bijeljina and KAM/Zenica, will take part in development of action plans for fight against corruption in 10 new municipalities and monitoring implementation of adopted anticorruption plans in 13 municipalities covered by the project. (Map) →

SECOND CYCLE OF SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME



ŽURNAL INVESTIGATES AND REPORTS

One hundred pensions on the shoulders of Sebija Izetbegović!

Reporters of the online magazine Žurnal continue to investigate corruption, crime and abuses of public authority and the budget, throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. Žurnal uncovers a story of ['Sarajevo public water-supply company ViK' awarding lucrative business deals to a private family company of SDA representative in the Sarajevo Canton Assembly](#); BiH Ambassador Nedim Makarević offered Pakistani businessmen to register their businesses in BiH for a couple of thousands of Euro, which resulted in indictment forebeggement, pressure and blackmail; what is HR policy of FBiH police; and why did Mostar become town without bread and milk.

Read in Žurnal why [management of FBiH Motorways does not comply with decision of the Supervising Board on the construction of Corridor Vc](#); in which way—CS Government offsets debts with company Murai commerce; why were [payments to court experts in RS stopped](#); how did [Handball Association of BiH create 3 million KM debt](#), and [what is 'the value of Sebija Izetbegović's bags](#). Read Žurnal!

TV ŽURNAL

“An Arab spring in the golden valley” in English

A new documentary by TV Žurnal “An Arab spring in the golden valley” analyses the phenomenon of the huge interest of investors from Arab countries in the construction of tourism and housing settlements in BiH. In Ilidža and Visoko alone there are over 300 real-estate agencies for property owned by persons from the Arab states, and construction of 80 settlements in the wider area of Sarajevo is planned. Premiere of the documentary “An Arab spring in the golden valley” took place on 14 July, and it is now available in English – [here](#). BHS version of the documentary available – [here](#).



PRIZMA

In August, citizen association “Citizens act decisively - Prizma Brčko” started a study in the public procurement sector, focusing on quality of the works conducted by companies, upon public call of the department of Government and other institutions of Brčko District BiH.

The objective of the study is to answer the following questions:

1. Which references should the contractors possess?
 2. Who and how supervises the works?
 3. What are the consequences of current practices in this sector?
 4. How much money tax payers pay for irresponsible attitude of authorities in terms of detrimental events in this sector?
 5. What is the extent of crime, corruption and nepotism in this sector, which has been causing damages in millions of KM?
- The purpose of the study is to prove planned causing of the given damages, which will be documented through photographs and official documents.

ANNOUNCING!!!!

- The start of the fourth cycle of development of integrity plans in RS - September 2017
- Assessment of corruption risks in law on protection of whistle-blowers in BiH institutions and law on free access to information
- Conference on introduction of teaching units on ethics and anticorruption in preschool, elementary and secondary education

