Survey on the Effectiveness of Anticorruption Authorities

Background Information

1. Please enter country name in the space below
   The Republic of Croatia

2. Name of the agency
   State Attorney's Office, Office for the Suppression of Corruption and Organised Crime (USKOK)

3. Date of establishment
   December 2001

4. Contact Information
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   Fax: 00 385 1 4591 878

5. Website
   www.uskok.hr

Legal Framework

6. What are the main anti-corruption laws in your country? (please include year of entry into force)
   Criminal Code
   Criminal Procedure Act
   Act on the Office for the Suppression of Corruption and Organized Crime
   Act on Confiscation of Pecuniary Gain acquired by Criminal or Misdemeanor offence
   Act on the Prevention of Conflict of Interest in the Exercise of Public Office
   Act on the Right of Access to Information
   Act on Financing of Political parties and independent candidates
   Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Act

7. Does your Government have a single or primary anti-corruption strategy?
   Yes, there is the Anti-Corruption Strategy issued by the Croatian Parliament
8. Does your country have freedom of information legislation?
   X Yes  ○ No

9. Does your country have conflict of interest legislation?
   X Yes  ○ No

10. Does your country have a financial disclosure system to help prevent conflicts of interest?
    X Yes  ○ No

11. Does your country have immunity protection legislation?
    X Yes  ○ No

12. Is your agency protected from political interference by law?
    X Yes  ○ No

Institutional Framework

13. What are the main functions and operations of your agency? Please check all that apply
    ○ Research  ○ Prevention  X Investigation  X Prosecution  ○ Forensics  ○ Accounting  ○ Policy

14. Is there one agency in charge of coordinating AC efforts across agencies?
    X Yes  ○ No
    If yes, please specify: Independent Sector for the Suppression of Corruption within the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia

15. Does your agency have the ability to share information or data with
    (a) Other agencies within your Government, and
    X Yes  ○ No
    (b) Government partners from other countries?
    X Yes  ○ No

16. Please enter the current size of permanent staff in the space below.
    55

17. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)
    Head of USKOK and 29 Deputy Heads

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18. Number of investigators (if applicable)

19. Number of support staff (if applicable)

20. Number of cases handled annually (if applicable)
   (a) Number of complaints received
   1039 persons for corruption (in 2013)
   (b) Number of investigations conducted
   against 509 persons for corruption (in 2013)
   (c) Number of cases handled in court
   Indictments against 508 persons for corruption (in 2013)
   (d) Other please specify

21. Please state the number of complaints received for which your agency did a follow up

22. Please state the prosecution to conviction ratio of your agency (if applicable)

23. Please state the number of learning activities and outreach events organized by your agency (if applicable)

24. Please state the amount of assets recovered by your agency (if applicable)

25. Please enter the names of other agencies with similar functions as this ACA

26. Does your agency have a system to monitor performance of staff?
   X Yes   ○ No

27. Are human resource management actions, i.e., recruitment, promotion, and termination based primarily on staff integrity and professionalism?
28. Are new vacancies for your own agency announced publicly?

- Yes ☒ No ☐

29. Are the results of these recruitment processes announced publicly by your agency?

- Yes ☒ No ☐

30. Who appoints the head of your agency?

State Attorney General with the prior opinion of the minister responsible for judicial affairs and the opinion of the collegiate body of the State Attorney’s Office of the Republic of Croatia

31. Who has the authority to remove the head of the ACA?

State Attorney’s Council upon the proposal of the State Attorney General and with the prior opinion of the collegiate body of the State Attorney’s Office of the Republic of Croatia

32. To whom does the head of your agency report to?

State Attorney’s Office of the Republic of Croatia

33. Is there any term limit for the head of the ACA?

- Yes ☒ No ☐

The Head of USKOK is appointed for a term of four years. After the term for which he was appointed has expired, the Head may be reappointed to the Office.

If yes, please specify:

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34. Is the agency subject to judicial review?

- Yes ☒ No ☐

35. Is the agency subject to expenditure reviews?

- Yes ☒ No ☐

36. Does your agency measure “performance”?

- Yes ☒ No ☐
37. In practice is your agency protected from political interference?
   X Yes ☐ No

38. Does your agency keep a comprehensive skill list of its staff?
   ☐ Yes X No (regulated by law)

39. Is the staff provided with regular training and refresher training to ensure that their skills are up-to-date?
   X Yes ☐ No

40. Are employees protected by law from recrimination or other negative consequences when reporting corruption (i.e. whistleblowing)?
   X Yes ☐ No

41. Does your agency have a communication strategy?
   X Yes ☐ No

42. Does your agency have a comprehensive corporate plan?
   ☐ Yes X No

43. Is there a strategy for formulating a partnership with outside agencies to fight corruption?
   X Yes ☐ No

44. Is there a strategy for dealing with the media?
   X Yes ☐ No
45. In practice does your agency have sufficient powers to carry out its mandate?

X Yes       ○ No

Resource Mobilization

46. Does your agency have budgetary autonomy?

○ Yes       X No

47. What is the annual budget of your agency?

21,298,250.00 HRK (for 2013)

48. The annual budget is determined by (please choose the answer(s) that best fit(s) your agency)

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Material resources are allocated based on reports on work, planned activities and projections of work. Part of annual budget in regard to salaries is determined by number of staff.

49. How much does it roughly cost to (please enter the dollar amount per stated activity)?

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50. Is there any donor involvement in your agency in term of budget?

○ Yes       ○ No

There are no private donors or donations, but exclusively donations within EU projects and from governments of foreign countries.

51. Does your agency use a computerized system to handle cases?

X Yes       ○ No

Social Framework
52. Does your agency provide a mechanism for citizens to report complaints anonymously or provide information on corrupt activities?
   X Yes 〇 No

53. Does your agency or government provide a hotline to report corruption?
   〇 Yes X No

54. Does your agency produce regular and annual public reports of its activities?
   X Yes 〇 No

Innovation

55. Does your agency use any IT tools to
   a. Facilitate reporting of corruption and fraud by citizens (like www.Ipaidabribe.org)
   X
   b. Share information with citizens about its own activities
   〇
   c. Share and/or obtain information for its own investigations
   X
   d. Other – please explain

56. Does your agency use social media to raise awareness on corruption among the public?
   X Yes 〇 No