

Survey on the effectiveness of Anticorruption Authorities

Background Information

- 1. Please enter country name in the space below**

The Republic of Croatia

- 2. The name of the agency**

State Attorney's Office, the Office for the Suppression of Corruption and Organized Crime (USKOK)

- 3. The date of establishment**

December 2001

- 4. Contact Information**

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- 5. Webpage**

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Legal Environment

- 6. What are the main anticorruption laws of your country?**

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 anticorruption strategy?**

Yes, there is the Anti-Corruption Strategy issued by the Croatian Parliament.

- 8. Does your country have freedom of information legislation?**

Yes No

- 9. Does your country have conflict of interest legislation?**

Yes No

- 10. Does your country have a financial disclosure system to help prevent conflicts of interest?**

Yes No

Institutional Environment

- 11. What are the main functions and operations of your agency? Please check all that apply**

Research Prevention Investigation Prosecution Forensic Accounting Policy

12. Is there one agency in charge of coordinating AC efforts across agencies?

Yes No

If Yes, Please specify:

Independent Sector for the Suppression of Corruption within the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia

13. Does your agency have the ability to share information or data with

(a) Other agencies within your government, and

Yes No

(b) Government partners from other countries?

Yes No

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

57

15. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)

Head of USKOK and 30 Deputy Heads

16. Number of investigators (if applicable)

17. Number of cases handled annually (if applicable)

18. Please enter the name of other agencies with similar functions.

19. Does your agency have a system to monitor performance of staff?

Yes No

20. Are the human resource management, i.e. recruitment, promotion, termination built on the emphasis of staff integrity and professionalism?

Yes No

21. 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.

22. 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.

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

Yes No

If Yes, Please specify:

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.

24. Is the agency subject to judicial review?

Yes No

25. Is the agency subject to expenditure reviews?

Yes No

26. Does your agency publish an annual report of activities?

Yes No

27. Does your agency measure performance?

Yes No

If yes, against what indicators?

- Number of investigations conducted
- Number of investigations concluded
- Ratio of number of investigations/staff
- Percentage of total budget allocated to outreach activities and communication
- Other, please specify:
Number of criminal reports, number of dismissals of criminal reports, number of indicted persons, number of all judgments and percentage of judgments of convictions, successfulness of appeals.

28. Does your agency keep a comprehensive skill list of its staff?

Yes No
(regulated
by law)

29. Is the staff provided with regular training and refresher training to ensure that their skills are up-to-date?

Yes No

30. Are employees protected by law from recrimination or other negative consequences when reporting corruption (i.e. whistle-blowing)?

Yes No

31. Does your agency have a communication strategy?

Yes No

32. Does your agency have a comprehensive corporate plan?

Yes No

33. Is there a strategy in formulating partnership with outside agencies in fighting corruption?

Yes No

34. Is there strategy in dealing with media?

Yes No

Resource Mobilization

35. Does your agency have budgetary autonomy?

Yes No

36. What is the annual budget of your agency?

22,331,635 HRK (for 2012)

37. Is the annual budget determined by (Please choose the answer/s that best fits your agency)

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Number of staff
<input type="radio"/>	Number of investigations
<input type="radio"/>	Budget is constitutionally mandated
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Other, please specify: 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.

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

\$	File a case	\$	Manage a paper case	\$	Analyze a case
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39. Any Donor Involvement?

Yes No

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

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

Yes No

Social Environment

41. Does your agency offer a mechanism for citizens to report anonymously complaints or offer information on corrupt activities?

Yes No

42. Does your agency or government provide a hotline to report corruption?

Yes No

43. Does your agency produce regular public reports of its activities?

Yes No