



# ANTI-CORRUPTION- TRAINING

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### Anti-Corruption Event and Workshop for Adolescents

*“Be the change you want to see in the world.”*

Mahatma Gandhi

It is the objective of the Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAK) to share this notion with adolescents and show them how to contribute to shaping the world they live in.

The BAK considers it important that measures to prevent corruption are taken as early as possible. As the development of character and values is not yet complete in adolescence, preventive measures are particularly effective and awareness of the phenomenon of corruption can be raised.

This concept addresses the following questions: **For whom? Why? What? How? What's next?**

#### **For whom? – Target group**

The anti-corruption trainings of the BAK are designed for **students of academic secondary schools** as well as of **intermediate** and **upper-level vocational schools** (upper secondary school students aged 14 to 19).

#### **Why? – Acquisition of skills**

The aim of the anti-corruption trainings of the BAK is to contribute to the adolescents' development in a holistic way, with the focus being on cognitive, emotional and behavioural skills (self and social competence, competence regarding ethical standards and social structures, emotional-affective competence, language and creative competence as well as corruption-related cognitive competence).

#### **What? – Anti-Corruption Event and Anti-Corruption Workshop**

The Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption offers two types of anti-corruption and integrity training in the field of education: **the Anti-Corruption Event** and the **Anti-Corruption Workshop**.

Both the Anti-Corruption Event and the Anti-Corruption Workshop are tailored to the target group. The various methods used during these trainings allow for the active participation of the students. In order that the students can transfer all content to their everyday life, maximum practical relevance is a priority. Both trainings are dedicated to increase the awareness of corruption phenomena and corrupt acts along with all consequences, prevent possible misconduct and promote integrity.

## 1. The Anti-Corruption Event

At the **Anti-Corruption Event**, there is a deliberate departure from the traditional age-homogenous school setting, meaning that the classroom doors will be opened and the premises of the whole school will be used if possible.

At several stations, the students get to know different contents on the topics of corruption prevention and promotion of integrity in small groups. Furthermore, new vantage points are offered on these subjects. When dividing the students into groups, the BAK attaches importance to mixing classes and grades. In doing so, new group structures are developed and the students' social skills are promoted by taking lead responsibility and working in a team.

This training was developed to reach more students at the same time and to ensure sustainability in the dissemination of corruption prevention contents. Furthermore, the Anti-Corruption Event is a nice change from everyday life in school because of its innovative design.

## 2. The Anti-Corruption Workshop

In addition to the Anti-Corruption Event, the prevention team of the BAK offers an **Anti-Corruption Workshop** for students, which is held in the traditional school setting. During this training, a circle seating arrangement is preferred in order to facilitate a pleasant atmosphere giving scope for discussion and to ensure maximum involvement of the students.

As many methods are used during the workshop, the students are encouraged to deal with the topics corruption, corruption prevention and promotion of integrity in a critical way. They should also work on these subjects on their own to a certain extent so they have as many light bulb moments as possible and can use what they have learnt in their everyday and professional life. In this way, sustainability is ensured and the students are encouraged to act with integrity.

### How? – Schedule of the Anti-Corruption Event/Workshop

Because the prevention team of the BAK attaches great importance to the sustainability of its projects in the field of education, the Anti-Corruption Event and the Anti-Corruption Workshop are implemented in five phases involving the teachers who supervise and support the project:



After the preparation phase, during which the scope of the project is defined, the teachers do not only receive comprehensive information on the topic of corruption, but also teaching material and methods specifically designed for the planning of lessons. The lessons should prepare the students for the upcoming Event or Workshop.



In addition, the prevention team of the BAK offers a separate **Workshop for Teachers** with the aim to raise awareness among teachers regarding their role as office holders.

In the implementation phase, the prevention team of the BAK holds the one-day Anti-Corruption Event or Workshop.

The final phase is dedicated to a follow-up and reflection session held with the students in their respective classes, where the employees of the BAK recapitulate the contents of the training once more.

Dealing critically with these topics should encourage the students to reflect and remind them that it is up to them to play an active role in shaping the world.

### **What's next? – Possible cooperation**

The BAK developed concepts for both the Anti-Corruption Event and the Anti-Corruption Workshop explaining the implementation of the trainings regarding contents and methods in detail. These concepts are made available on request. In return, a mutual exchange of experiences and ideas for designing measures to prevent corruption and developing ways to cooperate is appreciated.