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**Examples of Good Practices of Engagement of  
Transparency International in Bosnia and Herzegovina in  
the Review Cycles of the United Nations Conventions  
against Corruption (UNCAC)**

# The Practicalities of Cooperation with the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina

 There are the two established ways of cooperation with the government in the implementation of the principles (provisions) of the Convention :

- **Formal ways of cooperation:** TI BiH signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the BiH Anti-Corruption Agency (2012), the BiH Ministry of Security (2011), the government of Zenica-Doboj Canton and the Association of Cities and Municipalities (2015); In addition, a letter of intent was signed by a mayor of a municipality aiming at receiving support by TI BiH in producing of the integrity plans;
- Ti BiH was included in activities of a working group producing the (BiH) state strategy and accompanying action plan for the implementation of the Strategy.
- **Informal ways of cooperation:**
- TI BiH cooperate with the state Ministry of Justice through its division for development of civil society;
- Ti BiH receives support from various government institutions in the process of submitting projects proposal;
- TI BiH provides technical support to Ant-Corruption Agency in organizing of various workshops and events.

# Direct and Indirect Influence of TI BiH on Policy and Legislative Reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Best Practices

➔ **TI BiH** through its **Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC)** targets all shortcomings of the laws in force implementing the various anticorruption policies;

- This presents a strong basis for further engagement of TI BiH toward the government institution with the aim of influencing (advocacy) the changes within the legal anti-corruption framework (e.g. The BiH Federation Decree on Employment in the Public Enterprises);
- Based on the well established formal and informal cooperation channels with various government institutions at different state levels, TI BiH has been invited to provide different trainings to public servants on production of plans of integrity and their importance in the framework of prevention and fight against corruption. In addition, TI BiH has provide different educational training to the members of government on producing the integrity plans;
- Through organization of different focus groups aiming at production of proposals for amendments to anti-corruption laws, TI BiH strives to involve as many as possible governmental officials in order to, through mutual co-operation, find the best solution for the proposals of amendments (The Law on Financing of Political Parties).

# Perspectives for Further Engagement

- ➔ The basis for further engagement should derive from the findings of the country review reports; Reinforcing mutual cooperation between TI BiH and the government in implementation of UNCAC standards;
- ➔ Open Government Partnership (BiH 2011) as a multilateral initiative (promotion of transparency, fight against corruption, strengthening governance) presents platform for cooperation between CSOs and the government which should be implemented in the future
- ➔ TI BiH will continue to monitoring the implementation of the Convention with special emphasize on strengthening the preventive measures (TI BiH Monitoring Report on Implementation of the Convention – December, 2016);
- ➔ TI BiH will continue to invest efforts to enhance and deepen the already well-established communication and cooperation with all the state institutions and agencies (e.g. providing expert and technical support, organizing joint events, joint work on the production of relevant documents).

# TI BiH Observations From the UNODOC Multi-Stakeholders Workshop and the Country Visit that Followed

- ➔ The workshop itself was structured with focus on obtaining the practical knowledge on the Implementation Review Mechanisms;
- ➔ This type of workshops presents a valuable tool in spreading the knowledge among stakeholders on the Convention and its review mechanism;
- ➔ TI BiH was invited by the government (APIC) to observe the meetings occurred between government representatives and evaluators (3-5 October 2017).



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