

Fighting corruption is one of the permanent priorities of international criminal policy. For this reason, determinants of anti-corruption policy of Polish Government are: international experience in combating and preventing corruption, taking part in the activities of international organizations and EU institutions and respect the standards of law.

One of the most important elements to reduce this phenomenon is to prevent crime of corruption. Therefore, Polish Police has taken several initiatives in this area.

The need for an effective fight against this disease is reflected in government Program called "Anti-corruption Strategy" adopted on 17 September 2002 by the Cabinet.

Executing this program, among others, in the years 2002 - 2009, Police management has taken action in the area "Justice and fighting corruption bodies" like:

- developing new, more effective methods to combat corruption, after having studied the information on corruption occurring in the various spheres of public life
- increasing the effectiveness of disclosing and combating corruption crimes through the establishment of divisions specialized in the fight against this pathology at the voivodeship level and district level
- legislative changes that increase the variety of entities to which it is possible to use investigation methods like operational control (e.g. wiretapping) and controlled purchase

As a result of Police management's action **17 Police divisions were established at the voivodeship level to fight corruption.**

The implementation of the Anticorruption Strategy affected in a very significant way the effectiveness of combating corruption and its prevention.

Currently, the next stage of the strategy called Government Anti-Corruption Program is being developed by the Ministry of Interior.

At the same time Combating Corruption Division in Police Headquarters has taken a number of informative initiatives. Web tab at www.policja.gov.pl was created in order to inform about committed corruption crimes directly to the locally relevant Police division. This website provides information regarding the rules and ways how to report an offense in every voivodeship all over the country. Emails send to the Police are selected and then after information has been checked the next step is starting an investigation. Information obtained this way is used quite often. Website provides information about everything connected with corruption mater like whistle blowing, proper reaction when you're offered a bribe, actions that are against the law and the most important how to report crime of corruption.

Police officers from Combating Corruption Division provide training for government employees, explaining how to prevent, uncover and combat corruption. During the lecture mainly legal issues are discussed but also practical aspects of preventing and revealing corruption. Increasingly, these lectures are also conducted for the private business sector, in particular, banking and insurance business in order to avoid corruption that is very popular in business

Legal obligations of Supreme Audit Office .and Central Anticorruption Bureau are (among others) to deal with the preparation of reports and other publications about the activities of public institutions.

The chancellery of the Prime Minister created Government Plenipotentiary Office to develop Program called "How to prevent irregularity in public institutions?". Main activities of plenipotentiary are to prepare draft legislation and organizational changes to improve the functioning of the central government in order to prevent irregularities.