



PROJECT'S FACT SHEET

KOSOVO

All over Kosovo

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DEMOCRACY PLUS (D+)

Monitoring of public tenders signed during 2020 and 2021 by way of negotiated procedure and reveal findings through monitoring reports, media appearances, communications with respective officials from public institutions and providing recommendations thereof.

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SUMMARY

Due to the pandemic situation beginning in the first quarter of 2020, most local and central level institutions, initiated procurement procedures through negotiated procedures and invited to bid only a small number of companies without following the competition rules. Negotiated contracts eliminate competition amongst businesses while in more scandalous cases result in thousands or even millions of euros being allegedly abused or misused in the name of fighting the pandemic. Even though the Public Procurement Regulatory Commission (PBRC) has given the green light to public institutions to follow the negotiated procedure without publishing a contract notice, this process requires crucial monitoring and oversight by public institutions to expose potential breaches of the law.

Under this framework, Democracy Plus (D+) will be monitoring specific tenders signed during 2020 and 2021. Findings from this research will be communicated through two monitoring reports, one report for the research and findings related to 2020 and the other one for the findings related to 2021. Moreover, D+ will monitor the procurement activities in four municipalities (Gjakovë/Đakovica, Gjilan/Gnjilane, Podujevë/Podujevo, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica) and will publish findings deriving from the research in a separate report. In this way, D+ will further on provide recommendations to change several pieces of legislation regarding transparency and accountability. Also, D+ will organize several advocacy meetings with officials from public institutions, conduct an awareness raising campaign to inform citizens on the impact of corruption on their daily life and how their taxes are spent by central and local level institutions, animated video related to the cost of corruption, design infographics for that purpose and so on.

MAIN OBJECTIVE

Contribute to exposing flaws in institutional efforts to fighting COVID-19 pandemic through new legislation pieces and public contracts.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

SO1. Contribute to reframing the cultural environment and political identity to change societal values towards rule of law, corruption, gender and ethnic discrimination;

SO2. Promoting collective deliberation to reach a consensus on national standards in the processes against corruption and other forms of societal abuse and rights violations;

SO3: Contribute to breaking the cycle of reciprocity and moral obligation within closed networks that is prone to lead to corruption, and strengthening citizen participation and the accountability of elected officials towards their voters.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Monitoring the work of public institutions in the fields of good governance, transparency and accountability, public spending and public procurement;
 - At least ten (10) tenders from 2020 and ten (10) tenders from 2021 will be analysed as reaction to the pandemic/carried out through negotiated procedure.
 - Two monitoring reports on tenders awarded during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021
 - Direct Monitoring of procurement activities in four municipalities
 - One monitoring report on the findings observed during the direct monitoring of tenders in the targeted municipalities
- Monitoring and contributing to better policy-making through proposing recommendations and engaging in drafting laws, regulations, and administrative directives at the central and local level in the fields of good governance, transparency and accountability, public money spending/public procurement
 - Issuing Six (6) Fast Reaction Briefs to Government/Public Institutions responses to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Providing recommendations for at least ten (10) primary and secondary pieces of legislation regarding central and local government, good governance, transparency and accountability
- Exposing cases of corruption and mismanagement of public funds and reporting them through the media in the form of media appearances, op-eds, blogs and media appearances
 - One Cost of Corruption animated video highlighting the main findings of the entire project
 - Organising/holding about 50 media appearances through interviews and participation in televised debates or articles of online, print and TV media outlets;
 - About 20 advocacy meetings aiming to raise identified issues with public institutions and other civil society organisation

- Carrying out an awareness raising campaigns to inform citizens on the impact of corruption on their daily life and how their taxes are spent by central and local level institutions

TARGET GROUPS

- Government (Office of the Prime Minister)
- The 4 targeted municipalities: Gjakovë/Đakovica, Gjilan/Gnjilane, Podujevë/Podujevo, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica
- Procurement Review Body
- Public Procurement Regulatory Commission
- The Assembly and its relevant Committees
- Ministry of Health
- Hospital and University Clinical Service of Kosovo
- Public at large
- Media

MAIN IMPLEMENTER

Democracy Plus (D+)

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