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Corruption prevention through digitalization

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 Central coordination and contact point for public administration in the field of corruption prevention

Main responsibilities

- transfer of know-how in the field of corruption prevention
- elaboration a National Anti-Corruption Policy of the Slovak Republic
- enhancing transparency and accountability in public sector institutions with a special focus on processes designed to prevent corruption and mitigate corruption risks
- designing the tools for corruption prevention, incl. methodology for corruption risk management
- Implementation of ISO 37001:2016 in Anti-Bribery Management System

National Anti-Corruption Policy of the Slovak Republic

- Adopted by the Slovak Government in December 2018
- Main objective increase public trustworthiness of public authorities and their employees
- Primarily address the public sector institutions in order to promote public integrity
- Each Government entity shall develop a specified sectoral anti-corruption programme based on the assessment of corruption risks ("evidence-based")



National Anti-Corruption Policy of the Slovak Republic



Top priorities of this policy:

<u>Priority 1:</u> To promote and protect the public interest through reducing the space and opportunities for corruption.

<u>Priority 2:</u> To improve the quality of the legislative and legal environment.

<u>Priority 3:</u> To improve conditions for doing business.

Every priority contains **specific objectives** and **measures** that are designed to further develop the Anti-Corruption Policy in each of the public authorities.

Electronic Questionnaire – Corruption Risk Assessment (CRA)



• Metaphorically:

$$C = M + D - A - T$$

Corruption equals Monopoly plus Discretion minus Accountability minus Transparency...

....minus organization's whistleblowing protection, public integrity, anti-bribery management system...

- Modular
- Each corruption risk (CR) shall be measurable

Electronic Questionnaire - CRA

A sample of questions

- Do you make decisions on providing funds, licences... check the expenses...? Job position's Riskiness
- Do some of the provisions of the law allow you to decide on the basis of you own discretion? (i.e., the provision contains the words such as "may", "should", "consider") Own discretion in decisionmaking
- Does the organization have effective measures to eliminate conflicts of interest? Transparency

Electronic Questionnaire - CRA

A sample of questions

- Does the organization consider the risk of business partners, employees, projects and transactions in terms of corruption? Anti-bribery management system
- Does the organisation offer a *continuous training* on ethical behaviour/corruption prevention/conflict of interest? Organisation's Public integrity
- Do you think the whitleblower protection system has failed in the last 3 years? Whistleblower Protection
- Has it happen during the past three years that an official had to pay a damage that he had caused? Personalresponsibility

Database of Corruption Risks

- **Updatable catalogue** of corruption risks (at least once a year)
- Each identified and evaluated corruption risk contains specific measures to mitigate or eliminate it, as well the deadlines and responsibilities of concrete persons
- >Anticorruption program



