

Project Fact Sheet – NOR - 03

Project Title	A clean parliament - Transparency and accountability
Thematic priority area	Anti-corruption
Implementing organization (and partner if applicable)	Institute for Political Studies
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Implementation period	Start date: 01/01/2019 End date: 30/04/2020
Budget supported by the Civil Society programme for Albania and Kosovo	€ 37,700.00
Total project budget	€ 37,700.00
Geographical coverage	National Coverage (all of Albania's constituencies/electoral districts)
Project objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piloting the establishment of an anti-corruption framework aimed at the prevention of conflict of interest, enhanced transparency and extended accountability from the MPs in relation to their parliamentary activity; • Establishment of an effective monitoring system on all political decision-making of the MPs, provision of disclosure and analysis of the possible cases of conflict of interest; • Creating a tradition of institutional response against possible infringement of the law on conflict of interests by the MPs and by the Parliament; • Raising awareness among MPs, Parliament and political and institutional stakeholders on the importance of good practices in the field of prevention of conflict of interest; • Involving the NGO community, especially watchdog organisations and whistle-blowers in the public discussion of conflict of interest in the parliament.
Targeted beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Assembly of Albania as a constitutional institution in its entirety and its individual MPs; - The public institutions involved in monitoring and implementing of the Code of Conducts; - Political parties, NGOs and media outlets; - The public opinion.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of the staff, MPs, media and NGO on issues of the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest; • Monitoring of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ the registry of declaration of conflict of interest in the



	<p>parliament;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ the implementation of the Code of Conduct in the Assembly of Albania; ☞ the discourse of the MPs/political parties/institutions in relation to the conflict of interests and anti-corruption measures in the parliament; ☞ parliamentary hearings, sessions, parliamentary acts, political decisions on the conflict of interest; ☞ the country's main media with regard to their coverage of cases of conflict of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting and presentation of monitoring reports, findings and recommendations on conflict of interests; • Provision of expertise for legal amendments and for the improvement of administrative framework so as to enable for higher implementation standards of the code of conduct by the Parliament.
Project results	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish benchmarks enabling for an effective monitoring of conflict of interest among MPs and for the preparation of measures to prevent it in the future. At present, such monitoring system lacks in Albania. Its establishment is a EU requirement for the country; 2. Establish a permanent system for monitoring conflict of interest for MPs in Albania, which will enable for directly addressing situations of conflict of interests to the MPs with the relevant institutions; 3. Draft and propose concrete legislative measures to address conflict of interest in relation to the parliamentary rules of procedure, code of conduct, and in other laws and regulations, including party statutes and bylaws; 4. Higher involvement of the media and public opinion in scrutinizing and discussing conflict of interest issues and in covering high profile cases of conflict of interest by creating the necessary critical mass of public exposure of infringements of the law in force in this regards; 5. Higher level of accountability of the parliament with regard to conflict of interest through improved standards of monitoring and disciplining abuse of duty and abuse of power by MPs.