

**ALSAI representatives participate in the Public Discussion Day in Shkodër on:
“Citizen Participation and Cooperation with Institutions in the Fight Against Corruption”**

On 13 February 2024, the Albanian Helsinki Committee (AHC) organized a public discussion day in Shkodër on the topic “Citizen Participation and Cooperation with Institutions in the Fight Against Corruption”, within the framework of the project initiative “No to Corruption, yes to Democracy”, financially supported by the Swedish Government.

Representatives of several institutions participated in this activity, including the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution (ALSAI), the Ministry of Justice, and the High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interest, as well as representatives of civil society organizations, the media, students, citizens, and others.

ALSAI was represented at this meeting by Mr Koço Sokoli, Senior Auditor at the Legal Department.

During the meeting, ALSAI representative Mr Koço Sokoli, highlighted the commitment of the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution to the fight against corruption.



State audit institutions have an important advantage in terms of their effectiveness in combating corruption, due to their capacity and ability to detect cases of corruption and irregularities and to identify weaknesses in systems through which corruption can penetrate and develop. Consequently, they are increasingly included as important partners in every anti-corruption strategy.

The International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), of which ALSAI is a member, has long been committed to promoting an active role for SAIs in the fight against corruption. Reflecting INTOSAI’s approaches, as well as those of other peer SAIs in combating corruption, ALSAI has addressed corruption and the fight against this phenomenon not only through its audit activity, but also in the Institution’s Strategic Plan.

In implementation of this strategy, ALSAI has been strongly committed to playing an active and productive role in the fight against corruption, supporting and engaging in every inter-institutional initiative both within Albania and abroad.

As part of its comprehensive approach to cooperation in the fight against corruption, ALSAI has undertaken the initiative to sign a number of specific cooperation agreements, including those with SPAK, the General Prosecutor's Office, the High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interest, and several civil society organizations.



Participants were informed about ALSAI's contribution to drafting the “Practical Guide for Enhancing Cooperation between SAIs and Anti-Corruption Agencies” for the prevention and fight against corruption, approved at the XXIV International Congress of Supreme Audit Institutions (INCOSAI) in November 2022.

Mr. Sokoli also presented ALSAI's important contribution to the fight against corruption through its participation in the working group for the Cross-Sectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy 2023–2030.