

ALSAI representatives attend the workshop organized by ACER and WFD on the Preventive Assessment of Corruption in the Draft Law on Foreign Direct Investment in Albania

It was held on 10 December 2024 the workshop on “Preventive Assessment of Corruption in the Draft Law on the Screening of Foreign Direct Investments in the Republic of Albania”, a project of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) and the Albanian Centre for Economic Research (ACER).

The Albanian Centre for Economic Research (ACER) and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD), within the framework of the “National Screening Mechanisms” project, organized a workshop on 10 December 2024 entitled “Preventive Assessment of Corruption in the Draft Law on the Screening of Foreign Direct Investments in the Republic of Albania”, with the aim of establishing an adequate foreign direct investment screening system designed to minimize potential risks to the national economy, security and public order.

Mr. Zef Preçi, Executive Director of ACER, discussed the importance of reducing corruption risks in legislation as an important preventive measure. He also addressed the concept and dimension of National Security, the relationship between FDI and security, concerns related to foreign investment, as well as the needs and prerequisites for a functional screening mechanism.

Ms Laureta Memo, Programme Manager at WFD Albania, highlighted the cooperation with ACER in implementing preventive corruption assessment as an essential aspect of strengthening Parliament’s oversight role and ensuring the protection of the public interest.

Experts Ms Brunilda Kosta (University of Tirana, Faculty of Economics) and Ms Zyhrada Kongoli (freelance expert and legal consultant) discussed technical issues related to the Draft Law “On the Screening of Foreign Direct Investments in the Republic of Albania”.

Ms Jorida Tabaku, Member of the Parliament of Albania and initiator of the draft law, emphasized not only its importance but also the importance of public discussion with all stakeholders, with the ultimate aim of finalizing a useful law that would serve the public interest and national security.

Representatives of the British Embassy in Tirana, as well as representatives of the American and German Chambers of Commerce, among others, attended the meeting.

The Albanian Supreme Audit Institution (ALSAI) was represented at the meeting by Ms Brunilda Zeneli.