

Oživení

Improvement of Public Procurement Systems in the Czech and Slovak Republics

Quick facts for this project:

Project Partner Organizations:	Transparency International Slovakia and the Economics Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
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Project Summary

The project aims at improving public procurement practices through amendments to the anti-corruption law which are supported by a business platform.

Procurement is one of the areas most vulnerable to corruption in the Czech and Slovak Republics. The main root causes for intransparent procurement are weak laws and lack of oversight. The project's objectives are to prepare a set of law amendments based on economic research and legal analyses of current weaknesses of the legal system. Furthermore, the project will aim at identifying potential loopholes, and analyze current practices of state oversight over procurement.

Economic research will support the general recommendations that an anti-corruption approach, including open tenders, electronic auctions, or restrictions for evaluations criteria, could increase efficiency of public budget spending. Together with the support of an anti-corruption business platform, the amendment will be presented to the Parliaments.

To raise awareness with media and the general public, this project will develop an ideal model for an official electronic tender bulletin, enhancing the possibilities of public control by publishing information on tenders.

Description of Integrity Partner

Oživení, meaning “Renewal”, was established in 1997 in Prague, Czech Rep., as a non-governmental not-for-profit organization primarily devoted to promoting sustainable mobility, cycling, and reducing car traffic in cities. Since 2000 the amount of public advocacy and watchdog activities has risen, and the main organization's goals are currently promoting public scrutiny, transparency, public awareness, and free access to information. Its anti-corruption activities include legislative work at the national level, development and enforcing of municipal anti-corruption policies and tools, systematic monitoring and analysis in the area of conflict of interests, monitoring and public exposure of specific cases of conflict of interests and corruption – watchdog activities, anti-corruption audits and consultancy, free legal aid, and networking services for Civil Society Organizations (CSO) involved in anti-corruption work.

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Link to the website

<https://www.siemens.com/global/en/home/company/sustainability/compliance/collective-action/status-of-the-first-funding-round/oziveni.html>