

Development on the asset Declaration system and audit of the High Ranking Officials - Means of investigation and future challenges

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Abstract

The system of declaration of private interests is a mechanism widely adopted by various countries, aiming to control or oversight a category of high ranking officials and civil servants who, by virtue of their function, have significant powers over the economic, social or financial resources of the state. This mechanism constitutes an institutional and public scrutiny, aiming to prevent the abuse of their power for personal gain, contributing to the prevention and resolution of conflicts of interest for public officials, in order to promote integrity and transparency in public administration.

This paper aims to bring the attention to the relevance of an effective system on declaration of private interests, as a means generally adopted in various countries within the mechanisms in the fight against corruption and increasing the integrity of the public officials. Throughout the paper is giving an analysis of the features chosen in different jurisdictions, the principles required from international instruments, with special focus on the legislative framework adopted and implemented in Albania. An overall evaluation is provided for the legislation's scope of application, the range of public officials bearing the obligation to declare their private interests, the transparency and procedures for the audit of the declarations of private interests.

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