



ANTICORRP-Launch

The plight of corruption never leaves the headlines. Major corporate scandals a la Enron or Siemens compete in the news with endless governmental corruption crises all over the globe, and not only in the so-called developing world. Spain, Luxembourg, France, Germany, the US – all of these experienced big cases of high echelon corruption in most recent times.

Corruption has an impact. It is time that anti-corruption starts having an impact, too.

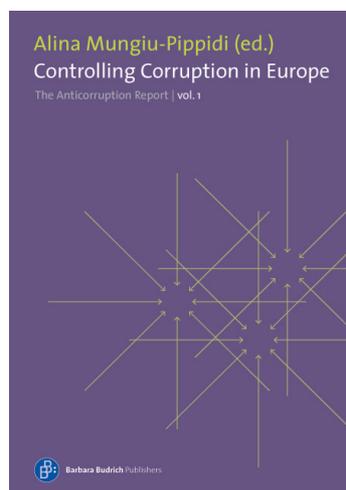
This is the credo of ANTICORRP, a European Seventh Framework Research Project that started in 2012 and will continue until 2018. Based on the work of 21 different research centers and universities gathering original data, ANTICORRP delivers yearly updates on the latest from corruption research, analyzing both the consequences of corruption and the impact of policies attempting to curb it.

Corruption distorts market competition, bolsters deficits on behalf of discretionary spending, hurts real investment in public health and education, reduces tax collection, detracts the absorption rate of EU funds, and generates vulnerable employment and brain drain. ANTICORRP estimates that if EU member states would all manage to control corruption at the Danish level, tax collection in Europe would increase by 323 billion Euro per year – double the EU budget for 2013.

Spearheaded by distinguished professor Alina Mungiu-Pippidi of the Hertie School of Governance, ANTICORRP will produce an annual policy report, offering real solutions to an overbearing problem, ultimately offering testable, easy to handle policies which reduce corruption risk.

This first report, which is available now, offers a methodology to evaluate corruption risk and quality of government at country, region and sector level by means of corruption indicators that are sensitive to change and policy intervention. It covers the European continent divided in three areas, namely the EU, South-Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. It focuses more specifically on three case studies: Romania as a 'problem' case with regards to corruption and the application of EU funds; Hungary as an average country where the collected evidence shows more challenges than previously believed; and Estonia as a success story and a clear 'achiever' of good governance.

ANTICORRP is hosted by Transparency International's anti-corruption research network. You can find out more about ANTICORRP on anticorrrp.eu.



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