



USAID TRANSPARENCY IN HEALTH ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

Workshop

on

Best Practice Models of Asset Declaration Systems to Maximize Transparency

TRAINING CURRICULA

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Objective

The law No. 42/2017 “On the Declaration and Audit of Assets, Financial Obligations of Elected Persons and Certain Public Officials”, Article 16, foresees the publication of the statements of private interests in the official website of the Institution, in accordance with the legal framework on the right to information and protection of personal data. Considering the publication of these data should be in compliance with integrity, control and accountability as foreseen by the legal framework, we view the training on challenges and issues related to the online submission and publication of the asset declaration as a major asset, that would enhance the knowledge, raise capacity and prepare the technical staff of HIDAACI on possible issues on publication of confidential, personal and edited data, in compliance with the applicable law on the right to information and protection of personal data.

The workshop is intended for the Inspectors of the High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interests (HIDAACI). The aim of this workshop is to present to HIDAACI staff some best practices from similar implementations in different countries that apply the online submission and publication of the declarations in order to maximize transparency, bring to their attention publication standards in compliance with the legal framework, regarding integrity and accountability and inform them on the challenges of online publication of the declarations.

Meeting participants and beneficiaries

The participants in this meeting will be the Inspectors and second Inspectors of HIDAACI that prepare and publish the data and reports of the declaration of assets, public relations department, IT department and the Transparency Coordinator of the institution. Approximately 20 officials would participate.

Expected Outputs:

Upon completion of this event, the HIDAACI staff is expected to have benefitted the following:

1. Enhanced knowledge on the challenges of online publication of the declarations and how to successfully overcome them;
2. Increased competencies, knowledge and capacities among HIDAACI's officials on best practices of asset declaration systems that can help maximize transparency;
3. Enhanced information on publication standards in compliance with the legal framework, regarding integrity and accountability;
4. Deeper knowledge on algorithmic instruments that evaluate risk and calculate discrepancies;
Increased competencies, knowledge and capacities on methods for structuring online information for ease of use (search and re-use).

Methodology:

Pre-reading

Provide the selected case studies from the desk research as a pre-reading material for the workshop participants. Share the risk Matrix with the participants before the workshop to prepare their input in further development of the matrix.

Session I – Best practice/s from similar asset declaration systems (8:40 – 9:30)

- Projection of an asset declaration system with online submission and publication

Presentation of the existing models of the asset declaration system with online submission and publication
legal requirements and the specific needs of the oversight body

- Implementation and impact of such a system

The procedures for financial verification - Administrative type of investigations and is subject to judicial control (verify wealth and interest statements, control the filling-in on time of the statements, assess the failure to follow legal provisions regarding conflicts of interest, incompatibilities and wealth and act according to the law if necessary and formulate complaints to the criminal investigation bodies if there is evidence or solid clues regarding the existence of such activity)

- Risk evaluation process for online asset declaration system – risk matrix

Discussion on the basis of the prepared risk matrix

Session II - Best practice/s from similar asset declaration systems (09:30 – 11:00)

- Issues related to the transition from manual to electronic submission of the declaration

Comparative assessment of the following models:

Romania/ NIA
Argentina
Macedonia
Georgia

- Challenges and difficulties during and after the implementation of the online asset declaration system

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Session III Publication standards in compliance with the legal framework (11:30 – 13:30)

- Comparative report between the Albanian legal framework regulated by Law No. 42/2017 “On the Declaration and Audit of Assets, Financial Obligations of Elected Persons and certain Public Officials” and a best practice.

Presentation of the comparative assessment. Table with the similarities in the legal framework and best practices will be presented.

This document will be prepared before 10 October.

Discussion & Recommendations