

The International Conference on the RA Anti-Corruption Strategy was held in Yerevan, Armenia

On 17 and 18 April, the Government-Civil Society International Expert Conference titled “RA Anti-Corruption Strategy under International Experience” was held in Yerevan.

The Conference was organised jointly by the Armenian Lawyers’ Association, the CSO Anti-Corruption Coalition of Armenia and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, in the framework of the “Commitment to Constructive Dialogue” project supported by the European Union, and in collaboration with UNDP and the Centre for International Private Enterprises (CIPE).

H.E. Piotr Antoni Świtalski, Ambassador, Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia, Mr. Tigran Khachikyan, Deputy Minister of Justice, Mr. Artur Davtyan, the RA Prosecutor General, Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Resident Representative, UNDP Armenia, and Mr. Karen Zadoyan, the President of the Armenian Lawyers’ Association, delivered welcome speeches. The thematic reports were delivered both by international and national experts.

Organisation of the Anti-Corruption Conference in Armenia was timely and important, since the Government of Armenia is in the process of finalisation of country’s Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2019-2022. In addition, broad government-public discussions are conducted on the model of the Independent Anti-Corruption Agency that Armenia shall consider for adoption in line with country’s legal and institutional framework.

The main objective of the Conference was to discuss necessary steps that will allow Armenia to leapfrog its anti-corruption reform.

Results: Based on the above priorities and building on the previous rounds of consultations, the Conference re-focused on the “what” and “how” of the AC quest in Armenia by:

- **Taking stock of the trends and challenges** in the anti-corruption area, as well as in the overall development context of Armenia;
- **Sharing international experience, best practices and lessons learned** in developing and implementing anti-corruption strategies through an integrated approach, establishing independent AC systems and institutions, including in enforcement and prevention areas;
- **Presenting recommendations** for assessment, measurement and prevention of corruption at various levels;
- **Devising a roadmap** for effective involvement of key stakeholders to prevent and combat corruption in Armenia;
- **Providing** concrete recommendations and proposals on the way forward in the **Conference follow-up report**.

More information on the anti-corruption conference is available at: <https://armla.am/en/3984.html>.

**“Armenian Lawyers’ Association” NGO,
Secretariat of the CSOs Anti-corruption Coalition of Armenia**