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Preventing and Combating Corruption in the Police

The problem of corruption in various areas of government and governance is relevant nowadays and has a global and systemic character. Corruption is a direct threat to national security, hampering the development of democracy and civil society in the countries. It should also be emphasized that corruption in the activities of the police agencies promotes the development of organized crime, and also has a negative impact on the development of legal reforms.

The level of corruption in law enforcement agencies is increasing every year. In 2015 criminal proceedings were brought against two hundred and sixty law enforcement officers and eight judges, within the first nine months of 2016 charges were brought against four hundred and fifty law enforcers and sixteen professional judges.

Anti-corruption measures in foreign countries in the overwhelming majority are similar. It is explained by the process of integration of legislation, active intergovernmental coordination of measures to counteract corruption.

The integrity of the police, like any other institution, requires the formulation of a rule and the creation of incentive systems for compliance and sanctions for violation this rule. Summarizing international experience, the following measures of prevention and counteraction to corruption in the police should be highlighted:

1. the development of informal ethical norms that exclude corruption behavior;
2. the formalization of anti-corruption requirements;
3. the creation of material incentives for policemen who do not allow corruption;
4. the establishment of sanctions for corrupt police officers.

A number of orders of the Minister of the Interior of the Slovak Republic and the President of the Police approved a list of prohibited police activities.

In Germany, the Anti-corruption Code was introduced. It clearly specifies the areas of police activity in which there are high risks of

corruption, features of corruption behavior and defines the procedure for action in case of temptation to commit a corrupt act.

In the United States, the rules of corruption in the police include the definition and adherence to professional standards: every policeman is obliged to adhere to the code of professional ethics.

It is necessary to pay attention to the experience of the Bulgarian Ministry of Internal Affairs that created a hotline for complaints about corruption among the employees of this department, besides twice a month there are receiving visitors so that they could file their complaints and suspicions concerning the corruption of the officials of the ministry.

One of the elements of the corruption prevention in the Canadian police is carrying out special psychophysiological studies of the polygraph applicant.

In the United States and the United Kingdom a network of public associations is empowered to oversee the investigation of acts of corruption in the police.

In the Republic of Belarus the Main Directorate of Homeland Security of the Ministry of Internal Affairs was established.

The analyzed experience of foreign countries in preventing and counteracting corrupt practices among policemen may be a guiding factor in the reform of the National Police in Ukraine and the implementation of anti-corruption measures in the state.

It was recognized that it would be appropriate to apply legal and organizational measures to ensure the internal security of police authorities that they had established themselves in other countries, in particular regarding the adoption of common standards for combating corruption in the police and the formation of a state anti-corruption strategy.

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ANAC - State Anti-Corruption Institution in Italy

The Independent National Commission on Oversight, Transparency and Integrity of Italy (CIVIT) was created in 2009. On the basis of Law №125, adopted by Parliament in 2013, the name CIVIT was changed to ANAC (National Anti-Corruption Institution for Supervision and Transparency of State Administration). ANAC carries out an analysis of the causes and factors of corruption in order to take measures to investigate and