

Innovation versus Classics in Preventing Corruption

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Why prevention?

1% of actual corruption investigated

versus

99% of actual corruption to be prevented

Prevention Classics:

- developing ethical and conduct codes, including anti-favoritism rules, gifts' regime, conflict of interests, public employment incompatibilities and limitations, revolving doors restrictions;
- anti-corruption trainings and awareness raising;
- transparency and accountability through free access to information of public interest, asset and conflict of interests declaration and checking, internal audit procedures;
- Implementation of anti-corruption strategies.

Prevention – long-term investment

- How to make sure today that after the long-term is over, the investment will be returned?

Pitfalls:

1. lack of commitment on the behalf of a corrupt public administration
2. lack of outside supervision on the public administration's fulfillment of prevention requirements
3. prevention is rather about moral than legally binding requirements - lack of sanctions
4. prevention should not cost money.

How to innovate?

- Can we determine public administration to behave?
- Can we predict future corruption risks?
- Can we motivate public officials to break the corruption chain and report on the bribe givers?

Determining administration to behave

- Classic approach – ethics
- Innovative approach – corruption risk assessment
- RAI methodology

Can we predict future corruption?

- Classical approach: surveys, conflict of interests regime
- Innovative approach: corruption proofing of draft laws
- RAI methodology

Can we motivate public officials to report bribe givers?

- Classical approach: whistleblower's protection (good-faith, caring)
- Innovative approach: integrity testing
- RAI research on whistleblower's protection

Innovate innovations

- Corruption proofing – **setting administrative sanctions** for avoiding the corruption proofing expertise reports
- Corruption risk assessments (lengthy, unmotivated authorities to implement the integrity plan) + integrity testing (unconstitutional, highly-motivating) = **institutional integrity assessments**