High-level academic programmes delivered by the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) on Combating Corruption and Building Integrity

Third course: Corruption and Fraud in Public Procurement

Do you want to learn how to detect corruption and fraud in public procurement before they cause financial damage, using digital tools and risk-based analysis? Are you ready to strengthen your investigative and reporting skills to combat procurement corruption effectively?

This hybrid course offers participants a thorough understanding of corruption and fraud risks in public procurement processes. Through real-life case studies, practical exercises, and interactive discussions, it provides the tools to spot red flags, evaluate risks, and identify irregularities at all stages of the procurement cycle. It also enhances investigative and reporting skills, promotes interagency cooperation, and introduces digital tools and international best practices, such as open contracting and AI-based risk scoring, to effectively prevent and address procurement corruption.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, participants should be able to:

- Identify the red flags and typologies of corruption and fraud in public procurement by recognising common forms such as bid rigging, collusion, kickbacks, and manipulation of technical specifications
- Detect red flags across all stages of the procurement cycle: planning, tendering, evaluation, and contract management.
- Understand how red flags and indicators are identified, analysed, and reported in actual investigations through analysis of a real-life case study.
- Apply practical techniques for risk assessment and early detection by conducting corruption risk assessments within the procurement cycle.
- Use practical tools, such as checklists and risk matrices, to identify early signs of fraud and corruption.
- Strengthen investigative and reporting skills by reviewing and assessing complaints or reports about procurement irregularities.
- Strengthen methods for evidence collection and documentation to prepare reports highlighting legal breaches.
- Improve interagency cooperation and information sharing, and learn how to implement joint analysis procedures and effective referral pathways for corruption cases.
- Explore how digital platforms, transparency portals, and e-procurement systems contribute to the prevention and detection of corruption.
- Learn from international best practices, including innovations such as open contracting data standards and AI-powered risk scoring (e.g., Ukraine’s ProZorro system)

Dates and logistics

The course will be delivered in a hybrid format, with two online sessions on 16 and 28 April 2026 and four live sessions held in person in Skopje on 23 April. The online sessions' lecture time will be between 15:00 – 16.30. The in-person training will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Skopje, starting at 09:00. The agenda for the in-person session will be delivered to selected candidates before the session begins.

Study materials will be available on the IACA learning platform as of the beginning of April 2026.

Assessment

Each participant's learning outcome will be assessed through a quiz-based examination. The passing grade will be 80%. The final graded assessment quiz will be available on the IACA learning platform and must be completed by 30 April 2026. After successful completion of the training, the participants will receive a certificate of completion.

All participants will be required to submit their feedback/evaluation in an electronic format specified by IACA.

Who should attend?

Maximum 25 public servants / professionals working in anti-corruption bodies, audit and oversight institutions, public procurement authorities at central and local governmental levels and law enforcement bodies with the following profiles:

- corruption and fraud investigators,
- auditors,
- procurement officials, compliance officers and risk assessment officers,
- prosecutors.

Participants should have a role and interest in preventing and detecting corruption in public procurement, improving interagency cooperation, and applying international best practices and digital tools to enhance transparency and accountability.

English proficiency is required in order to attend the course.

How to apply

Expression of interest should be sent on the **application form/motivation letter in English language** available on https://rolaw.mk to sashenka.gramatova-ljuben@rolaw.mk by the **13th February 2026.** A short interview will be conducted with the shortlisted candidates to assess their English language proficiency.