

# Methodologies for monitoring anticorruption policies, state capture and public procurement integrity

*Summer school*

8 June 2022, Zagreb

## KEY OBJECTIVES AND TOPICS OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

Anti-corruption is not a final destination, but a consistent process of democratic renewal, checks and balances. Democratic backsliding in parts of Europe, fatigue over anti-corruption reforms, and the rising challenge from authoritarian powers, call upon public institutions, CSOs, investigative journalists and the whole society in Europe to take a stance and promote integrity. South East Europe is one of the most vulnerable regions on the continent in this respect. The use of big data, state-of-art research methodologies, and comprehensive systems of red flags, coupled with well-functioning civil society consultation mechanisms could greatly support good governance in the region. Consistent monitoring of corruption and state capture risks could prevent large-scale EU funding available to the region from being seized by powerful political-economic networks, including such linked to authoritarian adversaries.

The Regional Good Governance Public-Private Partnership Platform (R2G4P) is organizing a summer school for current and aspiring practitioners, interested to learn more about the available research methodologies, tools and indicators for monitoring and assessing corruption and state capture. The participants at the summer school (8 June 2022) will be able to also take part in the regional forum held on 7 June 2022 on the same location, and submerge in current policy debates, as well as participate in Q&A sessions, brainstorming and exercises. The summer school features two thematic sessions.

### Panel 1: Introduction and conceptual background of procurement integrity. Using integrated company and procurement data for holding governments to account

The session will aim to inspire participants to elaborate their own integrity indicators and red-flags that serve to assess the public institutions. The session will include an introduction to *Opentender.eu* - a free of charge platform that allows to search and analyse tender data from multiple jurisdictions, in order to pinpoint potentially corrupt public procurements.

### Panel 2: Combining experts' opinions and company data to assess corruption, state capture and policy measures at national, sectoral and institutional level

The session will showcase how combining experts' assessments and company data could be used to assess state capture at national and sectoral level. Special focus will be placed on how to identify state capture enablers, as well as various state capture manifestations and risks (e.g. market monopolization). In addition, the session will practice methods for evaluating the effectiveness of institutional anti-corruption policies and specific policy measures, implemented within particular public institutions.

## TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Mobile phones with web-browser functionality will be needed as a minimum requirement for answering online polls. It is however recommended to also bring laptops, if possible, in order to benefit from the full interactive summer school experience.

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# The summer school's lecturers and moderators



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