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Integrity Works in
Costa Rica

The credibility and effectiveness of Costa Rica’s legal system was cemented in 2009 when its former President was sentenced to 5 years for embezzling funds from the social security system. 7 others were also sentenced for accepting kickbacks.
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Integrity Works in Montenegro

In exchange for favorable rulings, a high court judge solicited bribes from defendants through another government official. Ultimately 5 people were indicted, tried, and sentenced to 7 years in prison. This case is testimony to the government’s willingness to investigate and prosecute high-level corruption.
An internal audit unearthed a scheme in which 10 officials from a regional Rural Credit Guarantee Corporation siphoned off 17 million PHP by creating fictitious borrowers. Following the audit, the organization strengthened its controls and the National Bureau of Investigation ensured the responsible officials faced charges of graft and falsification of documents.
Following a US Department of Justice investigation, the Supreme National Authority for Combating Corruption opened its own investigation into a corruption scheme in the telecommunications industry. Nearly $1.2 million in bribes were paid to high-ranking officials at TeleYemen, the Yemeni state-owned telecommunications company, and Ministry of Telecommunications.
The Public Prosecutor’s Office undertook a two-year investigation into charges that public officials were using funds earmarked for the Employment Generation Programme to pay the salaries of their election campaign agents. This high-profile case resulted in 10 convictions.
The Anti-corruption Unit has targeted 36 public enterprises for compliance investigations. It also uncovered a widespread 100 million HTG corruption scheme in the National Office for Old Age Insurance and, as a result, the agency’s executive director has been jailed.
As a newer member of the European Union, Lithuania has made fighting corruption a top priority. It has strengthened its legal framework and created an independent investigative agency called the Special Investigative Service, which works closely with the National Audit Office.
Serbia’s Anti-corruption Agency Act has, among other things, greatly enhanced transparency and public access to information. 95% of public officials made more than 16,500 asset declarations, the details of which have been made publicly available.
Under the country’s newly revised Anti-Corruption Act, the Anti-Corruption Commission has been able to recover the equivalent of $1.2 million in stolen assets and to oversee the conviction of 2 government ministers.
The National Anti-Corruption Commission is investigating allegations that a government official received more than $1.7 million in exchange for awarding multiple contracts for the Bangkok International Film Festival. Benefiting from assistance from the US Federal Bureau of Investigations, the case demonstrates effective international cooperation.