

Amman - The 3rd Steering Committee meeting of the EU Twinning Project 'Support the Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission in the Fields of Integrity and Corruption Prevention' took place on the 6th of December 2021 at the Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission. The meeting discussed the initiatives and achievements of the project during the past three months and outlined the activities planned for the next six months.

The meeting was attended by the Project's Member States, Project Leader, Mr. Jovitas Raškevičius, the Junior Project Leader, Mr. Gerhard Levy, Component Leaders, and their counterpart from JIACC's team led by the National Project Leader, H.E Sami Salaita, representatives from the European Union Delegation to Jordan, and representatives from the Project's Contracting Authority, The Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC)

The meeting participants outlined the achieved milestones, highlighting the completion of the assessment study on the Jordanian National Integrity Standards that will feed into the development of a methodology to support the implementation of Jordan's National Strategy for Integrity and Anti-Corruption 2020-2025. Also, submitting an operational manual to assess and manage corruption risks that is tailored specifically to Jordan's anti-corruption environment and that was developed on the basis of new concept.

The Committee took stock of the achievements, progress made under the roadmap, lessons, and exchanged views on next prospects for the upcoming missions and trainings for JIACC's specialists and representatives from the public sector in 2022 despite the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19.

Additionally, and as a measure to enhance the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the awareness campaigns that JIACC is implementing, the Committee has approved the funding of the "Integrity and Corruption Prevention Awareness Campaign" that aims at engaging society in proactive work against corruption under the EU Twinning Project. The EU-financed campaign will consist of the distribution of 2 million SMS through the three main telecommunication companies to Jordanian society of all ages, as well as media publications aimed at encouraging the public to take preventative action against corruption.

During the meeting, Mr. Jovitas Raškevičius, the Project Leader and the First Deputy Director in the Special Investigation Services in Lithuania (STT), cherished the efforts of the Project's RTA, Mr. Egidijus Kulikauskas - the head of the pre-trial investigation division in the STT - conferring honor upon spending 15 years of outstanding merit and years of service in the STT.

The EU Twinning project is financed by the European Union in the total amount of € 1,5 million for a period of 21 months. It is implemented by the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania (STT), Police Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania (PD), Chief Official Ethics Commission (COEC) and the Austrian Agency for European Integration and Economic Development (AEI) in cooperation with the Jordanian Integrity & Anti-Corruption Commission (JIACC).