



# USAID Promoting Good Governance Project

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USAID is working with the OSCE, the Serbian National Assembly and government agencies to strengthen governmental accountability.

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## **Project implemented by:**

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) Mission to Serbia

## **Key counterparts:**

National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia; Anti-Corruption Agency; Public Procurement Office; local self-governments; and others.

## **Where we work:**

Throughout Serbia

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Promoting Good Governance Project, a partnership between USAID and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), is a three-year effort to develop the technical capacities of the National Assembly, anti-corruption institutions, local government, and civil society organizations (CSOs). It is strengthening oversight and accountability mechanisms, and promoting increased citizen participation.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- Improve parliamentary oversight;
- Promote best practices in combating corruption; and
- Support independent anti-corruption institutions and civil society organizations to increase public accountability and participation mechanisms, and the transparency of local governments.

## **RESULTS**

- Assisted the National Assembly, the Anti-Corruption Agency and other public accountability institutions to make their work more visible to the public;
- Supported the drafting of by-laws for the Law on Political Party Financing and the Code of Ethics for Members of Parliament;
- Supported the drafting of the new Law on Public Procurement with a focus on improving parliamentary oversight;
- Organized forums to educate public officials and CSOs about the work of the Anti-Corruption Agency and introduced the corruption risk-analysis tool "integrity plans" to strengthen institutional checks and balances;
- Trained local government officials on rules and regulations to increase efficiency in public procurement.
- Supported the Parliamentary Finance Committee in producing a guidebook for processing audit reports and presented public hearing models which improved oversight. The book followed a study trip to the Slovenian Parliament and State Court of Audit; and
- Supported the Parliamentary Working Group's production of an Integrity Plan for the National Assembly to support anti-corruption and integrity principles.