

2008 Corruption Perceptions Index 2008

Regional Highlights: South Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Countries Ranked: 7 in South Eastern Europe and 13 Post-Soviet Countries

Transparency International's 2008 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) clearly demonstrates that corruption remains a serious challenge in South Eastern Europe and post-soviet states. All 20 countries register scores below 5 (out of a possible 10) indicating that most face serious perceived levels of domestic corruption.

Despite extensive reforms and external incentives in the framework of the European Union pre-accession process, **Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia** and **Bosnia and Herzegovina** are not perceived as having significantly improved their anti-corruption stance. Apart from **Turkey** and **Albania**, the impact of the fight against corruption has been little despite actions undertaken to tackle the problem and promises by heads of state to make anti-corruption a core element of reforms in the run-up to EU membership.

The only two countries in South Eastern Europe currently witnessing a significant reduction in their perceived levels of corruption and showing signs of initial change are Albania, a potential EU candidate country, and Turkey, an EU candidate country. However, the EU accession process cannot yet be deemed a sustainable remedy.

Of all CIS countries only Georgia shows an improvement while the scores of **Russia** and **Ukraine** continue to slide. CPI score for Azerbaijan has decreased by 0,2. Most countries in Central Asia remain at the same low level or show a significant decrease in their CPI score as is the case with **Kyrgyzstan** which went from 2.1 in 2007 to 1.8 in 2008.

Country Rank	Regional Country Rank	Country /Territory	CPI Score 2008	Confidence Intervals	Surveys Used
58	1	Turkey	4.6	4.1 - 5.1	7
62	2	Croatia	4.4	4.0 - 4.8	8
67	3	Georgia	3.9	3.2 - 4.6	7
72	4	Macedonia	3.6	2.9 - 4.3	6
85	5	Albania	3.4	3.3 - 3.4	5
85	5	Montenegro	3.4	2.5 - 4.0	5
85	5	Serbia	3.4	3.0 - 4.0	6
92	8	Bosnia and Herz	3.2	2.9 - 3.5	7
102	9	Mongolia	3.0	2.6 - 3.3	7
109	10	Armenia	2.9	2.6 - 3.1	7
109	10	Moldova	2.9	2.4 - 3.7	7
134	12	Ukraine	2.5	2.2 - 2.8	8
145	13	Kazakhstan	2.2	1.8 - 2.7	6
147	14	Russia	2.1	1.9 - 2.5	8
151	15	Belarus	2.0	1.6 - 2.5	5
151	15	Tajikistan	2.0	1.7 - 2.3	8
158	17	Azerbaijan	1.9	1.7 - 2.1	8
166	18	Turkmenistan	1.8	1.5 - 2.2	5
166	18	Kyrgyzstan	1.8	1.7 - 1.9	7
166	18	Uzbekistan	1.8	1.5 - 2.2	8