

## CPI 2017 Results for Armenia and Other Countries of the Region

Armenia's 2017 CPI score is **35** and it shares with Ethiopia, Macedonia and Vietnam **107<sup>th</sup>** to **110<sup>th</sup>** places among **180** in the CPI 2017 ranking table. In 2016 Armenia's CPI score was **33** and with this score it was sharing **113<sup>th</sup>** to **115<sup>th</sup>** places among 176 countries. Taking into account that the calculated standard error for Armenia's 2017 CPI score is equal to 3.79, it could be argued that compared to 2016, the perception of the corruption in the Armenian public sector remained approximately the same. At the same time, Armenia's rank in the ranking table of 2017 CPI went up by 6 positions compared to 2016 CPI ranking table. If we'll take out from the 2017 ranking table all those countries (4 countries), which were not included in the 2016 ranking table, then Armenia's rank would go up 9 positions.<sup>1</sup> However, the most disturbing is the trend observed in Armenia's CPI score in the last three years (2014-2016), which could be seen from the below infographics. This trend needs more detailed discussion.



According to the Transparency International's regional distribution of the countries, Armenia is included in the Eastern Europe – Central Asia region (see the handout on the 2017 CPI corresponding regional table). This region includes non-EU member Balkan countries (Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Macedonia and Kosovo), former Soviet republics, except EU member Baltic countries (Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia), and Turkey. Among 19 countries of the region Armenia is sharing 9-10<sup>th</sup> places with Macedonia (in 2016 it was on the 10<sup>th</sup> place). Armenia now is behind Baltic countries, Georgia, whose CPI score in 2017 is equal to 56 (instead of 57 in 2016 - a decrease in 1 point) – the highest among the

<sup>1</sup> For more detail about the countries included in the 2017 CPI ranking table see in the *CPI 2017:FAQs* handout. It should be mentioned that CPI scores of 3 out of 4 new countries appeared in the 2017 CPI ranking table are higher, than those of Armenia's score.

countries of the region and Belarus, whose CPI score increased like in 2016 (from 40 in 2016 to 44 in 2017, or plus 4 points).

Among its neighbors Armenia continues to lag behind not only Georgia, but also Turkey (2017 CPI score is 40 compared to 41 in 2016), which continues its downslide since 2012, when its score was equal to 49. Two other neighbors of Armenia, namely Azerbaijan and Iran, improved their scores each by 1 point, though still staying behind Armenia. With its CPI score equal to 31, Azerbaijan now shares 122<sup>nd</sup> to 129<sup>th</sup> places and Iran with its CPI score equal to 30 shares 130<sup>th</sup> to 134<sup>th</sup> places. The CPI scores of all other member states of the Eurasian Economic Union, except Belarus, are still lower, than that of Armenia. In particular, Russia's CPI score remained equal to 29 (135<sup>th</sup> to 142<sup>th</sup> places). In 2017 Kyrgyzstan's score equal to that of Russia's score. Kazakhstan's score improved by 2 points, reaching 31 (122<sup>nd</sup> to 129<sup>th</sup> places).