



Transparency International BiH je registrovan 2001.g. u BiH – Reg. Br. Rg-23/01

**Huguette Labelle**  
Predsjedavajuća, Odbor direktora  
**Peter Eigen**  
Predsjedavajući, Savjetničko vijeće  
**Emir Đikić**  
Predsjedavajući, Odbor direktora  
TI Bosna i Hercegovina  
**Transparency International BiH**  
Sjedište:  
Gajeva 2, 78000 Banja Luka  
Tel/Faks: 051 216 369; 216 928;  
224 520; 224 521  
Kancelarija u Sarajevu:  
Mis Irbina 18, 71000 Sarajevo  
Tel/Faks: 033 220 049  
<http://www.ti-bih.org/>  
e-mail: info@ti-bih.org

**Datum: 03.06.2009.**

**Broj: 06-01/251**

***Svim medijima – dostavlja se***

## **Government inefficiency and political corruption most distinctive**

*Global Corruption Barometer 2009, released every year by Transparency International, showed again that the corruption is most present in political parties, and this year citizens most dissatisfied by the (in)efficiency of the government in the fight against corruption*

**Berlin/Banja Luka, 03. juni 2009.** -- Transparency International published a new Global Corruption Barometer (GCB) 2009 that looks into how corruption affects the regular people and offers indications of the forms and the scope of corruption from the point of view of citizens worldwide. Barometer for 2009 presents results of public opinion research on corruption and citizens' experiences with bribe. This year's GCB assesses how much, according to citizens, the corruption is present in key institutions and public services, measures citizens' attitudes on governments' efforts in the fight against corruption, and for the first time this year it includes the issue of the presence of "state capture" phenomenon. GCB 2009 represents attitudes of 73,132 citizens in the overall of 69 countries, including Bosnia and Herzegovina in the group of countries of Western Balkans.

As in the previous years, corruption is, according to citizens' views, the most present in political parties, which is also the case for Bosnia and Herzegovina, and civil service is emphasised as the most corrupt for the region of Western Balkans countries.

This year's research also dealt with the issue of the private sector practice to use bribe in order to influence decision making and regulations in the country, which is often called as "state capture" phenomenon. In Western Balkans countries around 60% of people questioned think that this is a common practice, which is confirmed by other Transparency International analyses that point out to this problem as one of the greatest problems in Bosnia and Herzegovina. When it comes to government efficiency and its anti-corruption activities, citizens expressed their discontent again, and in Bosnia and Herzegovina the number of people who think that government authorities do enough in the fight against corruption decreased 10% in comparison to 2007. These results match the corruption perceptions survey carried out by Transparency International Bosnia and Herzegovina that year after year shows increasing dissatisfaction of citizens regarding the efforts of institutions to fight corruption as one of the most damaging occurrences in a society. This year's Barometer pointed out to relatively high readiness of citizens to give bribe, and the results show that citizens are most willing to bribe police and that almost a quarter of those questioned who had encounters with police in the past year paid a bribe. At the same time, the willingness to report bribery is very little, and the reason for this, when it comes to Western Balkans, is a fear of possible repercussions.

This research is another indicator to authorized institutions and authorities in BiH that they must show more willingness and accountability in the fight against corruption, and that it is a high time for more aggressive and fierce measures to be undertaken in order to eradicate corruption, especially in order to avoid new corruption affairs in the area of privatization and public procurement of which BiH citizens have been witnesses in the previous couple of years.