

International Anti-Corruption Day

December 9 was established in 2003 by the United Nations as International Anti-Corruption Day. The date refers to the signing of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, one of the most important international documents of universal scope.

Corruption poses a serious threat to development, democracy, and the stability of states. International Anti-Corruption Day is a global call for transparency, accountability, and ethics in public life. In the face of growing challenges, raising public awareness about corruption risks, promoting the principles of transparency, and strengthening international cooperation are essential elements of the work carried out by anti-corruption bodies at both national and international levels.

The Central Anti-Corruption Bureau is responsible not only for detecting and combating corruption-related crimes. It also conducts a wide range of preventive and educational activities and cooperates with domestic and international institutions.

In the past year, as part of preventive efforts, anti-corruption protection covered 49 projects carried out by state institutions. Preventive safeguards against irregularities enabled savings amounting to many millions of PLN for the state budget.

Anti-corruption training for public administration employees is an important element of the CBA's educational activities. So far, more than 77,000 people from various state institutions and State Treasury companies have been trained in classroom-based formats. The CBA also provides e-learning training, which enjoys considerable interest—nearly 365,000 people have taken advantage of this form of training.

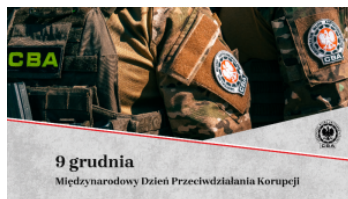
The CBA actively participates in joint initiatives with other foreign anti-corruption institutions, as well as in study visits and international conferences. Such meetings help develop international cooperation in the field of anti-corruption strategies.

The International EPAC/EACN Conference is one of the most important events for European services and organizations engaged in effectively strengthening anti-corruption awareness. The 24th annual edition of the Conference, organized in cooperation with the EU agency Eurojust, took place in The Hague. During the event, the Hague Declaration was signed, setting a new standard of action in implementing the highest ethical guidelines within the structures of these services.

International Anti-Corruption Day serves as a reminder of the importance of joint efforts to build civic awareness regarding corruption risks and unethical practices.

The CBA encourages the public to follow its activities on its website and social media platforms, as well as to read its latest publications. Of particular note is the material *“Whistleblowers: What You Should Know”*, which provides valuable information on reporting legal violations to the appropriate authorities and on the rights and obligations of whistleblowers. Increasing awareness of the negative impacts of corruption risks is essential in shaping integrity, which in turn influences the country’s economic development and the well-being of society.

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