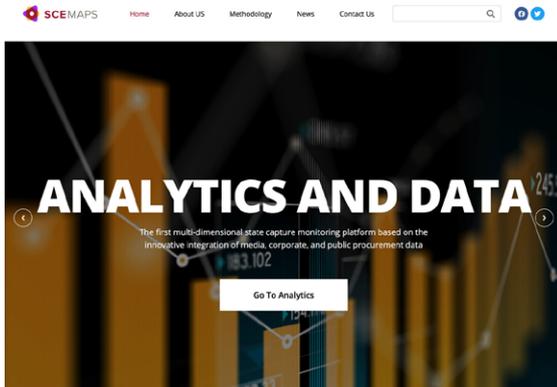


Empowering EU against State Capture through a New Monitoring Tool: SCEMAPS - State Capture Estimation and Monitoring of Anticorruption Policies at the Sectoral Level



SCEMAPS website is now on!

<https://scemaps.eu/>

The website features events and publications, presents the members of the SceMaps Advisory Board, and provides more details on the SceMaps methodology for analysing state capture in key risk sectors.

By mid-2020, the website will also introduce an interactive module with company (supplier) and institutional (buyer) rankings for the number and value of public procurement contracts.

The visitors of the website will also be able to access recent procurement activity red flags, media suspicious activity report alerts, and survey-based institutional profiling.

Use Cases

- Company (Supplier) profile**
Give you interactive analytics, which combines public procurement and external data (from business databases and media outlets) with "red flag" indicators. This allows you to assess the risks of state capture and corruption within a particular company - supplier of public procurement goods or services - as compared to the peer group results.
- Contracting authority (Buyer) profile**
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- Industry / Sector / Country analysis**
Provides you with a macroeconomic view of the corruption and state capture manifestations. By combining the available procurement and business data, MACRS survey results and media articles "red flag", you will be able to make in-depth research on the industry, economic sector or country of your interest.

NEWS ON CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

BULGARIA

- **New Head of Bulgaria's Anti-Graft Body Accused of Shady Deals** ([OCCRP, 12 December 2019](#))
The ex-Prosecutor General is accused to be part of the *Apartmentgate* scandal and other unclear activities.

ITALY

- **Public tenders in University of Padova: 11 people sent to trial for corruption for renovation contracts worth 370,000 euros** ([Il Gazzettino.it, 18 December 2019](#))
Charges in regards to corruption, bid rigging and abuse of office about a 2017 investigation involving the construction sector and the University of Padua.
- **Rigged tenders in the municipality of Concesio: 11 entrepreneurs sent to trial** ([Il Gazzettino nuovo, 20 December 2019](#))
Continues the incident about rigged tenders in the construction sector, which started with 24 people investigated.
- **Rigged tenders in Caltanissetta** ([Giornale di Sicilia, 11 December 2019](#))
Investigation "Perla Nera" (Black Pearl) about the alleged existence of a procurement award system in the technical office of the municipality, that favours some enterprises.

ROMANIA

- **Romanian SocDem MPs investigated for several alleged acts of corruption in major bribery case** ([Romania-Insider, 11 December 2019](#))
A major case of bribery targets 14 people, including three MPs of the Social Democratic Party (PSD). They are investigated for corruption, bribery and abuse of office. Officials working at some border crossing points allegedly demanded and took bribes from transporters, in addition to the legal fees.
- **Corruption scandal hits biggest private university in Romania, pro-rector arrested for bribery** ([Romania-Insider, 19 December 2019](#))
Large investigation on frauds at the bachelor and master exams targeted one pro-rector, three university secretaries, 30 students, 15 teachers, three deans or pro-deans of some faculties, and two university employees. The prosecutors suspect the existence of a criminal group set up to help students pass the graduation exam in exchange for bribes.



- **Breaking down the numbers in Spain's largest ever corruption case** ([EU-OCS, 23 November 2019](#))

"ERE" corruption case, involving several former Spanish socialist leaders was concluded with their sentencing to prison for embezzling hundreds of millions of euros of public funds.

- **Spain anti-corruption investigation uncovers match fixing evidence in Italy's Serie A football league** ([EuroWeekly, 27 December 2019](#))

Joint investigation between Spanish and Italian police forces, coordinated by Europol, discovered activities of alleged corruption, money laundering, and unfair administration.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICIES

- **Commission reports on progress in Bulgaria under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism** ([EC, 22 October 2019](#))

The European Commission evaluated positively Bulgaria's commitments to tackling organised crime and judicial reform.

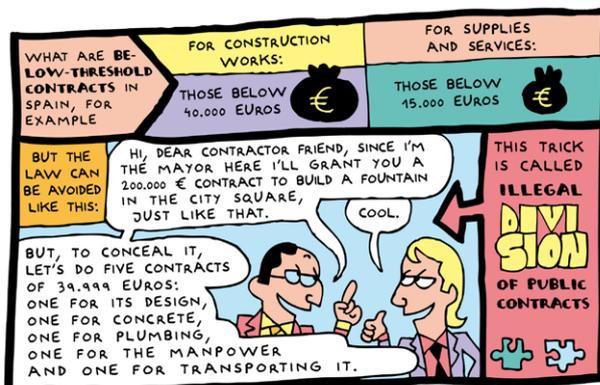
- **European Commission's report on developments in Romania under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism** ([EC, 22 October 2019](#))

The European Commission welcomed the effort made by Romanian government in the consultation and dialogue with the judiciary. Nevertheless, the EC is looking forward to the translation of this commitment into concrete legislation and other measures, to guarantee judicial independence and concrete fight against corruption.

- **The case for an EU anti-money laundering agency is clear: will the EU take action?** ([Transparency International EU, 4 December 2019](#))

Transparency International EU stresses the absence of an EU agency to fight money laundering and, indirectly, corruption and organised crime.

EVENTS AND PUBLICATIONS BY SCEMAPS MEMBERS



Civio, Spain

- **Thousands of public contracts fail to comply with the law to avoid competitive tendering** ([Civio, 22 January 2020](#))

By scrapping tendering data, Civio is reporting on how Spanish public administrations are 'smurfing' public contracts: in the first seven months of 2019 alone, over 6,500 contract awards have failed to comply with the regulation that prevents public authorities from directly awarding several smaller contracts exceeding €15,000 or €40,000 to a single company.

CSD, Bulgaria

- **Delivering on the Promise of EU Enlargement: 30 Years of Governance and Anticorruption Reforms in Central and Eastern Europe** ([CSD, 13 December 2019](#))

The 2019 Regional Good Governance and Anti-Corruption Forum held in Skopje looked for solutions to move on with enlargement, while delivering on the governance reforms in the Western Balkans. CSD experts presented the State Capture model, also used as methodological basis for the current Sce Maps initiative.

Expert Forum, Romania

- **Participation in the Good Governance Forum 2019** ([EFOR, December 2019](#))

Expert Forum took part in a regional forum organized in Tbilisi, where it presented the results of [a study on political clientelism in the region](#).

Project members:

