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TI BiH and Capital.ba organize panel discussion entitled „Media Reporting on Corruption and Abuse of Public Funds in BiH“

Banjaluca, 25th March 2019 – Transparency International in BiH and business portal Capital.ba are organizing a panel discussion related to media researching and reporting on corruption and abuse of public funds in BiH, which will be held **on Tuesday, 26th March 2019 at the Hotel Bosna in Banja Luka, at 11.00h.**

This panel discussion will be the opportunity to talk about the effects of researching the abuse of public funds, the problems and challenges that reporters face during their investigations of topics related to public finances and expenditure of public funds in a complex BiH system, but also the consequences and effects of reporting on corruption.

During the project „*Let's investigate the public cash flow*“ which TI BiH and Capital.ba realized with the support of USAID within the IMEP Project of Empowering the Independent Media, they also organized training for journalists on researching and reporting on public finances. The first three journalists whose stories were declared the most successful within this project will be awarded.

Panel discussion will bring together the representatives of media, civil society, academic community, international organizations and institutions. Please find the agenda attached below.

Panel discussion

„Media Reporting on Corruption and Abuse of Public Funds in BiH“

Hotel Bosna, Banja Luka, 26/03/2019 at 11.00h

11.00 Introductory word, Ivana Korajlić, Acting Executive Director of Transparency International in BiH

11.05 Effects of researching on the abuse of public funds and corruption

Panel moderator: Ivana Korajlić

Panelists:

- **Avdo Avdić, journalist, Žurnal**
- **Siniša Vukelić, editor, Business portal Capital.ba**
- **Vladimir Kovačević, journalist, BN television**

12.15 Coffee break

12.30 The award ceremony for the most successful journalist stories within the project „Let's investigate the public cash flow“ and discussion on the experiences of journalists who participated in the project

Panel moderator: Vladimir Šušak, journalist, BHT

Panelists:

- **Vanja Stokić, journalist, E-trafika**
- **Dejan Tovilović, journalist, Nezavisne novine**
- **Berislav Jurič, journalist, Bljesak**
- **Aleksandar Draganić, research and policy development coordinator, EDA**

13.45 Final remarks

14.00 Lunch