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Pan-European Platform on Ethics, Transparency and Integrity in Education

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Purpose: Quality Education

- Universal access
- Secure environment
- Personal development, critical thinking
- Promotion of democracy, human rights and social justice
- Universal and local cultural values
- Transparent outcomes certification
- Qualified teachers
- No corruption



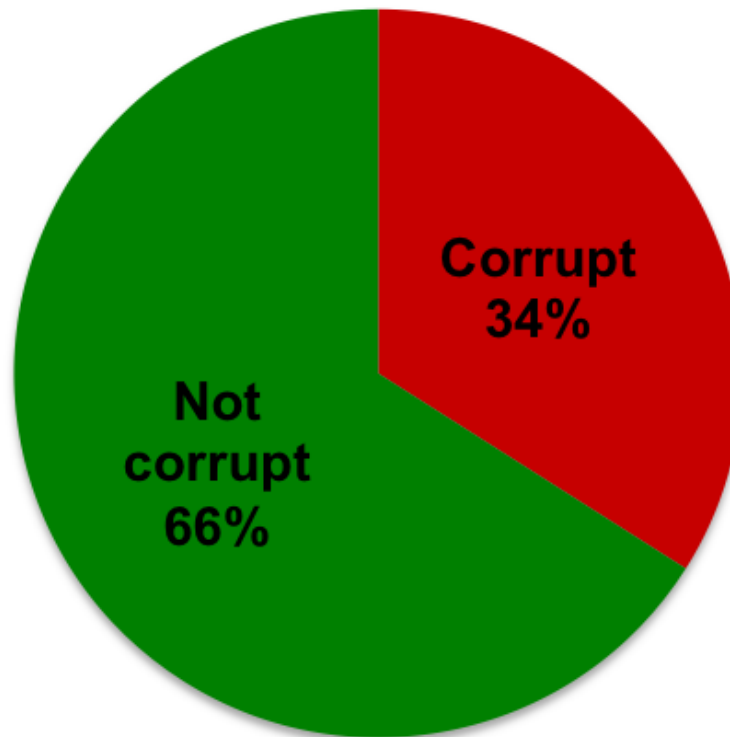
Corruption in Education

- Fraud of funds for school buildings
- Extra payments to access school or pass
- Plagiarism in essays
- Diploma mills, false qualifications
- Sexual harassment
- ...





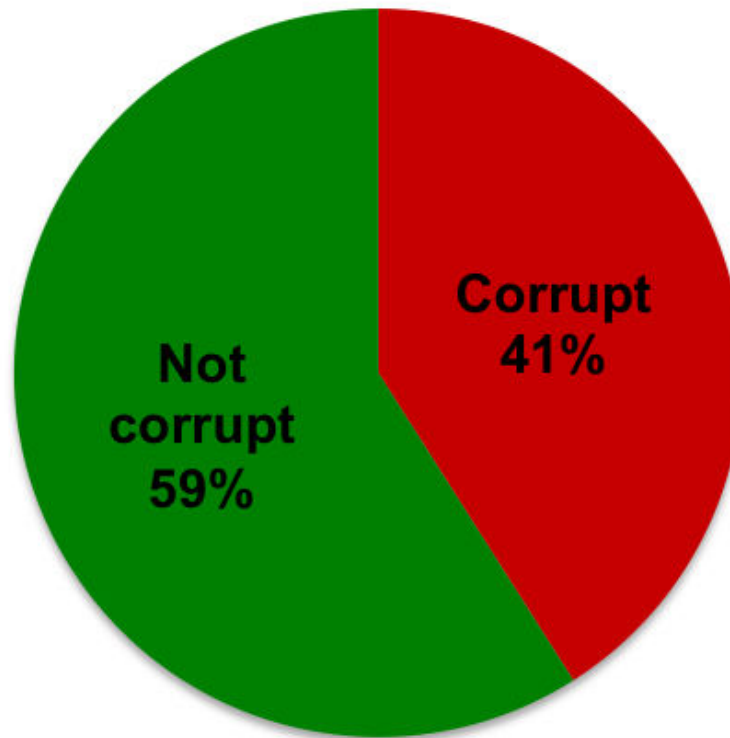
Perception of Corruption in Education European Average



Transparency International Corruption Barometer, 2013
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Perception of Corruption in Education Global Average

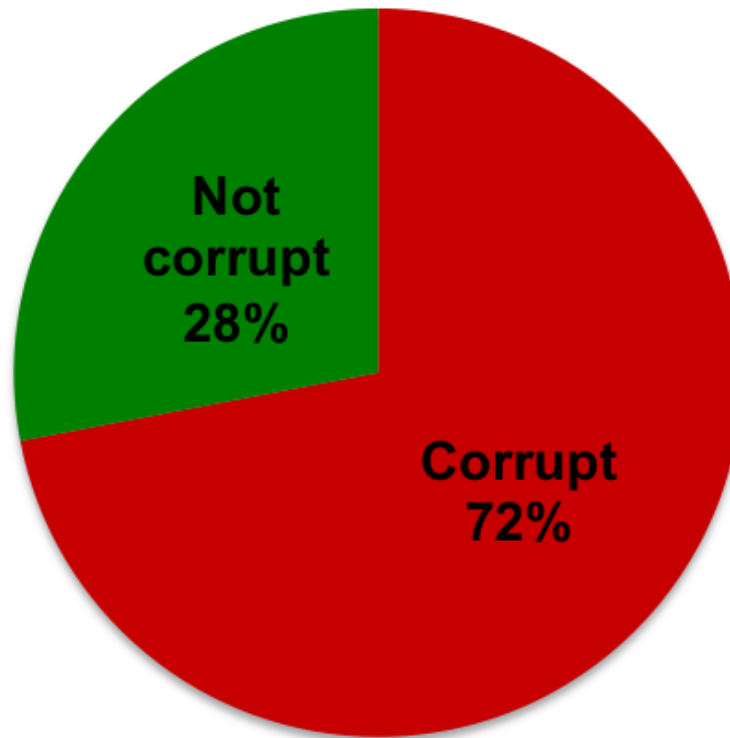


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Perception of Corruption in Education

Russia 72%, Serbia 70%, Albania 70%

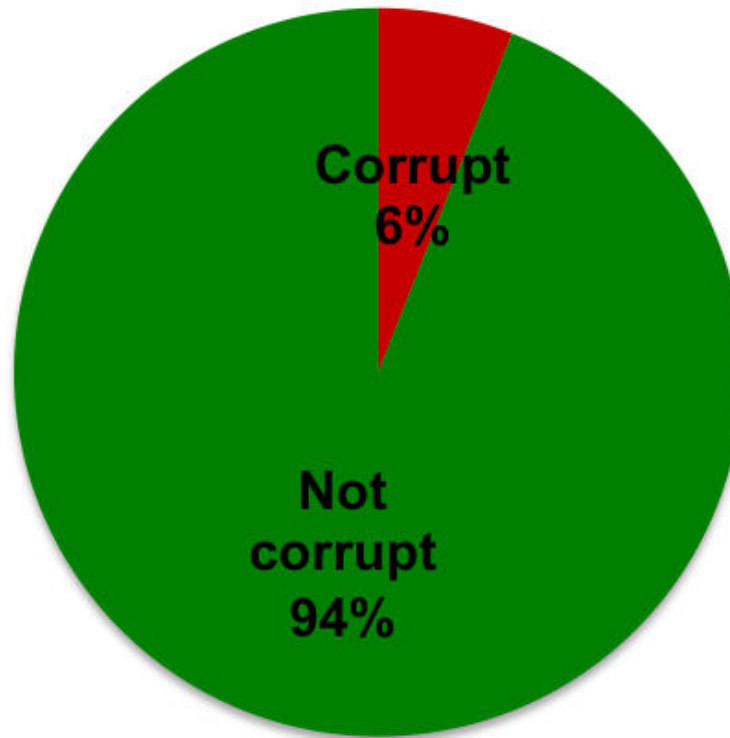


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Perception of Corruption in Education

Denmark 6%, Finland 7%, Switzerland 11%





Consequences

- Destroy of equal opportunities
- Disruption of human rights
- Erosion of citizens' trust
 - in the school system
 - in democratic institutions generally
- Lack of participation in democratic process
- Loss of country reputation internationally



Origins

- April 2013: Helsinki Ministerial Declaration
 - to work together on ethics, transparency and integrity in education
 - set up a platform
- Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)
 - standards, legal instruments, norms and recommendations
 - to fight corruption through law



Launch: 7th Prague Forum, October 2015





ETINED Aims

- Framework instrument on ethical principles
- Establishment of national and regional pilot projects on the topic
- Dissemination of policy options, sharing best practices
- Developing expertise for all actors



Mission

- Sharing information and good practices
- Adequate answers to corruption in education
- Commitment of all actors to fundamental positive ethical principles
- Develop capacity-building of all actors



Positive approach

- Disseminate best practices
- Provide recommendations
- Create common guidelines for all actors
 - Key value: Honesty
- Build culture of integrity



Composition

- Two representatives of each member state
 - ministries, national boards
 - higher education bodies
 - civil society, INGOs
 - staff, students
 - ...
- Appointed for two years, max twice
- Meet once a year for 2 days



Working Groups; Steering Group

- Working groups for specific themes
 - meet 1-2 times per year for 1-2 days
- Steering group
 - executive arm of ETINED
 - harmonization of contributions from working groups
 - submit recommendations
 - meets 2-3 times per year for 1-2 days



Activities in 2016, 2017

- Ethical behavior of all actors of education
 - positive ethical principles
 - guidelines for actors
 - examples of good practices
- Academic integrity and plagiarism
 - sharing approaches to address the challenge
 - draft of guidelines
 - capacity building to evaluate plagiarism
- Recognition of qualifications
 - policy recommendations
- Contribution to global action against corruption
 - partnerships with relevant organizations
 - memoranda of understanding

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Thank you !

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