



Republic of Croatia  
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State Treasury – Budget Inspection

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# The State Treasury at the Ministry of Finance

## The Main Objective

- System for managing public spending through:
  - Efficient and effective use of public money, that is funds of tax payers, and
  - Fiscal discipline.



# Fiscal discipline

- Necessary for improvement and maintaining of
  - Economic effectiveness
  - Makroeconomic stability
  - Risk reduction.
- Lack of fiscal discipline generally derives from reckless use of political discretion.
- Fiscal discipline is mix of:
  - Institutional and fiscal regulations and law (Budget Act, PIFC Law, etc.)
  - Fiscal responsibility (Code of Ethics)
  - Financial management and control, budgetary supervision.



# Establishing balance...

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- The diagram features a horizontal balance scale with a central fulcrum. On the left pan, there is a teal-colored bar. Above this bar, three bullet points are listed: "• Economic effectiveness", "• Macroeconomic stability", and "• Risk reduction". On the right pan, another teal-colored bar is positioned above three bullet points: "• Institutional and fiscal regulations and law", "• Fiscal responsibility", and "• Financial institutions".
- Economic effectiveness
  - Macroeconomic stability
  - Risk reduction
- Institutional and fiscal regulations and law
  - Fiscal responsibility
  - Financial institutions



# Budgetary Supervision

- Head of institution is primarily responsible for legality, purposefulness and timeliness of budgetary funds use for the assigned funds (one of FMC objectives).
- Budgetary control is performed in case when the head of institution through the internal control system is not able to prove irregularity or when he is directly involved.
- Budgetary supervision is the process of control of legality, purposefulness and timeliness of budgetary funds use ordering measures to eliminate the identified fraud and irregularities, filling a proposal for indictment or criminal charges in case of irregularity or fraud.
- Budget Act (Official Gazette No 87/08)– Rule book on Budgetary Control (Official Gazette No 20/2009).
- It is performed on received petitions/requests of citizens or central state bodies, local and regional self-government units and other legal entities, which **indicate suspicion of irregularity or fraud**, and upon the request of Minister of Finance.



# A New Role of Budgetary Supervision

- Implementation of Strategy for combating corruption (O.G.75/2008) within the competency of MoF – Coordinator of activities
- Carries the system for combating irregularities and fraud for national budgetary funds