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The current policy brief assesses the work of the anti-corruption agencies across the Western Balkans. The authors conclude that there has been a gradual progress towards the institutional strengthening of anti-corruption bodies in the region but it remains weak and haphazard. Although there are differences in their authorities and capacity levels, all anti-corruption bodies besides the Montenegrin Agency for Prevention of Corruption, remain severely under-resourced. The legislative framework regulating the work of the anti-corruption agencies across the region is established, but the high-level corruption cases remain on the margins of these agencies' work.

In order to tackle these challenges, the anti-corruption agencies need support and close cooperation with other institutions in the anti-corruption chain, in particular with the police and the prosecution.