

<p>“Clientelism, Corruption and Elections in the Western Balkans: A Comparative Analysis of Causes and Effects”</p>	<p>Involved Countries:</p> <p>Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Kosovo, Macedonia, Serbia</p>
	<p>Involved Institutions:</p> <p>DSA, CISAR, and individual researchers from Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia</p>
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<p>Short Description:</p> <p>Project upgrade under Grant 1 will develop recent research on clientelism and corruption in Albania and Kosovo by enabling new partnerships in other countries in the WB region. These will extend the scope of the research agenda and introduce new methods of enquiry. The outcome will be a developing body of quantitative evidence yielding insights for national policy makers as well as for international institutions concerned with the Region as a whole.</p>	
<p>Main Objectives:</p> <p>The objective of the upgrade is to extend our research agenda to three other WBCs (Serbia, Macedonia and BiH) and include new methods/approaches such as a) analysis of new rights/rents regimes where corruption may be prevalent (eg. construction permits), and b) use of experimental methods to investigate the incentives and behaviour of corrupt actors. Relatedly, we intend to explore the (often clientelistic) relations that link central and local government in the run-up to elections, with a focus on the political manipulation of construction permit applications.</p>	
<p>Expected Outputs:</p> <p>This project extension will strengthen research capacities and collaborations of all the researchers involved, and will produce 3 high-quality journal articles to be submitted to and published in top scholarly journals in the areas of economics and political economy.</p>	
<p>Duration: 5 months</p>	