



PROJECT SUMMARY

Project to strengthen anti-corruption and anti-money laundering systems in the Czech Republic (ACAMOL-CZ)

Project Promoter	Financial Analytical Unit under the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic
Project Partner:	Council of Europe
Financial Mechanism	Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 (88%) Czech authorities (12%)
Budget	1.760.000 EURO
Duration	20 months

1. BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

Economic and organised crime, corruption and money laundering pose serious threats to the countries in Central Europe and beyond the region. They undermine public trust in the rule of law and the institutions of governance and ultimately weaken civil society, the protection of human rights and the prospect for economic development.

Based on the findings of GRECO evaluations, and taking into account existing challenges and needs of the Czech Republic, especially Government Strategy concerning the Fight against corruption for 2013 and 2014, the Project aims to introduce legislative proposals and increase institutional capacities of government authorities of the Czech Republic in preventing and combating corruption, identifying and pursuing corruption-related proceeds.

As a part of the project, exchange of experience and know-how among stakeholders on both national and international level concerning the uncovering, examination and investigation of corruption-related criminal activities and related financial crimes, especially money laundering, including obtaining new information on methods regarding the uncovering of these criminal activities from abroad, will take place. More specifically the Project will cover the following key areas:

- Criminal law and related enforcement measures, measures to ensure effective implementation of recently adopted legislation on the criminal liability of legal entities;
- Measures to enhance the capabilities and capacities of law enforcement, prosecutorial and judicial authorities in the pursuit of corruption-related offences by ensuring proper structure/specialization of units and effective use of special investigative techniques, as well as enhancing the effectiveness of asset recovery mechanisms and practices;
- Financing of political parties and election campaigns;
- Assistance to the improvement of whistleblower protection.

2. OVERALL OBJECTIVE, COMPONENTS AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS

Project Purpose	Strengthened institutional capacity and human resource development in public institutions, local and regional authorities in Czech Republic within the agreed priority sectors.
Objective	To strengthen the national system of preventing corruption and related economic crime (esp. money laundering) in the Czech Republic.
Outcome 1	Risks and threats pertaining to corruption and related offences (esp. money laundering) in the Czech Republic are identified and comprehensively understood.
Output 1.1	A comprehensive study is available identifying existing and potential risks and threats in the area of corruption and related crime (esp. the connection with money laundering); policy recommendations on risk and threat mitigation are available.
Output 1.2	Increased public awareness of the Anti-corruption System in the Czech Republic through a comprehensive communication strategy/plan.
Outcome 2	Proposals for improvement of criminal legislation are available in the area of anti-corruption and anti money laundering and capacities of key government institutions to execute enforcement measures are enhanced, experiences of practical implementation are gained from abroad.
Output 2.1	Capacities of government authorities to implement legislation on the liability of legal entities are enhanced.
Output 2.2	Capacities of government authorities to disclose, investigate, prosecute and adjudicate corruption-related cases are enhanced, legislative proposals are available to strengthen the asset recovery regime, and capacities of government authorities to recover assets from corruption are enhanced.
Outcome 3	The oversight and transparency of political party and election campaign financing is improved.
Output 3.1	Legal analysis and legislative proposals are available on strengthening the regulatory regime of political party and election campaign financing.
Output 3.2	Capacities of government authorities to effectively enforce the regulatory regime and identify violations are enhanced.
Outcome 4	Proposals to improve whistleblower protection are available
Output 4.1	Recommendations to amend the framework for protection of public interest disclosure by public servants (whistleblowing) are available.

3. TARGET GROUPS

The target groups for the project include representatives of criminal law enforcement authorities (prosecutors, judges, members of Police of the Czech Republic) and selected employees of government administration (Financial Analytic Unit of the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic, the Office of the Government, the Ministry of Justice).

4. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

The Project is implemented by the Financial Analytical Unit (FAU) under the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic. In this capacity it is responsible for initiating, preparing and implementing all the project activities (including evaluation and reporting). The FAU has established a Project team for purposes of implementation of the Project.

The Council of Europe is a Project partner, and contributes its expertise to a number of activities within the Project. The CoE also draws on its extensive network of professionals in the area of anti-corruption and AML/CFT in order to bring the best practices of CoE member-states into Project activities. A Project Administrator in the CoE is responsible for implementing the partner role of the CoE within this Project.

5. CONTACTS

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