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Abbreviations

EaP	Eastern Partnership
EU	European Union
FIU	Financial Intelligence Unit
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
GRECO	Group of States against Corruption
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The present report covers the Project activities implemented from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014. During the reporting period, the Project implemented 100% of the remaining **activities**, in meantime the project's extension period (with additional cost) covers the period of 1 January -31 December 2014 and includes additional activities and the final conference which was previously planned to take place in December 2013.

During the reported period, a total of 16 actions, including the preparation of several technical papers and regional manuals/handbooks took place.

The Project published the following documents:

- "Practitioner manual on processing and analysing income and asset declarations of public officials", 50 pages, English and Russian;
- "Risk assessment: Typologies of underlying causes of corruption", a regional study, 306 pages, English;
- "Laundering the proceeds of corruption in Eastern Partnership countries", a study, 37 pages, English and Russian;
- "Liability of legal persons for corruption offences" - training manual and reference source, 113 pages, English and Russian; and
- "Detecting Irregular Political Financing" – training manual with real life case exercises, 109 pages, English and Russian

Thus, the Project continued to make good progress in achieving its expected results and successfully concluded its first phase before reaching its extension phase.

The **feedback** received from participants in regional activities and their active participation shows that the Project fulfils a real need for exchange of good practices. It encourages reflection on national approaches in the light of other regional examples. Counterparts and beneficiaries particularly appreciate the coherent approach to regional and country-specific dimensions and the possibility to address their specific reform needs and priorities through the Pilot Activities, while maintaining a regional setting of the intervention. Furthermore, the comparison of practices among Eastern Partnership countries introduces a competitive element motivating further reforms. Participants welcomed in particular the interactive approach and use of practical exercises and simulated case investigations during the regional trainings on liability of legal persons for corruption offences and on political party and electoral campaign financing.

Therefore, the combination of simulated investigations in trainings with country-specific Pilot Activities is the focus of the **extension** phase. The Project currently coordinates the final Workplan and Calendar of Activities for the extension phase with the National Focal Points.

The Project established very good working relations with all National Anti-corruption **Focal Points** and effectively co-operates with all participating beneficiary institutions.

Civil society participation in all activities has been strong: representatives actively participated in almost all regional and Pilot Activities implemented so far. At the same time, most of the independent Council of Europe experts involved in the implementation of the activities are also members of international or local civil society organisations. The Project plans to continue this inclusion of civil society for all future activities wherever possible.

The **Workplan** and **Calendar** were slightly updated in 2013 to reflect changes to Pilot activities and sectors for risk assessment introduced upon request of the Belarus and Georgian authorities.

The Project and its donor, the European Union, are well **visible** through the Project webpage. The Joint Programmes logo is used for all actions. The European Union contribution is emphasised at the opening of each activity. The project and the European Union as donor received good coverage in numerous media reports.

Experts come from a variety of 16 European Union and an additional 4 Council of Europe member states.

2. ACTIVITIES AND BENCHMARK PROGRESS

Overall objective: To enhance the reform processes in the six partner countries through a multilateral approach and to bring them closer to Council of Europe and EU standards in core areas covered by the Eastern Partnership Platform 1

Specific objective: To enhance good governance and strengthen the capacities of the public administration and criminal justice sector in order to effectively prevent and fight corruption in line with the Council of Europe Conventions and other international treaties

Expected Result 1: Eastern Partnership countries have defined and are committed to apply policy and prevention measures concerning enhancement of good governance and the fight against corruption

Expected Result 2: Eastern Partnership countries are provided with the tools for effective law enforcement and implementation of legal frameworks when fighting economic crime

Expected Result 3: Pilot: Eastern Partnership countries efficiently apply and implement European and international standards on good governance and the fight against corruption when addressing their specific needs.

During the reporting period, the Project has made good progress in attaining its objective and expected results. The main activities and achievements are summarised below per expected results:

Expected Result: Workplan and Calendar of Activities for extension phase	
Activity	Planning of extension phase
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designing Project Workplan and indicative Calendar of Activities - Coordinating draft Workplan and indicative Calendar of Activities with National Anti-corruption Focal Points
Progress/deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The draft Project Workplan and draft Calendar of Activities were sent to National Focal Points, and discussed and adopted with Facility Coordinators at a Meeting on 3 March 2014 in Strasbourg. - First Pilot Activities are identified.
Expected Result 1: Eastern Partnership countries have defined and are committed to apply policy and prevention measures concerning enhancement of good governance and the fight against corruption	
Activity No. 1.4	Regional Workshop III :Risk Assessment Belarus: Ethics in Public Service
Actions	The aim of this regional risk assessment activity was to analyse causes and risks of corruption, and identify weaknesses in

	<p>countermeasures and need for action in integrity systems of the Eastern Partnership countries, by addressing a specific sector in each country. All country assessments fed into the Regional Typology Study on underlining institutional causes of corruption., The General Prosecutor's Office, which is the main implementing partner of the Project for Belarus, selected "Ethics in public service" as a topic by for the above mentioned activity.,. During a country visit from 10 to 12 September 2013, the Project team held meetings with different stakeholders. The assessment report focuses on patterns of ethical conduct, possible explanations, and recommendations for action. It also contributes to the training on basic anti-corruption concepts and ethics for civil servants conducted on 30 September – 3 October 2013 in Minsk in the framework of the Project (see below under Activity 3.3)</p>
Objectively verifiable indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk assessment report prepared - Regional Typology Study on underlining institutional causes of corruption available
Progress/deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The assessment report with sector analysis and recommendations is finalised and available on the Project website - The first draft of the regional Typology Study presented at the Regional Conference 1.5 (see below) will be updated in light of the results and findings of the assessments on Belarus.
Activity No. 1.4	Regional Workshop III: Risk Assessment: Prosecution Service of Georgia
Actions	<p>Given the outstanding rank of the prosecution sector as one of the sectors as perceived to be most corrupt not only in the Eastern Partnership region, it is astonishing that there is internationally almost no study or risk assessment on prosecution services available. The scarcity of research is mirrored by a scarcity of international standards. It will be the merit of the risk assessment on the Prosecution Service of Georgia to contribute to filling this void. To this extent, two Council of Europe experts conducted an in-country mission to Tbilisi on 23-26 September 2013. The experts gathered information through interviews with 17 different stakeholders from the General Prosecutor's Office, other state bodies, and civil society. The assessment report focuses in particular on the legal framework and actual exercise of discretion in the prosecution services.</p>
Objectively verifiable indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk assessment report prepared - Regional Typology Study on underlining institutional causes of corruption available
Progress/deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The assessment report with sector analysis and recommendations is finalised and available on the Project

	<p>website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first draft of the regional Typology Study presented at the Regional Conference 1.5 (see below) was updated in light of the results and findings of the assessments on Georgia.
Activity No. 1.4	Practitioner manual on processing and analysing income and asset declarations of public officials
Actions	<p>The Project had carried out two risk assessments on financial declarations in Armenia and Ukraine under Activity 1.4. As a result, a previous version of this Manual was specifically tailored to the needs of the Ethics Commission for High-Ranking Officials of Armenia. This regional manual is an updated version intended to universally apply to all declaration systems in the EaP-region and beyond. It responds to several national institutions of the Eastern Partnership region asking for methodological guidance on verifying asset declarations. The Manual shows a model procedure and toolkit on registering declarations, verifying their submission, financial methodology for reviewing the plausibility and truthfulness of data; and cooperating with other state agencies. The Manual will be a key document in explaining the methodology and ensuring sustainability of the training by allowing participants to reinforce their newly acquired skills as well as to support further vocational trainings in their countries, at the regional training planned for July 2014</p>
Objectively verifiable indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 regional manual available
Progress/deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The English version of the Manual is available on the Project website.
Activity No. 1.5	Regional Conference II: Presentation of risk assessment: Typologies of underlying causes of corruption
Actions	<p>On 11 April 2013, the Project organised the 2nd Regional Conference “Presentation of risk assessment: Typologies of underlying causes of corruption” in Chisinau and brought together about 60 representatives of government institutions responsible for anti-corruption policy advice and prevention of the six Eastern Partnership countries, as well as from civil society and international organisations. The aim of this activity was to present, analyse and discuss the results of the risk assessments carried out by the Project in the framework of the regional risk assessment exercise (Activity 1.4) in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in specific sectors, as well as future risk assessments in Belarus and Georgia.</p>
Objectively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 regional conference carried out

verifiable indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results of risk assessments and Typology Study presented to a wider public
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive and active discussions at the conference allowed for a cross-regional exchange on the risk assessments, thus putting their results at use beyond each country. - The Project presented the first draft of a 306-pages regional Typology Study on underlying institutional causes of corruption prepared on the basis of the results and findings of the four country risk assessments and the workshop on the methodology of risk assessment (Strasbourg, 19 June 2012). - The Study was updated in light of the results of the subsequent risk assessments in Georgia and Belarus in September and October 2013 (see above at Activity 1.4), and will be presented at the Final Closing Conference on the Project.
Expected Result No. 2: Eastern Partnership countries are provided with the tools for effective law enforcement and implementation of legal frameworks when fighting economic crime	
Activity No. 2.1	Regional Workshop IV: Analysis and typologies on laundering the proceeds of corruption in transition economies
Actions	<p>This regional activity consists of two regional workshops and several country missions. It aims at analysing and researching patterns of laundering the proceeds of corruption in the Eastern Partnership region to be presented in a regional Typology Study. Following the 1st Regional Workshop held in Strasbourg on 3 July 2012, the Project organised country meetings with the representatives of FIUs and Prosecutor General's Offices in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Ukraine. During the reporting period, meetings took place in Chisinau on 11 June 2013, and in Minsk on 22 July 2013. The Project drafted a Typology Study providing cases and patterns of laundering proceeds of corruption in the Eastern Partnership countries, which will assist FIUs in broadening their perception and understanding of cases involving their jurisdictions. At the 2nd regional workshop on 19 September 2013, held in Strasbourg, representatives of FIUs of Eastern Partnership countries reviewed and adopted the draft study. Both workshops took place in the margins of MONEYVAL plenary meetings in order to save on travel expenses.</p>
Objectively verifiable indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 regional workshop and 6 country visits/studies carried out - Typology Study finalised
Progress/deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further country visits carried out to Belarus, Moldova, and Ukraine. - The Project aggregated all case material and information from the data collection process and fed it into the draft regional Typology Study. - All stakeholders reviewed and adopted the draft Study at the

	2 nd Regional Workshop in Strasbourg on 19 September 2013. All participants mentioned the significance of such study, which allows not only identifying typical patterns of laundering proceeds of corruption but also sharing experience on how to deal with specific cases, which are not common in the region.
Activity 2.2	Regional Conference III: Analysis and typologies on laundering the proceeds of corruption in transition economies
	Following the country missions and a drafting process under Activity 2.1, the Project presented the final Regional Typology Study to a wider public at a Regional Conference which took place in Minsk on 27 November 2013.
Objectively verifiable indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 regional conference carried out - Exchange of good practices facilitated
Progress/deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The conference presented and analysed the cases in the study in more detail. - The Project used the opportunity of the Conference to exchange good practices on how FIUs in the region and other countries scrutinise information on politically exposed persons (PEPs). - Furthermore, an exchange with a money-laundering expert from a private bank working in the region allowed the present representatives of FIUs a deeper understanding of the challenges and needs the private sector encounters in terms of cooperation with FIUs.
Activity No. 2.4	Regional Training II: Implementing standards on criminal, administrative and civil liability of legal persons for corruption offences
Actions	On 2-3 July 2013, the Project organised a Regional Training "Implementing standards on criminal, administrative and civil liability of legal persons for corruption offences" at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine in Kyiv. The aim of this interactive training was to enhance the understanding of the concepts and of real life cases of liability of legal persons for corruption offences. It brought together investigators and prosecutors dealing with such cases, as well as law drafters and policymakers of the six Eastern Partnership countries.
Objectively verifiable indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specialised training provided - Training manual prepared
Progress/deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The training combined presentations, classroom discussions and group work on practical exercises. Participants received in particular the practical exercises including a simulated case investigation with enthusiasm. At the same time, the simulated

	<p>case investigation allowed the trainers and participants to monitor where they still needed to understand certain aspects of the liability concept. Feedback provided through anonymously filled-out forms at the end of the training was very positive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Project finalised a comprehensive Training Manual (including practical cases) that was piloted during the training to allow the participants to reinforce their newly acquired skills and to support further vocational trainings in their respective countries. The 100-pages Manual is available in English and Russian.
Activity No. 2.5	Regional Training III: Political party and electoral campaign financing
Actions	On 18-19 June 2013, the Project organised a two-day interactive Regional Training on “Political party and electoral campaign financing” in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. It focused on strengthening capacities of 27 representatives of structures/institutions responsible for oversight and auditing of political party and electoral campaign financing in the six Eastern Partnership countries. The participants looked at red flags and patterns of illegal cash-flow to and from political parties and campaigns, and at possible leads to uncover the illicit financing from the perspective of a financial analyst or investigator.
Objectively verifiable indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specialised training provided - Training manual prepared
Progress/deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Similar to Activity 2.4, the training combined presentations, classroom discussions and group work on practical exercises. Participants received in particular the practical exercises including a simulated case investigation with enthusiasm. At the same time, the simulated case investigation allowed the trainers and participants to monitor where they still needed to understand patterns of illegal cash-flow and possible leads to uncover illicit financing. Feedback provided through anonymously filled-out forms at the end of the training was very positive. - The Project finalised a comprehensive Training Manual (including practical cases), which was piloted during the training to allow the participants to reinforce their newly acquired skills and to support further vocational trainings in their respective countries. The 100-pages Manual is available in English and Russian.
Expected Result No. 3: Pilot: Eastern Partnership countries efficiently apply and implement European and international standards on good governance and the fight against corruption when addressing their specific needs.	

Activity No. 3.3	Pilot Activity: Training for Civil Servants on Basic Anti-Corruption Concepts
Actions	Following the risk assessment mission to the Republic of Belarus on ethics in public service and its findings (see above Activity 1.4), the project organised training for civil servants on basic anti-corruption concepts. Part of the training was dedicated to the issue of ethics and to training ethics including topics such as: What is ethics? How to regulate ethics? How to solve ethical dilemmas? How to engage civil servants in an ethical culture?. The ethics part is directly linked to the risk assessment activity (see above 1.4). The activity was organised in cooperation with the General Prosecutor's Office of Belarus, the main implementing partner of the Project, and assistance was provided by the Council of Europe Info Point in Minsk.
Objectively verifiable indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level of specific reforms in each Eastern Partnership country improved due to specially tailored advice (through each Pilot Country Activity)
Progress/deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 4-day event brought together 40 participants and consisted of presentations, classroom discussions and practical exercises focusing on the analysis, prevention, and criminalisation of different forms of corruption. - The Council of Europe training manual on basic anti-corruption concepts (in Russian language) was distributed to the participants during the training. .
Activity No. 3.4	Pilot Activity: Expertise on the Georgian draft law on the protection of whistleblowers (N.B.: The initial topic of this Pilot Activity was "Expertise on red flag system in procurement". It was modified in July 2013 at the request of and in coordination with the Georgian authorities as it no longer corresponded to Georgia's priorities)
Actions	Following recommendations by GRECO and with regard to the European Commission's "Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation with Georgia" of February 2013, Georgia introduced amendments into the Law on Public Service and into the Law on Conflicts of Interest for further regulating protection of whistleblowers in 2009. The Project prepared an expertise on legislative amendments to improve the protection of whistleblowers in line with European standards. The expertise took into account the results of a meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Justice in Tbilisi on 26 September 2013.
Objectively verifiable indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level of specific reforms in each Eastern Partnership country improved due to specially tailored advice (through each Pilot Country Activity)

Progress/deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expertise available and published. - The adopted law on whistleblower reform implements several recommendations given by the Project's expertise.
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3. COOPERATION WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

3.1 Counterparts and beneficiaries

The Project established very good working relations with the counterparts and various beneficiaries of all Eastern Partnership countries, including Republic of Belarus, the only country that is not a Council of Europe member state. Representatives of Belarus participated and contributed to all regional activities organised during the reporting period. All National Anti-corruption Focal Points have demonstrated keen interest in the Project and readily co-operated and offered assistance to the Project's team. Counterparts and beneficiary particularly appreciate the coherent approach to the regional and country specific dimension and the possibility to address their specific reform needs and priorities through the pilot activities, while maintaining a regional setting of intervention.

3.2 Other third parties

The Project team kept EU country delegations (EUDs) and Council of Europe offices regularly informed on the developments in the Project and invited to all public regional and local activities. Representatives of EUDs took part in public events, such as the Roundtables under Pilot Activity 3.6, and in the Conference 1.5. Furthermore, representatives of donors such as United States and GIZ, took part in some of the Project's activities (Risk assessment 1.4, Pilot Activity Ukraine (3.6)).

The Project co-operated with a trainer from an international non-governmental organisation, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), on the regional training (Activity 2.5) "Political party and electoral campaign financing".

For the Risk Assessment Activity (1.4), the expert teams interviewed local NGOs, such as local chapters of Transparency International.

Overall, civil society participation in all activities has been strong: representatives from civil society organisations participated in almost all regional and Pilot Activities implemented so far. At the same time, most of the independent Council of Europe experts involved in the implementation of the activities are also members of international or local civil society organisations. The Project plans to continue this inclusion of civil society for all future activities wherever possible.

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, CONCLUSIONS AND RISKS

4.1 Achievements

During the reporting period, the Project has made the following achievements:

- 2 country assessments on corruption risks in specific sectors prepared (Belarus, Georgia)
- 1 regional Conference on risk assessments
- 1 regional Typology Study on risk assessment drafted, 306 pages

- 1 regional manual on verifying asset declarations drafted, 50 pages, English and Russian
- 1 regional Workshop on analysis and typologies on laundering the proceeds of corruption in Eastern Partnership countries
- 2 in-country visits for review of money laundering cases (Belarus, Republic of Moldova)
- 1 regional Conference on analysis and typologies on laundering the proceeds of corruption in Eastern Partnership countries
- 1 regional Workshop on liability of legal persons for corruption offences
- 1 regional training manual on liability of legal persons for corruption offences published, 100 pages, English and Russian
- 1 regional Workshop on political party and electoral campaign financing
- 1 regional training manual on political party and electoral campaign financing published, 100 pages, English and Russian
- 1 manual on verifying asset declarations drafted for the Armenian Ethics Commission, 40 pages, English and Armenian (Pilot Armenia)
- 1 training on basic concepts of anti-corruption work (Pilot Belarus)
- 1 expertise on draft law on the protection of whistleblowers (Pilot Georgia)

4.2 Conclusions

The Project carried out all 16 remaining actions within the reporting period and thus managed to combine a tight schedule of implementation with a high produce of outputs. One Pilot Activity did eventually not take place (Georgia, Assessment and roundtable on the new Draft Anti-corruption Action Plan, Activity 3.4), as the counterpart did not need the envisioned assistance anymore.

Feedback received from participants in the regional activities and their lively participation confirmed the usefulness of exchanging good practices and reflecting national approaches in the light of other regional examples. At the same time, counterparts and representatives of civil society appreciated activities with a national focus.

4.3 Risks

The main risk to a timely implementation of activities would be risks from political uncertainty, in particular from change of governments following regular or early elections.

5. VISIBILITY ACTIONS

Information on all Project activities including programmes, corresponding documents, deliverables and photos of the events, as well as the Workplan, Calendar of Activities and contact details of the National Anti-corruption Focal Points (see Annex 5) are regularly posted and updated on the Project's **website** (www.coe.int/eap-corruption), in addition to the Council of Europe's Facility website.

European Union visibility is ensured through the inclusion of the Joint Programmes logo on the Project website, on all publications, materials, programmes, letters, as well as through the installation of the European flag and of a Project banner in conference rooms. In addition, visibility materials such as document folders, notepads and pens with the Project's title and logo were distributed during activities.

The European Union contribution is highlighted during the opening remarks of each activity by the Council of Europe and national stakeholders. The same applies to meetings with the recipients or other partners.

Furthermore, several events have been reported by the media or on websites of the beneficiaries and of the Council of Europe Contact Point in Minsk:

Risk Assessment (1.4): Ethics in Public Service
(Minsk, Belarus 10 -12 September 2013)
<http://www.coe.bsu.by/news52.aspx>

Regional activity (2.1): Analysis and typologies on laundering the proceeds of corruption in transition economies – country visit Belarus
(Minsk, Belarus, 22 July 2013)
<http://news.belta.by/en/news/society?id=721725>

Regional Activity (2.2): Conference on “Analysis and typologies on laundering the proceeds of corruption in transition economies”
(Minsk, Belarus, 27 November 2013)
<http://www.coe.bsu.by/news57.aspx>

Regional Training (2.4): “Implementing standards on criminal, administrative and civil liability of legal persons for corruption offences”
(Kyiv, Ukraine, 2-3 July 2013)
<http://www.minjust.gov.ua/photoalbum/723>
<http://www.minjust.gov.ua/news/43741>

Training (3.3) for Civil Servants on Basic Anti-Corruption Concepts
(Minsk, Belarus 30 September – 3 October 2013)
<http://www.coe.bsu.by/news56.aspx>

Regional Conference (1.5): “Presentation of risk assessment: Typologies of underlying causes of corruption”
(Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 11 April 2013)
www.inj.md/node/657
<http://cna.md/ro/evaluarea-riscurilor/conferinta-regionala-genericul-evaluarea-riscurilor-coruptie-tipologii>

6. ANNEXES

6.1 Annex 1: Updated Workplan of Activities 2013

No	Activity	Description	Max .Part	Max. Days
1	Policy and prevention measures			
1.1	Regional Workshop I: Improving the designing of anti-corruption policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Countries compare the methodology, process and outcome of drafting their 1st and 2nd anti-corruption strategies and action plans including involvement of civil society (0.5 day). - 2 working groups on needs assessment and indicators (0.5 day) - Plenary on typologies and solutions (1 day) 	30	2
1.2	Regional Workshop II: Mechanisms of implementing and monitoring anti-corruption policies, including education and public awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Countries present their mechanisms including those of civil society (0.5 day) - 2 working groups on implementation and monitoring (0.5 day) - Plenary on typologies and solutions (1 day) 	30	2
1.3	Regional Conference I: Good practices of designing, implementing and monitoring anti-corruption policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of outcomes of 1st and 2nd workshop - International and peer standards and recommendations 	60	1

No	Activity	Description	Max .Part	Max. Days
		<p>draft findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report drafting (Patterns of the laundering of proceeds of corruption – major players typically involved; forms of investment of the proceeds; occurrence of domestic and of cross border transactions and countries involved) - Workshop to present draft report (25 participants, e.g. Strasbourg, 1.5 days) - Finalisation of report 	25	5 1.5
2.2	Regional Conference III: Laundering the proceeds of corruption in transition economies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations and recommendations on patterns of the laundering of proceeds of corruption - Recommendations for regional FIU's 	60	1
2.3	Regional Specialised Training I: Implementing standards on detection, investigation and criminalisation of economic and financial crimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interactive 5 days training: enhancing the capacities of law enforcement agencies in investigating and prosecuting large scale international money laundering and corruption cases (international cooperation) - Provision of training manual 	30	5
2.4	Regional Specialised Training II: Implementing standards on criminal and civil liability for legal persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 peer country assessments (GRECO and OECD assessments updated and amended) - 2 days training on: Case studies from peer and EU countries, international standards - Provision of training manual 	30	2
2.5	Regional Specialised Training III: Political party and electoral campaign financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 peer country assessments (GRECO and OECD assessments updated and amended) - 2.5 days training on: Case studies, international standards, auditing - Provision of training manual 	30	2.5

No	Activity	Description	Max .Part	Max. Days
3	Pilot: Specialised activities for each country in accordance with their needs and reform priorities			
3.1	Armenia	Manual for the Ethics Commission on processing financial declarations	10	1
3.1	Armenia	Workshop on good practices of verifying financial declarations	10	1
3.2	Azerbaijan	Workshop on good practices of e-government	50	1
3.2	Azerbaijan	Training of trainers on of ethics in public service	30	1
3.2	Azerbaijan	Expertise and roundtable on the Draft National Anti-corruption Strategy 2012-2017	50	1
3.3 ³	Belarus	Training of civil servants on corruption and its prevention	30	4
3.4 ⁴	Georgia	Expertise on draft law on whistleblower protection	3	1
3.5	Moldova	Expertise on anti-corruption strategies for local governments	70	5
3.5	Moldova	Expertise to bring the law on political finance in line with GRECO recommendations	30	5
3.6	Ukraine	Expertise and workshop on the new Action Plan (“State Program”) 2011-2015	5	1
3.6	Ukraine	Roundtable on liability of legal persons	30	1
3.7	Regional (Closing) Conference IV: Share of peer countries on reforms and good practices during the implementation of the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations on result of pilot activities - Presentations and recommendations on reforms and good practices in peer countries in relation to project’s activities 	60	2

³ One more tentatively planned Pilot activity (“Roundtable on anti-corruption strategy 2013”) has been cancelled at the request of the Belarus authorities.

⁴ The Georgian Authorities changed or dropped previous Pilot Activities leading to the indicated topic.

6.2 Annex 2: Updated Calendar of Activities 2013

Calendar of Activities		2011												2012												2013														Venue
Month		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12					
1.1	Regional Workshop I: Improving the designing of anti-corruption policies									X																											Strasbourg			
1.2	Regional Workshop II: Mechanisms of implementing and monitoring anti-corruption policies, including education and public awareness										X																										Warsaw			
1.3	Regional Conference I: Good practices of designing, implementing and monitoring anti-corruption policies													X																							Kyiv			
1.4	Regional Workshop III: Risk assessment: Typologies of underlying causes of corruption															X																					Strasbourg			
1.4	Country study AM: Asset declarations																					X															Yerevan			
1.4	Country study AZ: Ethics in civil service														X																						Baku			
1.4	Country study BE: Ethics of public officials																														X						Minsk			
1.4	Country study GE: Prosecution service																															X					Tbilisi			
1.4	Country study MD: Local corruption risks																			X																	Chisinau			
1.4	Country study UA: Asset declarations																			X																	Kyiv			

Calendar of Activities		2011												2012												2013												Venue
Month		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
1.5	Regional Conference II: Presentation of risk assessment: Typologies of underlying causes of corruption																										X									Chisinau		
2.1	Regional Workshop IV: Analysis and Typologies on laundering the proceeds of corruption in transition economies (1 st Workshop)																X																			Strasbourg		
2.1	Country studies on each FIU in EaP region																				X	X				X	X		X	X					Region			
2.1	Regional Workshop IV: presentation and adoption of draft country studies (2 nd Workshop)																														X					Strasbourg		
2.2	Regional Conference III: Laundering the proceeds of corruption in transition economies																																X			Minsk		
2.3	Regional Specialised Training I: Implementing standards concerning detection, investigation and criminalisation of economic and financial crimes													X																						Syracuse		
2.4	Regional Specialised Training II: Implementing standards concerning criminal and civil liability for legal persons																												X							Kyiv		

Calendar of Activities		2011												2012												2013												Venue
Month		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
2.5	Regional Specialised Training III: Political party and electoral campaign financing																												X								Chisinau	
3.1	Pilot AM: Manual for the Ethics Commission on processing financial declarations																												X								Yerevan	
3.1	Pilot AM: Workshop on good practices of verifying of financial declarations																										X										Yerevan	
3.2	Pilot AZ: Workshop on good practices of e-government														X																						Baku	
3.2	Pilot AZ: Training of trainers on the implementation of ethics in public service																						X														Baku	
3.2	Pilot AZ: Expertise and roundtable on the Draft National Anti-corruption Strategy 2012-2017														X																						Baku	
3.3	Pilot BE: Training of civil servants on corruption and its prevention																																	X			Minsk	

Calendar of Activities		2011												2012												2013												Venue
Month		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
3.4	Pilot GE: Expertise on draft law on whistleblower protection																																X			Tbilisi		
3.5	Pilot MD: Expertise on anti-corruption strategies for local governments								X									X	X	X	X	X													Chisinau			
3.5	Pilot MD: Expertise to bring the law on political finance in line with GRECO recommendations									X	X	X	X	X																					Chisinau			
3.6	Pilot UA: Expertise and workshop on the new Action Plan (“State Program”) 2011-2015												X																							Kyiv		
3.6	Pilot UA: Roundtable on liability of legal persons																									X										Kyiv		
3.7	Regional (Closing) Conference IV: Exchange on reforms and good practices during the implementation of the Project*																																			Tbilisi		

* The Closing Conference will take place at the end of the extended Project in December 2014.

Reporting and Steering Committees	2011												2012												2013												2014		
Month	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3		
Facility Steering Committee Meeting (12/24 months)			X												X											X													
Steering Committee Meeting (every 6 months)			X										X													X												X	
Interim reports (12/24 months after commencement)														X												X												X	
Inception and final report (6 months after end)				X																																			

⁵ On 3 March 2014, the Project took opportunity of the presence of the Facility's National Coordinators in Strasbourg, and reviewed the draft Workplan and Calendar with them. The draft Workplan and Calendar were sent prior to National Focal Points in order to allow them to provide comments through the National Coordinators.

6.3 Annex 3: Workplan of Activities 2014

No	Activity	Description	Max. Part.	Max. Days
1	Policy and prevention measures			
1.1	Regional Workshop I: Reviewing and sharing of good practices on processing and verifying assets declarations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 days training on: Case studies, good practices, methods of processing financial declarations; - Peer-to-peer discussions of good practices - Designing of the Manual "Processing and verifying assets declarations" and training materials (experts) - Application of the manual "Processing and verifying assets declarations" 	25	2
2	Enforcement and implementation			
2	Country Specialised Trainings: Detecting patterns of irregular political party and campaign financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 days training on: Case studies, international standards, practices, auditing - Application of the manual "Detecting patterns of irregular political party and campaign financing". 	75	6
2.1	Armenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation/assessment of the progress in relation to the regional activity on the same topic 	25	2
2.2	Moldova		25	2
2.3	Ukraine		25	2
2	Enforcement and implementation			
2	Country Specialised Trainings: Liability of Legal Persons for Corruption Offences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 days training on: Case studies, international standards, practices. - Application of the manual "Liability of legal persons for corruption offences". 	75	6
2.4	Azerbaijan		25	2
2.5	Belarus		25	2
2.6	Georgia		25	2
No	Activity	Description	Max. Part.	Max. Days
3	Pilot: Specialised activities for each country in accordance with their needs			

	and reform priorities			
3.1	Armenia	- Expertise/Technical Advice on the ethics code of high-ranking officials	-	-
3.2	Azerbaijan	- Expertise/Technical Advice on anti-corruption legislation	-	-
3.3	Belarus	- Expertise/Technical Advice on the functioning of electronic auctions and efficiency of national system of public procurement in Belarus	-	-
3.4	Georgia	- Expertise/Technical Advice on anti-corruption policy	-	-
3.5	Moldova	- Expertise/Technical Advice on Adjustment of the national legal framework at the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, related to confiscation and recovery of assets obtained illegally	-	-
3.6	Ukraine	- Expertise/Technical Advice on the asset declaration system	-	-
3.7	Regional (Closing) Conference II: Share of peer countries on reforms and good practices during the implementation of the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations on result of pilot activities, assessment of the progress in fighting corruption in the 6 countries; - Recommendations on regional standards, needs and priorities defined by conference participants. 	60	1

6.4 Annex 4: List of Technical Papers

Country	Title	Author	Date	Pages
Armenia	Country Risk Assessment – Armenia “Financial Supervision of Public Officials”	Tilman Hoppe, input provided by Valts Kalnins	03/2013	65
Regional	Risk assessment study on typologies of underlying causes of corruption in the Eastern Partnership region	Tilman Hoppe, input provided by Valts Kalnins, Quentin Reed, Mark Philp	03/2013	306
Armenia	Manual on Processing and verifying financial declarations	Tilman Hoppe, input provided by Valts Kalnins	09/2013	44
Regional	Study: Laundering the proceeds of corruption in Eastern Partnership countries	Tilman Hoppe, input provided by Daniel Thelesklaf	11/2013	37
Georgia	Protection of Whistleblowers Amendments to the Georgian Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service	Tilman Hoppe, input provided by Valts Kalnins	10/2013	16
Georgia	Country risk assessment – Georgia “Prosecution Service of Georgia”	Tilman Hoppe, input provided by José Matos	10/2013	63
Belarus	Country risk assessment – Belarus “Ethics in Public Service”	Tilman Hoppe, input provided by Valts Kalnins	11/2013	23
Regional	Practitioner manual on processing and analysing income and asset declarations of public officials	Tilman Hoppe, input provided by Valts Kalnins	12/2013	49
Regional	Liability of legal persons for corruption offences – A training manual and reference source	Tilman Hoppe, input provided by Georgi Rupchev	03/2014	113
Regional	Detecting Irregular Political Financing – A Training Manual with real life case	Tilman Hoppe, input provided	03/2014	109

	exercises	by Natalia Iuras and Inga Soloveja		
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6.5 Annex 5: Screenshot of Project's website



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- EaP Bridge Activities Report
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- Handbook on Designing and Implementing Anti-corruption Policies
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CONTACTS

- EaP/CoE Facility' National Coordinators
- Anti-corruption@EaP-Project Team

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) was launched by the EU at a Summit meeting with the Eastern partners on 7 May 2009 in Prague. It sets out an ambitious path for deeper relations with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, through a bilateral and a multilateral dimension. The EaP is based on mutual commitments to the rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights, and respect for the rights of minorities, the principles of market economy and sustainable development. The level of ambition of the EU's relationship with the Eastern partners will take into account the extent to which these values are reflected in national practices and policy implementation.

In its second meeting, the Eastern Partnership Platform 1 adopted its Work Programme for 2009-2011, which mainly focuses cooperation on the following areas: Democratic Governance; Improved Functioning of the Judiciary; Public Administration; Fight against Corruption; Flagship Initiative on Integrated Border Management; Flagship Initiative on Prevention, Preparedness and Response to natural and man-made disasters.

The Corruption component within the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Platform 1, as a major component stems from the realisation that there is a need to further enhance co-operation with Eastern partner countries that face similar challenges in complying with commitments originating from the Council of Europe's membership and its standard-setting instruments. In view of this, in 2010 a series of "Bridge Activities" took place as a first step in contributing to look at the progress made so far of the reform processes in the six partner countries through a multilateral approach, and to facilitate the processes of the EaP' Panel on Corruption as processes of bringing partner countries closer to the European standards. On 1 March 2011, following the "Bridge Activities" the EaP/CoE Facility was launched in order to enhance good governance and strengthen the capacities of the public administration and criminal justice sector in order to effectively prevent and fight corruption in line with the Council of Europe Conventions and other international treaties.

NEWS...

Coming up soon:

Activities in the past:

Regional Activity (2.2): Conference on "Analysis and typologies on laundering the proceeds of corruption in transition economies" (Minsk, Belarus, 27 November 2013)

The Project interviewed relevant stakeholders of the six EaP-countries in Belarus, Georgia and Republic of Moldova in the period of April-July in 2012 and 2013. The information collected through these country visits were aggregated and fed into a draft regional typology study. The representatives of the six beneficiary FIUs came together to review and adopt the draft study at the 2nd regional workshop on 19 September 2013 in Strasbourg. The final Regional Typology Study and issues related to its findings were presented to a wider public at a Regional Conference which took place in Minsk on 27 November 2013.



6.6 Annex 6: National Anti-corruption Focal Points

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