



Project against Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Serbia

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Project title	Project against Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Serbia (MOLI Serbia)
Project duration	36 months (15 November 2010 – 15 November 2013)
Implementation	Economic Crime Division, Department of Information Society and Action against Crime, Directorate of Co-operation (Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe)
Project budget	EUR 2 200 000
Reporting Period	1 March – 31 March 2011
Reporting Date	5 April 2011
SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT AGAINST INDICATORS	
Activity	Recruitment of the Long-Term Consultant (LTC)
Output Reference	ER0, Inception phase, Activity 2
Aim	Secure expert staff for the project implementation
Outcome	The recruitment of the LTC had been initiated under the terms of the Council of Europe's Tenders Board and Procedures ¹ . Pending the amendment of tenders board procedures, a Council of Europe expert was identified based on his qualifications and experience in similar projects and was awarded a contract for a period of up to 6 months, starting from 15 March 2011.
Follow-up	The CoE expert will attend a symposium organised by the Association of Serbian Banks (ASB) to take place in Palic, Serbia, from 12-15 April, on the topic of 'Compliance Function in Banks' where he will present the objectives and expected results of the MOLI project.
Activity	Start up-Workshop and Extended 1 st Steering Committee Meeting
Output Reference	ER0, Inception phase, Activity 3
Aim	Confirmation of the Steering Committee and to adopt and finalise the workplan of activities.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A proposed workplan of activities had already been drafted by the CoE as a result of the start-up activity that took place in January 2011. This was circulated for comments from the main counterparts, namely the APMI and the EUD.▪ On 23 March 2011, meetings were held in Belgrade between the CoE Delegation, the

¹ The Tender Board Procedure rules shall apply when an independent consultancy contract is awarded for an amount which has exceeded certain threshold and/or period of 6 months of engagement.

	<p>APML and the EUD. The proposed workplan of activities was revised according to outcome of these meetings and to be submitted to the workshop the following day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Start-up Workshop was held on 24 March 2011 in Belgrade with 20 participants from the beneficiary institutions: APML (the main counterpart), MoF, MoI, MoJ, Supreme Court of Cassation, State Prosecutor's Office, NBS, and with the representatives of the EUD and the CoE, The workplan of activities was discussed and final version was adopted by the start-up workshop. ▪ The members of the Steering Committee from the Serbian Institutions approved by the Government of Serbia, from the EUD and the CoE were presented to the participants and hence the SC composition was confirmed.
Follow-up	Adopt the minutes of the workshop, translate the final version of the workplan of activities with the changes into Serbian language and disseminate it to APML, EUD and to other beneficiary institutions.
Activity	Establish a Legal Review Working Group (LRG) of 6-8 legislative AML/CFT experts on Criminal Law and Commercial Law area.
Output Reference	1.1.1
Aim	Form a core and permanent working group to analyse Serbian legislation and practice and provide support in the preparation of the necessary legislative drafts as indicated by the National AML Strategy.
Outcome	The APML will make a call to institutions in order to identify the national members of the group composed of 4-6 national experts to initiate and review the relevant legislation and frameworks described in Actions 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 of the workplan.
Follow-up	The APML will provide the CoE with a list of experts for the working group, and that the CoE will select 1-2 international experts.
LIST OF SPECIFIC PROJECT DELIVERABLES (TECHNICAL PAPERS) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft Inception Report including the finalised version of the workplan of activities ▪ Minutes of the 1st Extended Steering Committee meeting/Start up workshop 	
OTHER PROJECT AND ANTI-CORRUPTION RELATED DEVELOPMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Association of Serbian Banks Symposium – A representative of the MOLI-Serbia project has been invited to address the annual symposium in Palic, Serbia, taking place from 12-15 April 2011. The project's short-term consultant will attend on behalf of the project. The topic of this year's symposium is 'Compliance Function in Banks'. ▪ MOLI Serbia webpage is now available in English and Serbian on the CoE Office in Belgrade website at the following link: http://www.coe.org.rs/eng/tdoc_sr/coe_office_in_belgrade/projects_sr/?conid=2059. This page is complementary to the MOLI-Serbia project website on the CoE Headquarters: www.coe.int/moliserbia 	
CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS, INCLUDING PLANNED REMEDIAL ACTIONS	
None at the time of reporting.	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT PERIOD	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organise a high-level awareness raising event in mid/second-half of May 2011. ▪ Approve and disseminate the final version of the Inception Report. ▪ APML to provide a list of experts and form the Legislative Review Working Groups. 	
CONCLUSIONS	
MOLI Serbia project continues without any major obstacles or delays. Excellent cooperation and involvement are noted from all relevant beneficiaries/partners on the project, especially from the APML (main beneficiary) and EUD.	