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Project against Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Serbia MOLI 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 Section, Action against Crime Department (DGI-Human Rights and Rule of Law)
Project budget	EUR 2 200 000
Reporting Period	1 November – 30 November 2011
Reporting Date	6 December 2011
SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT AGAINST INDICATORS	
Activity	Training on AML/CFT standards, implementation aspects of the CoE Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds of Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS 198) (Warsaw Convention) and their application in the national Serbian legislation and the AML system
Output Reference	1.2.1.
Aim	To provide training on practical implementation of new European AML/CFT standards, Convention CETS 198 and application of new standards and procedures
Outcome	On 2-3 November 2011, MOLI Serbia organised the ' <i>Training on Money Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of Proceeds of Crime: Criminal Intelligence, Investigation and Prosecution - A Practical Perspective</i> '. The aim of this training was to provide knowledge and skills required to successfully investigate and prosecute a major money laundering case that contains all the elements that are the subject of the Warsaw Convention. The participants were selected from the Serbian institutions that have a role in the investigation or prosecution of serious crime such as the APML, the Ministry of Interior – Service for Combating Organised Crime, the Public Prosecutor's Office, Customs Administration, the Tax Administration, the Police Academy, the Security-Information Agency, and the Military Security Agency. The training was provided by four experts from the Dutch FIU, the Amsterdam Police Unit and the Prosecutor's Office.
Follow-up	MOLI Serbia will organise two other trainings on this subject during 2012, as foreseen by the Workplan (Actions 1.2.2. and 1.2.3.)
Activity	Training course for the staff of the APML IT department: Workshop II on ORACLE Database 11g in Belgrade (14-18 November 2011)

Output Reference	7.2.2.
Aim	To provide training for the APML IT staff on the use of AML software
Outcome	On 14-18 November 2011, two staff members of the APML IT department attended the 5-day training in ORACLE Database 11g: Administration Workshop I/Release 2. This particular training is preparation for the use of software, which is going to be procured under the Project's IT component. The IT officers are now trained to use the new software once the IT upgrade of the APML is completed.
Follow-up	Possibility of further ORACLE training, once new IT software is delivered to the APML under activity 7.2.
Activity	Study visit to Estonia and Lithuania (21-26 November 2011)
Output Reference	3.2.1.
Aim	To provide first-hand experience in overcoming difficulties in the implementation of international AML/CFT standards
Outcome	On 21-26 November 2011, the MOLI Serbia organised a Study Visit "AML/CFT Standards in the Baltics: Institutions, Legislation, Cooperation, Coordination" for the selected officials of the Serbian institutions responsible for the AML/CFT issues, namely, the APML, the Ministry of Interior, the National Bank of Serbia, the Customs Administration and the Higher Prosecutor's Office. The objective of this study visit was to improve the capacities of Serbian authorities by gaining an insight into the particularities of the AML/CFT systems in Estonia and Lithuania and by drawing on their experiences in countering the financing of terrorism (CFT), as well as carrying out comprehensive risk assessments, improving inter-institutional cooperation and supervising non-financial businesses and professions (NFBPs).
Follow-up	A Study Visit report will be produced and delivered to all participants and members of the Steering Committee.
LIST OF SPECIFIC PROJECT DELIVERABLES (TECHNICAL PAPERS) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme of Study Visit "AML/CFT Standards in the Baltics: Institutions, Legislation, Cooperation, Coordination" 	
OTHER PROJECT RELATED DEVELOPMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 7-8 November 2011, Mr Simon Goddard, LTC, attended the TAIEX Workshop on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in South-East Europe. The aim of the Workshop was to offer a broad overview of the regional cooperation in criminal matters in the region, as well as look in more detail at the European Convention on extradition from 1957 and the Council Framework decision of 2002 on the European Arrest warrant. On 15-16 November 2011, the MOLI project team had bilateral meetings with Mr Lazar Jankovic, Deputy Head of Service for Combating Organised Crime at the Ministry of Interior, and Ms Olgica Miloradovic and Mr Milan Boskovic, Deputy State Prosecutors at the State Public Prosecutor's Office. The aim of these meetings was to further raise the visibility of the project and extend engagement with these important beneficiaries. On 29-30 November 2011, Ms Teodora Lukovic, LPO, attended the Ministerial Conference on Regional and Transnational Cooperation in the fight against Organised Crime in South-East Europe: Challenges and Achievements. The aim of the high-level Conference, which was co-organised by EU/CoE Project on Criminal Assets Recovery (CAR), was to evaluate the regional, EU and trans-national perspectives and progress achieved in fighting organised crime and to find more effective means of cooperation in creating a society governed by the rule of law. 	
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"> ▪ In cooperation with the World Bank, a series of workshops will be held from 18-20 January 2012. The aim of the workshops is to discuss a methodology for the conduct of a National Risk Assessment (Activity 2.3.1.). ▪ An expert will be commissioned by the MOLI project team to carry out a legal review of the Serbian draft law on the freezing of terrorist assets, as requested by the APML (Activity 1.1.2). ▪ Translation of selected APG case studies into Serbian (Activity 3.3.4).
CONCLUSIONS
<p>During the month of November 2011, MOLI Serbia activities mainly focused on delivering Activity 1.2 (training event on Warsaw Convention) and Activity 3.2 (study visit to Baltic states to gain first-hand experience in the implementation of the AML/CFT standards), as well as in continuing efforts to raise the visibility of the project. MOLI Serbia project continues without any major obstacles or delays.</p>