

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 Unit, Action against Crime Department (DGI-Human Rights and Rule of Law)
Project budget	EUR 2 200 000
Reporting Period	1 August – 31 August 2012
Reporting Date	7 September 2012
SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT AGAINST INDICATORS	
Activity	Communication Skills Training for APML staff members, 30 August 2012
Output Reference	2.1.3 – Organise a training event for government public relations officers on adequate presentation of AML/CFT issues and activity reporting to the public and relevant institutions.
Aim	To ensure and enhance the visibility and transparency of the AML/CFT system and in particular that of APML through training of staff in media relations and in provision of information to the public.
Outcome	The Communication Skills Training was delivered to ten staff members of the APML by the Public Relations Agency, Mosaic B.C.A., selected by and based on ToRs developed by MOLI. The topics covered by the training included the importance of communication, verbal and non-verbal communication, appropriate ways to react, differences between media, how to communicate with journalists, how to prepare for a meeting with journalists, how to handle delicate questions and the overall importance of the public relations sector. The trainees also presented the way the media communication was handled by the APML in the past and discussed with the trainers how the situation could be improved. As a result of the training, the Public Relations Agency will create Guidelines for Media Communication and Communication in Sensitive Situations, which will assist APML staff in dealing with media relations and communication with journalists. The training was received well by the participants and followed by a Q&A session.
Follow-up	The training of the selected APML staff will be followed by a theoretical and practical training for the APML Director and Head of Supervision Department in media and public appearances.

Activity	Capacity-Building Workshop for APML, Veliko Gradiste, 31 August – 1 September 2012
Output Reference	3.1.2, 3.1.4. – Develop training curricula and organise 2-3 Training Events for APML staff (in line with needs assessment under Action 3.1.1)
Aim	The aim of the workshop was to deliver training in accordance with the training needs assessment for new staff of the APML and develop an outline curricula for an induction training course.
Outcome	The workshop was opened by Mr Aleksandar Vujicic, the Director of APML, who gave an outline of the objectives of the training. Mr Simon Goddard, LTC, made a presentation about the international standards applicable to AML/CFT, and the role and function of the Financial Intelligence Unit. Each department of the APML made a presentation of its major role and responsibilities. A synopsis of the group discussion and an outline of a training course were also presented. The training course outline contains, inter alia: Organisation and Function of the APML and other actors in the AML/CFT system; AML/CFT Legislation; International Standards; International Cooperation; Domestic Cooperation; Supervision and the STR system; Risk-Based Approach; Politically Exposed Persons. A working group was created to further develop the training documents.
Follow-up	The outline of the training course will be further refined jointly by APML and MOLI Serbia by 15 September 2012 in order to continue with the creation of a Computer-Based Training (CBT).
LIST OF SPECIFIC PROJECT DELIVERABLES (TECHNICAL PAPERS) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Activity Report on Communication Skills Training for APML, 30 August 2012 ▪ Activity Report on Capacity-Building Workshop for APML, Veliko Gradiste, 31 August – 1 September 2012 	
OTHER PROJECT RELATED DEVELOPMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On 17 August 2012, MOLI Serbia project team held a preliminary meeting with IT companies on initiating the implementation process of new IT software for APML. Representatives of Saga d.o.o. and Atos d.o.o. agreed on next steps with the CoE IT Consultant and LPO, with an aim to finalise contracts in the following weeks of September. 	
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"> ▪ The 4th Steering Committee Meeting will take place on 4 September 2012. ▪ 2nd NRA Workshop will be held in Belgrade from 23-24 October 2012, the outcome of which will be the first draft NRA report. (Activity 2.3.1.) ▪ The first of three planned regional typologies meetings will take place on 25 October 2012 in Belgrade, to coincide with APML's 10th Anniversary. Heads of all regional FIUs are expected to attend the meeting. (Activity 6.1.1.) ▪ A conference on the application of Risk-Based Approach (RBA) for licensed accountants, auditors and other DNFBP professionals will take place on 30 October 2012 in Belgrade. (Activity 5.2.3.) 	
CONCLUSIONS	
During the month of July 2012, MOLI Serbia activities mainly focused on delivering Activity 2.1.3.	

(Communication Skills training) and Activity 3.1.4. (Capacity-Building Workshop for APML staff)), as well as continuation of Activity 7.2.1. on the procurement of IT equipment for APML. MOLI Serbia project continues without any major obstacles.