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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 Unit, Action against Crime Department (DGI-Human Rights and Rule of Law)
Project budget	EUR 2 200 000
Reporting Period	1 April – 30 April 2012
Reporting Date	4 May 2012
SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT AGAINST INDICATORS	
Activity	Study visit to EUROPOL headquarters in The Hague and Belgian Federal Police in Brussels, 2-6 April 2012
Output Reference	3.3.3.
Aim	To train up to ten analysts from APML and Ministry of Interior on strategic analysis with an emphasis on improving their reporting skills.
Outcome	From 2-6 April 2012, MOLI Serbia project organised a Study Visit to EUROPOL headquarters in the Hague and to the Belgian Federal Police in Brussels, in order to train eight analysts from APML and from the Ministry of Interior on strategic analysis reporting skills. The objective of the Study Visit is to expose Serbian analysts responsible for coordinating the National Risk Assessment to best practices in areas such as the Serious Organised Crime Threat Assessment (SOCTA) carried out in EUROPOL and the methodology used in Strategic Planning by Belgian Federal Police, who are considered leaders in this field. The delegation also visited the Belgian FIU and exchanged experiences in intelligence-gathering and analysis thereof.
Follow-up	Organise further strategic analysis trainings for analysts involved in drafting the National Risk Assessment.
Activity	Follow-up meeting on National Risk Assessment, 26 April 2012
Output Reference	2.3.1.

Aim	To discuss progress on data collection from all institutions involved in the National Risk Assessment process
Outcome	On 26 April 2012, the institutions involved in data collection for the purposes of carrying out the National Risk Assessment held a meeting at the Ministry of Finance to discuss progress and upcoming deadlines for data submission to the World Bank. The leaders of Working Groups, consisting of representatives from the APML, National Bank of Serbia and State Public Prosecutor's office showed a high level of dedication to the process. Mutual coordination of data collection was evident, under leadership of the APML and their NRA coordinator. Group leaders assessed their progress to date and asked others for assistance where necessary to obtain information from remaining state institutions involved.
Follow-up	The deadline for submission of data to the World Bank is 20 June 2012. The APML will present its progress to date at the next plenary session of MONEYVAL from 2-6 July 2012 in Strasbourg.
LIST OF SPECIFIC PROJECT DELIVERABLES (TECHNICAL PAPERS) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity Report on the meeting of the Donors Group on Public Finance Management organised by the World Bank Office. 	
OTHER PROJECT RELATED DEVELOPMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 5 April 2012, LPA attended the meeting of the Donors Group on Public Finance Management organised by the World Bank. The purpose of this meeting was to provide a joint donor view on practical options for improving public financial management in Serbia. Mr Lewis Hawke, Senior Financial Management Specialist of the World Bank headquarters presented a policy briefing. 	
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"> A public hearing will be organised on 22 May 2012 for obligors, NGOs and media representatives in order to include the private and public sectors in the drafting process. A two-day Workshop will be organised on 29-30 May 2012 in cooperation with the National Bank of Serbia on supervision of the insurance sector, pension funds and leasing companies. Between 11 and 14 June 2012, a two-day Workshop will be organised on the risk of abuse of the NPOs sector for the purposes of AML/CFT in Serbia. 	
CONCLUSIONS	
During the month of April 2012, MOLI Serbia activities mainly focused on delivering Activity 3.3.3. (Study visit for strategic analysts to EUROPOL and Belgian Federal Police) and continuation of Activity 2.3.1. (collection of data for the purposes of the National Risk Assessment). MOLI Serbia project continues without any major obstacles or delays.	