

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 September – 30 September 2012
Reporting Date	10 October 2012
SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT AGAINST INDICATORS	
Activity	4th Steering Committee Meeting, 4 September 2012
Output Reference	n/a
Aim	To discuss past project activities, assess the current status and set priorities for the MOLI Project for the upcoming period.
Outcome	<p>On 4 September 2012, MOLI Serbia project held its 4th Steering Committee meeting where the project team presented Project activities since January 2012 and planned activities until the end of the year. Some the key issues were identified by the SC in relation to Project implementation and management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that Project activities and especially any legal review that takes place should take several new factors into consideration, such as the revised FATF recommendations which came out in February 2012 and 4th EU Directive on AML, which is expected to be published in October-November 2012. The results of the NRA process and new FATF standards should also be taken into consideration during this process. • The Tools used for Project monitoring should be updated and upgraded to ensure that all information about past and planned activities is included in a single document as well as a delineation of responsibilities between stakeholders. • All Project activities should be organized in observance of the Project Workplan, which could be also amended to accommodate emerging needs in accordance with the situation on the ground. This however, should be done in observance of the formal procedure through a request to EUD. If deemed necessary, it was suggested that the stakeholders should hold monthly meetings to discuss important issues, deliverables and amendments to the Workplan, before Steering Committee meetings take place.
Follow-up	MOLI project team will distribute the updated Progress Review document to all Steering Committee members. The next Steering Committee meeting is due in

	February 2013.
Activity	Training session for APML staff members on the subject of New Payment Systems, 14 September 2012
Output Reference	3.1.4. - Organise Training Events for APML staff in cooperation with other state agencies
Aim	To provide an overview of 'New Payment Methods and Technologies' and Experiences from EU Member States' to APML staff, and to engender discussion.
Outcome	<p>On 14 September 2012, MOLI Serbia project organised a tailor-made training session for all staff members of the Administration for the Prevention of Money Laundering (APML) on the subject of New Payment Systems. The training was delivered by the project Long-Term Consultant and is one in a series of trainings specifically requested by the APML, as identified through a Training Needs Assessment carried out earlier this year.</p> <p>Specific issues relating to the use and vulnerability of new payment methods in Serbia were discussed and in particular the need for awareness raising within the APML and law enforcement about the technological advances and use of such systems. There was also substantial agreement that cooperation on this issue between the APML, Intelligence Agencies, and Ministry of Interior was paramount, and a wider acknowledgment of the role and potential for further development of the role, of financial intelligence.</p>
Follow-up	The project will continue to support the APML by providing further training according to identified needs.
Activity	Practical Media training for two APML staff members, 27-28 September 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	Mosaic BCA, selected by the MOLI Project to implement a series of public-relations activities/training on AML/CFT issues provided a theoretical and practical training on 27-28 September 2012 for two APML staff members, who have been appointed as the main spokespersons for APML (Mr Aleksandar Vujicic, Director, and Ms Milunka Milanovic, Head of Supervision Department). The theoretical 3-hour training focused on the following topics: Professional Communication; Public Speaking and Media Appearance; and Developing confidence and overcoming stage fright. The practical part of the training took place in a TV studio, where the trainees took part in a simulation of a TV appearance ("Hard Talk"-style interview). Both media trainers are recognised TV journalists. The trainees have also been provided with written guidelines and personal recommendations on how to behave in an interview situation.
Follow-up	The training component for APML staff, as set out in the media strategy, is now completed. Follow-up activities will focus on informing other state agencies and the wider public on AML/CFT issues.
Activity	Presentation of a Communication Strategy for APML, September 2012
Output Reference	2.2. – Organise awareness raising activities for politicians and public to publicise the

	efforts undertaken by the state to increase effectiveness of the fight against economic crime, money-laundering and terrorist financing
Aim	To raise awareness of the general public about the importance and the activities that APML undertakes towards prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing.
Outcome	Mosaic BCA has delivered a Communication Strategy designed for the needs of APML, with the objective to reach the wider public and raise awareness on AML/CFT issues. The strategy outlines the objectives, the message and a timeline for executing media-related activities until the end of February 2013. The implementation of the strategy is split into four phases: Preparation stage; Initiation of Media Relations; Establishing institutional communication/cooperation; and further activities on media promotion.
Follow-up	Mosaic BCA will handle media relations of MOLI project workshop and organise a "Working Breakfast" meeting with journalists planned for October 2012.
LIST OF SPECIFIC PROJECT DELIVERABLES (TECHNICAL PAPERS) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity Report and PowerPoint Presentation on the Training Session on New Payment Systems (14 September 2012) • Communication Strategy for the Administration for the Prevention of Money Laundering, (August/September 2012) 	
OTHER PROJECT RELATED DEVELOPMENTS	
None at the time of reporting.	
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"> ▪ 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. Heads of 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.) ▪ MOLI Serbia has contracted Mr Herbert Laferla to carry out a comprehensive legal review during October/November 2012, in order to assess Serbia's compliance with international AML/CFT standards, particularly taking into account the new FATF recommendations and the forthcoming 4th EU Directive. (Activity 1.1.3) ▪ A research study into the risks of abuse of the NPOs for money laundering and terrorist financing purposes will start in October 2012. Mr Grahame Barker, CoE expert, will begin the research with a scoping mission to Serbia on 18-19 October 2012. (Activity 2.3.3) 	
CONCLUSIONS	
During the month of September 2012, MOLI Serbia activities mainly focused on delivering Activity 3.1.4. (APML training session on New Payment Systems) and Activity 2.1.3. (theoretical and practical media training for APML spokespersons). MOLI Serbia project continues without any major obstacles.	