



## Project against Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Serbia (MOLI Serbia)

### Activity Report – 39

#### SYNOPSIS OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY

**Field of activity:**

Economic Crime Unit, Action against Crime Department, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, DGI – Human Rights and Rule of Law

**Type of activity:**

Presentation for Members of Parliament on aspects of the fight against AML/CFT issues and on the functioning of AML/CFT institutions

**Programme:**

Joint EU/ CoE Project against Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Serbia (MOLI Serbia)

**Country/Region:**

Serbia

**Date and place:**

Belgrade, 6 December 2013.

**Budgetary reference:**

2.2.3.

**Council of Europe experts:**

n/a

**Council of Europe Secretariat:**

Ms Teodora Lukovic, Local Project Officer

**Participants:**

Administration for Prevention of Money Laundering (APML), Members of Parliament, parliament staff

**Total number of participants:**

15 (7 women)

**Partner institutions/organisations:**

APML

**Origin/reference to other activities:**

## 2.1.1

### **Objectives:**

To raise awareness of Members of Parliament on the efforts undertaken by the state to increase the effectiveness of the fight against money laundering and terrorism financing.

### **General Assessment:**

The event opened with a brief presentation of MOLI Serbia project, its modalities and achievements to date, as presented by Ms Teodora Lukovic, LPO. Then followed a presentation by Mr Milovan Milovanovic, Director of APML, on the functioning of the AML/CFT system in Serbia, including a summary of most important legal instruments, institutions involved in the prevention of Money laundering, the international bodies responsible for monitoring of money laundering activities, as well as details on supervision and legal obligors in the Serbian AML/CFT system. All attendants were also provided with a copy of the AML/CFT system infographic prepared in cooperation with APML.

### **Results/conclusions:**

During the Q&A session, the MPs asked about the most common ways of money laundering in Serbia and how much of it was actually present in the economy. Mr Branko Stankovic, Head of Analytical Department at APML gave an in-depth response. However, it is not possible to single out one way as most used in Serbia, given the complexity of most ML cases and many perpetrators involved.

Mr Milovanovic once again reiterated the need for APML to find new premises and explained that currently, APML employs 32 people who share a 144m<sup>2</sup> working space. The MPs were shocked to hear that APML works in such difficult conditions and promised to do what they can in order to secure new premises for APML.

MPs expressed a great interest in the subject overall and extended an invitation to APML to attend parliamentary committee meetings occasionally and update MPs on progress being made in the field of AML/CFT.

### **Agenda:**

n/a

### **List of Participants:**

#### APML:

1. Milovan Milovanovic, Director
2. Milunka Milanovic, Head of Supervision Department
3. Branko Stankovic, Head of Analytical Department

#### Members of Parliament:

1. Slobodan Velickovic (PUPS)
2. Dejan Rajcic (NS)

#### Staff members of the National Assembly:

1. Zoran Djumic- Committee on culture and information
2. Dragana Cvetkovic- Committee on European Integration
3. Branko Marinkovic- Committee on the judiciary, public administration and local self-government

4. Ljiljana Zivkovic- Committee on the judiciary, public administration and local self-government
5. Dusan Lazic-Committee on the economy, regional development, trade, tourism and energy
6. Jelena Djoric-Committee on defence and internal affairs
7. Zdravka Erak- Committee on defence and internal affairs
8. Bojana Todorovic- Committee on defence and internal affairs
9. Novica Kulic- Department of constitutional-legislative system and organisation of powers