



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

Activity Report – 40

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:

2nd Workshop for Drafting the National AML/CFT Strategy and Action Plan

Programme:

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

Country/Region:

Serbia

Date and place:

Ruma, 16-18 December 2013.

Budgetary reference:

6.1.2.

Council of Europe experts:

Mr David Artingstall, Short-term Expert

Council of Europe Secretariat:

Ms Teodora Lukovic, Local Project Officer

Participants:

Administration for Prevention of Money Laundering (APML), Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, Tax Administration, State Public Prosecutor's Office, Supreme Court of Cassation, National Bank of Serbia, Securities Commission, Security-Information Agency, Military-Security Agency, Anti-Corruption Agency, Deputy Prime Minister's Office.

Total number of participants:

18 (6 women)

Partner institutions/organisations:

APML, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, Tax Administration, State Public Prosecutor's Office, Supreme Court of Cassation, National Bank of Serbia, Securities Commission.

Origin/reference to other activities:

Activity 6.1.3. of the old Workplan.

Objectives:

To support the APML in drafting the AML/CFT National Strategy and Action Plan 2014-2019.

General Assessment:

The 2nd Workshop was organised for the purposes of finalising the drafting of the National AML/CFT Strategy and on starting the drafting of the Action Plan. All relevant institutions were represented at the Workshop (NBS, MoI, MoJ, Public Prosecutor's Office, security agencies, Supreme Court of Cassation etc.). The drafting process was led by APML and Mr David Artingstall, CoE expert, who had also provided an outline of the points to be addressed in the Action Plan prior to the Workshop. In addition to Mr Artingstall, the workshop was also attended by Ms Bettina Nellen, Special Adviser on Anti-Corruption and Money Laundering to the Deputy Prime Minister, who has extensive international experience in the Banking sector as chief compliance officer.

Results/conclusions:

Some themes that re-emerged during the discussion are the following: the importance of long term, high level planning (aim to have a refined 5-year plan; focus on expected outcomes/results; take a proactive stance; get involved in other relevant strategies (e.g. Anti-Corruption); adopt a holistic approach to combatting money laundering, not just the application of AML legislation; build off MOLI (and CAR and anti-corruption) project outcomes; focus on the involvement of real decision makers (and budget holders).

The draft Action Plan will be further developed by APML and sent for comment to the CoE expert and members of the Working Group.

Agenda:

See attached.

List of Participants:

See attached.