



ACTION AGAINST ECONOMIC CRIME IN ALBANIA (AEC-ALBANIA)

ACTIVITY 4.2.4

“TRAINING ON INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION AND ADJUDICATION OF FINANCING OF TERRORISM”

VENUE: HOTEL PREMIUM, DURRES ALBANIA; 16-17 MAY 2019

PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

The European Union and Council of Europe’s Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey (hereafter referred to as “Horizontal Facility”) builds on the two organisations policy priorities in the context of the Western Balkans and Turkey and on the CoE expertise in standard-setting, monitoring and cooperation methodologies. It aims to improve implementation of key recommendations of relevant Council of Europe monitoring and advisory bodies in the areas indicated in the Statement of Intent signed on 1 April 2014 by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the European Union Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy.

In the field of fight against economic crime, three country specific interventions have been designed within the Horizontal Facility Programme and more specifically: Albania, Montenegro and Republic of North Macedonia. Those actions will aim to improve implementation of key recommendations of the CoE’s Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL), and to further strengthen institutional capacities regarding each country’s national reform priorities and other policy level required reforms that emanate from their enlargement agreement process.

Programme’s Specific Objectives (SO) in Albania (AEC-Albania):

- SO 1: Review Political Party Funding legislation and institutional framework
- SO 2: Improve the asset declarations system
- SO 3: Review AML/CFT legislative and strategic framework
- SO 4: Enhance capacities of law enforcement authorities, prosecution and judiciary to fight ML/TF
- SO 5: Improve and streamline inter-agency cooperation

The Action against Economic Crime in Albania is implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division- DG I with an allocated budget of € 1,000,000 and an implementation period of 36 months.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING

The Training on investigation, prosecution and adjudication of financing of terrorism is an activity organised by AEC-Albania under SO4. The aim of this training is to enhance the criminal justice capacities on investigating prosecuting and adjudicating the financing of terrorism offences. More specifically the training will aim to:

- Enhance their capacities to pursue systematic parallel financial investigations in every terrorism-related case to discover all the relevant actors in the network and the use of special investigative techniques as important sources of evidence in TF cases.

- Address the challenges in terrorism financing cases that relate to the availability and admissibility of evidence and present best European practices on these aspects;
- Raise awareness on the use of the other criminal justice, regulatory or other measures to disrupt TF activities where it is not practicable to secure a TF conviction, the use of targeted financial sanctions to freeze the funds of designated terrorists and terrorist organisations and the use of Anti-Mafia Law.

PARTICIPANTS

The training will be attended by representatives of: National School of Magistrates, Academy of Security, Regional Directorates of the Albanian State Police, General Prosecutor`s Office, Districts Prosecutions, Serious Crimes Prosecution and Court, General Directorate for the Prevention of Money Laundering, Council of Europe experts.

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AGENDA

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019	
9:30 - 10:00	Opening Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Council of Europe- Judge at the Serious Appeal Court/ School of Magistrates
10:00 - 10:30	Financing of terrorism typologies: financial data <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Council of Europe expert Moderator: Council of Europe
10:30 - 11:00	Terrorism Financing risks and Counter terrorism Financing Initiatives in Europe and the Mediterranean region <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Council of Europe expert Moderator: Council of Europe
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 - 13:00	Conducting Successful Financial Investigations - parallel financial investigation and use of special investigative technique: challenges and good practices for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Council of Europe experts Moderators: Council of Europe and School of Magistrates
13:00 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 16:00	Availability and Admissibility of Evidence: challenges and good practices for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Council of Europe expert Moderators: Council of Europe and School of Magistrates
16:00 - 16:30	Wrap up and feedback from trainers

FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2019

9:00 - 09:30	<p>Presentation of the Italian Legislation on CFT and of the Italian National Anti-Mafia and Counterterrorism (DNAA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe expert <p>Moderator: Council of Europe</p>
9:30 - 10:00	<p>The French legislation and practice in disrupting the financing of terrorism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe expert <p>Moderators: Council of Europe and School of Magistrates</p>
10:00 - 11:30	<p>Securing Indictments and TF Disruption: identified challenges and good practices for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe and National School of Magistrates experts <p>Moderator: Council of Europe</p>
11:30 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 12:30	<p>Overview and discussion of successful Italian indictment cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe expert <p>Moderator: Council of Europe and School of Magistrates</p>
12:30 - 13:00	<p>Lessons learned tour de table (participants)</p> <p>Moderator: Council of Europe and School of Magistrates</p>
13:00 – 13:30	Conclusions (Experts and moderators)
13:00- 13:30	Delivery of training certificates
13:30 -14:30	Lunch