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## **Strengthen Prevention and Combating of Corruption in Kyrgyz Republic**

**(SPCC-KY)**

### **Inception Report**

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## 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The project 'Strengthen Prevention and Combating of Corruption in the Kyrgyz Republic (SPCC-KY)' is a joint project of the Council of Europe and the European Union aimed at strengthening the rule of law capacities to prevent and fight corruption in the Kyrgyz Republic. The project begun on 29 July 2016 and will last for 24 months, with a total budget of 555,556.00 Euros. The project is co-financed by the European Union, through the European Union Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic and Council of Europe and implemented by the Council of Europe.

The inception phase of the project was focused on the establishment of the Project Team, selection of the project National Long-Term Consultant, development of the project Workplan and Calendar of Activities, and launching of the project webpage. The Project Team, comprised of the Project Advisor and the Project Assistant based on the HQ, was formed mid-August 2016. Subsequent to the formation of the Project Team, procedure for the selection of the National Long-Term Consultant was launched and was completed in October 2016 resulting in the selection of one candidate. The National Long-Term Consultant of the Project has been engaged as of 1 November 2016.

During the inception phase the Project Team developed the project Workplan and Calendar of Activities. The initial proposed Workplan and Calendar of Activities was discussed in detail with authorities during the inception phase start up activities to the Kyrgyz Republic and at the project 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2016. The document was revised in light of the changes to the regulation and organizational structures and related emerging priorities and is pending final approval of beneficiary institutions. The Project Team also began designing first activities conformation of which is linked to the Workplan and Calendar of Activities approval. Similarly, possible project experts have been contacted in respect to planned project activities.

In support of the overall efforts, pursuant to the project Communication and Visibility Plan, the Project Team launched the SPCC-KY webpage which will present all relevant information regarding the project and its activities, as well as project deliverables.

Despite largely steady progress of activities in the inception phase, the project faced a challenge in obtaining an office space with the main beneficiary, despite the initial offer and agreement to this effect. Currently, negotiations are on the way regarding a possible alternative solution. No other obstacles emerged during this phase.

With the completion of the inception phase and approval of the project Workplan and Calendar of Activities the Project Team has started now the implementation of agreed activities.