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CoE/EU Project against Economic Crime in Kosovo* III (PECK III)

Project Summary

Project title	Project against Economic Crime in Kosovo (PECK III)
Project area	Kosovo*
Budget	2,225,000 Euros
Funding	European Commission (89.9%) and Council of Europe (10.1%)
Implementation	Economic Crime and Cooperation Division
Duration	36 Months (1 July 2020 – 30 June 2023)

1. BACKGROUND

Kosovo* has conducted a number of important rule of law reforms in recent years. In the anti-corruption area, the legal framework has been largely put in place (e.g. modification of the Criminal Code, strengthened measures for the prevention of whistleblowers, and improved conflict of interest regime) and institutional capacities have been on the rise. In the area of anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism, the level of compliance with relevant international standards, namely the Financial Action Task Force Recommendations has also improved. The progress made in the two above-mentioned areas has been recognised in the European Commission 2019 Report on Kosovo. Challenges however remain. Kosovo needs to further adjust its anti-corruption and AML/CFT regulatory framework in select areas and, more pressingly, needs to boost effective application of anti-corruption and particularly AML/CFT efforts.

2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

PECK III builds upon the results of the two previous phases of the CoE/EU Project against Economic Crime in Kosovo and support the authorities in addressing the findings of the Council of Europe assessments on “Compliance with international standards in the anti-corruption area” (CoE AC Assessment) and on “Compliance of Kosovo with intentional anti-money laundering and combatting the financing of terrorism standards” (CoE AML/CTF Assessment). By doing so it aims at effectuating enhanced anti-corruption and AML/CFT practices in Kosovo, in line with applicable

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

European and international standards and good comparative practices. This will be done through development of effective and sustainable capacities for preventing and suppressing corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing, and asset recovery.

3. COMPONENTS AND IMMEDIATE OUTCOMES

Component I: Anti-Corruption (AC)	
Immediate Outcomes	Immediate outcome 1: KAA identifies and mitigates corruption risks
	Immediate outcome 2: Public and private sector entities enhance implementation of corruption prevention frameworks
Component II: AML/CTF	
Immediate outcomes	Immediate outcome 3: Upgraded AML/CFT legislative and regulatory framework and procedures in line with CoE AML/CFT Assessment recommendations
	Immediate outcome 4: Authorities conduct enhanced assessment of AML/CTF risks
	Immediate outcome 5: Strengthened AML/CFT private sector compliance and public-private sector partnership
Component III: Confiscation and Asset Recovery	
Immediate outcomes	Immediate outcome 6: Enhanced confiscation, asset recovery system and capacity for confiscated asset management within Kosovo authorities
Component IV: Pilot activity on raising operational capacities through mentoring and on-the-job training	
Immediate outcomes	Immediate outcome 7: Operational capacities of law enforcement authorities fighting the economic crimes are enhanced through a pilot on-the-job training

4. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

The Council of Europe Economic Crime and Cooperation Division will be responsible for the implementation of the project. The project will be daily managed by the Council of Europe project teams based in Pristina and Strasbourg. The teams will also assist close coordination with the EU Office in Kosovo and other donors and technical assistance programs working in the same or related areas.

5. CONTACT

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