Project against Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Serbia

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Project title	Project against Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Serbia (MOLI Serbia)
Project duration	36 months (15 November 2010 – 15 November 2013)
Implementation	Economic Crime Division, Department of Information Society and Action against Crime, Directorate of Co-operation (Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe)
Project budget	EUR 2 200 000
Reporting Period	1 April – 30 April 2011
Reporting Date	5 May 2011

SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT AGAINST INDICATORS	
Activity	**Representation at the Association of Serbian Banks Symposium**
Output Reference	5.1.1 and 5.1.2; preparation for 5.2.1 - 3
Aim	The aim of participating in this event was to present MOLI-Serbia project to the banking sector and relevant state institutions and to learn about new trends and experiences in the commercial banking sector relating to their compliance with the anti-money laundering legislation in Serbia.
Outcome	Mr Simon Goddard, the project's short-term consultant, addressed the annual symposium of the Association of Serbian Banks which took place in Palic, Serbia, during 12-15 April 2011. He gave presentations on the "Aims and Expected Results of the MOLI-Serbia project" and "The growth and impact of organised crime on the development of the AML systems and standards". The presentations were well received with many participants requesting further information as to how they could be involved in the MOLI project. This event was also an excellent networking opportunity for the project and as a result additional meetings were arranged.
Follow-up	Additional bi-lateral meetings will take place with: National Bank of Serbia; Ministry of Interior; APML analytical department; APML department for Suspicious Transaction Reports; and ASB Training Centre. The objective of these follow-up meetings is to further assess how the main actors of these individual institutions cooperate and coordinate their activities under the relevant legislation.
Activity	**Working Group members identified to carry out research studies**
Output Reference	2.3.1. and 2.3.3., preparation for 2.3.2., 2.3.4., and 2.3.5.
Aim	To organize, carry out, research and present studies on the risks and typologies of money laundering and terrorist financing.

Outcome	Two separate Working Groups have been formed to organise and carry out research studies regarding risks of formal and informal money transfers and abuse of Non-Profit Organisations for Money laundering purposes. The national participants of the Working Groups were identified by the APML and approved by the Government of Serbia.
Follow-up	A one-day working group session will be held on 10 May 2011 at the Serbian Ministry of Finance, where an international CoE consultant will provide practical guidance on how to carry out national risk assessments and produce typologies.
Activity	**Design and printing of promotional material for the project**
Output Reference	2.1.
Aim	To ensure and enhance the visibility and transparency of the AML/CFT system and in particular that of MOLI-Serbia project through distribution of information material.
Outcome	Printing of two separate designs of posters and other stationary (folders, notepads, and pens) to be distributed at MOLI Serbia events.
Follow-up	Design informational leaflets for distribution to public institutions and general public.

LIST OF SPECIFIC PROJECT DELIVERABLES (TECHNICAL PAPERS) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

- Lists of Working Group members
- Posters and roll-ups for the MOLI project.

OTHER PROJECT AND ANTI-CORRUPTION RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

- Members of the APML (Mr Aleksandar Vujicic, Director, Mr Milovan Milovanovic, Head of International Cooperation, and Ms Milunka Milanovic, Adviser) were in Strasbourg for Moneyval meetings from 10-14 April 2011. On this occasion, they also met with key project staff and senior management of the project (Mr Ivan Koedjikov, Head of the Department of Information Society and Action against Crime, Mr Alexander Seger, Head of the Economic Crime Division, and Ms Ilknur Yuksek, Project Manager). Useful discussions took place between the APML and the CoE about the implementation of the project and future planning.
- MOLI project team in Belgrade travelled to Strasbourg for a two-day intensive training programme on the CoE project management procedures, including administrative and financial rules. They also briefed senior management on project implementation in the field.

CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS, INCLUDING PLANNED REMEDIAL ACTIONS

None at the time of reporting.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT PERIOD

- To organise a high-level awareness raising event of 31 May 2011, which will include a key note speech by the Prime Minister of Serbia, Mr Mirko Cvetkovic.
- To hold Working Group meetings for activities 2.3.1. and 2.3.3. on 10 May 2011.
- To hold Legislative Review Working Group meeting last week of May 2011.

CONCLUSIONS

MOLI Serbia project continues without any major obstacles or delays. Cooperation between project staff and main beneficiaries (the APML) has been enhanced by visits to the CoE Headquarters in Strasbourg and meetings with the all levels of management structures. This has significantly improved communication between the project team and information exchange between partners.