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Project against Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Serbia MOLI 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	Corruption and Money-Laundering Unit, Economic Crime Division, (DGHL)
Project budget	EUR 2 200 000
Reporting Period	1 September – 30 September 2011
Reporting Date	5 October 2011
SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT AGAINST INDICATORS	
Activity	2nd Steering Committee Meeting
Output Reference	n/a
Aim	To present and review recent and future project activities and to present and approve an amendment to the Workplan of project activities.
Outcome	On 15 September 2011, MOLI project held its 2 nd Steering Committee meeting. Following introductory remarks by Mr Milovan Milovanovic, Head of International Relations, APML, Ms Ilknur Yuksek, Project Manager, and Mr Simon Goddard, Project Consultant, briefly presented the activities, which have been carried out since the first Steering Committee meeting of 24 March 2011. The main item on the agenda was the proposal to modify Activity 2.3 of the Project's workplan of activities in order to undertake a National Risk Assessment on AML/CTF issues in Serbia. Mr Simon Goddard stated that the MOLI project will cooperate with the World Bank, which has already established a methodology to carry such an assessment and have expressed willingness to assist the project. Mr Vladan Petrovic, EUD Project Manager, agreed that the National Risk Assessment was an ambitious, but useful project activity. He added that, given the practical approach and feasibility of this action, the EU Delegation would give its full support to it. At the end of the meeting, the proposal for the modification was put to vote and unanimously adopted by the Steering Committee members.
Follow-up	Next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for March 2012.
Activity	Study visit to French Customs in Paris and La Rochelle, 26-30 September 2011
Output Reference	3.2.3

Aim	To provide three Serbian Customs officials with necessary knowledge and skills in order to set up a Canine Unit within Serbian Customs, with an aim to acquire cash detection dogs.
Outcome	From 26-30 September 2011, MOLI project organised a 5-day study visit to French Customs Directorate-General in Paris and the National School for Customs Officers in La Rochelle. The three officials were selected from the Anti-Smuggling and Procurement departments of the Serbian Customs and have been trained in how to organise a canine unit, especially regarding budget planning and human resources management. The Customs' officers were also given several practical demonstrations of dogs trained to detect narcotics and explosives at Orly Airport and Gare du Nord train station in Paris.
Follow-up	Serbian Customs have arranged to send two officers for dog-handling training for the next training session at the French National School for Customs Officers in La Rochelle (May 2012). This training will be financed independently of the MOLI project. However, the project will be involved in further training specific to the cash detection once the canine unit is operational.
LIST OF SPECIFIC PROJECT DELIVERABLES (TECHNICAL PAPERS) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS	
- Minutes of the Steering Committee meeting (15 September 2011). - Proposal for modification of the MOLI Serbia project activity (Activity 2.3).	
OTHER PROJECT RELATED DEVELOPMENTS	
On 27 September 2011, the representatives of the CoE, APML and the World Bank met in CoE Headquarter in Strasbourg to discuss the way in which the World Bank could cooperate with the MOLI-Serbia project to conduct a National Risk Assessment (NRA). The World Bank already has a methodology for carrying out NRA which is also possible to adapt to the specific needs of Serbia. The methodology/templates will be translated into Serbian and will be given in advance to the Serbian counterparts in order to fill out the relevant data. The World Bank will then send a team of experts to conduct two workshops with the participants selected from the Serbian institutions. The timeline for the first workshop is decided as the second half of January 2012 during which the primary data analysis, specific timelines and a draft action plan will be determined.	
CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS, INCLUDING PLANNED REMEDIAL ACTIONS	
None at the time of reporting.	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT PERIOD	
- Preparations for the training event for core staff of the APML, police, prosecutors and judiciary on AML/CFT standards, implementation aspects of the CoE Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds of Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS 198) and their application in the national Serbian legislation and AML system (Activity 1.2.1 and 1.2.2). The training event is foreseen for November 2011. - Legal Review Working Group meeting to present and discuss the Technical Paper: <i>Analysis and Recommendations on the Serbian Anti-Money Laundering/Countering Terrorist Financing Legislation</i>. - Training course for the staff of the APML IT department on AML software (iBridge) in Cambridge, UK (6-7 October 2011) and a Workshop on ORACLE Database in Belgrade (17-21 October 2011).	
CONCLUSIONS	
The MOLI Serbia project continues without any major obstacles or delays.	