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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	Economic Crime Unit, Action against Crime Department (DGI-Human Rights and Rule of Law)
Project budget	EUR 2 200 000
Reporting Period	1 May – 31 May 2012
Reporting Date	11 June 2012
SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT AGAINST INDICATORS	
Activity	Analyse Serbian legislation and practice and provide support in the preparation of the necessary legislative drafts as indicated by the National AML Strategy
Output	1.1
Reference	
Aim	Public Discussion to analyse and review the Draft Law on Restrictions on Disposal of Property with the Aim of Preventing Terrorism in Serbia, 22 May 2012
Outcome	On 22 May 2012, MOLI Serbia project organised a Public Discussion on the <i>Draft Law on Restrictions on Disposal of Property with the Aim of Preventing Terrorism in Serbia</i> . The discussion was chaired jointly by Ms Lorna Harris, CoE Expert, and Mr Aleksandar Vujicic, Director of the Administration for the Prevention of Money Laundering. Representatives of Serbian government, judiciary, security services, financial sector, as well as the representatives of other international organisations and embassies, had an opportunity to express their views and comment on the Draft Law. Ms Harris provided guidance on compliance with existing international legal standards. The discussions centred around the procedures and standards for designating persons and entities for further inclusion in the national terrorist lists; links with criminal procedure and other legislation, including that related to asset management; proper delisting procedures, etc. There were seven key areas identified by participants (including those from ministries, agencies and financial sector in Serbia) in the draft law which required further work.

Follow-up	The APML will amend the Draft Law according to recommendations. Given
_	the complexities of the issues discussed and substantive links of the Law to
	other relevant legislation, further follow-up of the drafting process is needed
	by the Project team prior to circulation of the text to other Government bodies
	for comments. To this effect the Project will review and submit final comments
	to the Draft prior to its dissemination to other authorities.
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Activity	Ensure and enhance the visibility and transparency of the AML/CFT system
	and in particular that of APML through distribution of information
	materials and through training the staff in relevant public agencies in media
	relations and in information to public;
	Organise awareness raising activities for politicians and public to publicise
	the efforts undertaken by the state to increase the effectiveness of the fight
	against economic crime, money-laundering and terrorist financing;
	Support the APML in preparing further training plans for their staff, train
	selected APML staff as trainers and assist them in delivering training
0.41	courses for the staff of other AML/CFT system participants.
Output	2.1, 2.2 and 3.1
Reference	
Aim	To develop a comprehensive media strategy for APML and provide training
	for APML staff in media relations and awareness-raising on AML/CFT issues
Outcome	In order to apply a unified approach for a number of interrelated Project
	activities dealing with public relations issues, the MOLI Serbia project team
	drafted a ToR, which included a comprehensive set of tasks to be
	implemented by a public relations service provider, including: producing a
	communication strategy for APML, training for up to ten APML employees in
	communication skills and media relations, organisation of an information
	session for government public relations officers on how to present AML/CFT
	issues, organisation of an awareness raising event for newly elected MPs and
	members of relevant parliamentary committees, briefing for journalists, media
	negotiations, coordination with editors, publication of articles in the press on
	AML/CFT system in Serbia.
	The MOLI-Serbia team organised meetings with PR agencies in Belgrade to
	consult offers as per requirements outlined in the ToR. All PR-agencies
	submitted offers in the given period.
Follow-up	MOLI project team will evaluate the submitted documentation as per
	requirements and short-list three agencies. Follow-up meetings with APML
	will be further organized in the first week of June in order to determine the
	optimal service provider.
LIST OF SPECIFIC PROJECT DELIVERABLES (TECHNICAL PAPERS) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS	
Activity R	eport on the Public Discussion on the Draft Law on Restrictions on Disposal of
Property with the Aim of Preventing Terrorism in Serbia, 22 May 2012 (Activity 1.1.2)	
 Translations into Serbian of the MONEYVAL Typology Research: Criminal money flows on 	
the Internet: methods, trends and multi-stakeholder counteraction (9 March 2012) and Case	
Studies (Chapter 7.) from the APG Yearly Typologies Report 2011 (22 July 2011) (Activity	
3.3.4)	

OTHER PROJECT RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

 On 21 May 2012, MOLI Serbia project team in Belgrade participated in the meeting and provided input for the purposes of an evaluation carried out by the European Commission on the cooperation with the Council of Europe.

CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS, INCLUDING PLANNED REMEDIAL ACTIONS

None at the time of reporting.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT PERIOD

- On 14 June 2012, a two-day Workshop will be organised on the risk of abuse of the non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) sector for the purposes of AML/CFT in Serbia (Activity 2.3).
- A two-day Workshop will be organised on 9-10 July 2012 in cooperation with the National Bank of Serbia on supervision of the insurance sector, pension funds and leasing companies with the assistance on French and Italian central banks (Activity 5.1)
- In second half of July 2012, MOLI Serbia and APML will jointly address two parliamentary committees (Finance and Defence) in order to inform newly elected MPs on issues relating to the prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Activity 2.2).

CONCLUSIONS

During the month of May 2012, MOLI Serbia activities mainly focused on delivering Activity 1.1. (Public Discussion on the Draft Law on Freezing of Terrorist Assets) and starting a series of Activities under 2.1. and 2.2. such as the selection process for a qualified service provider in the area of public relations to assist in the comprehensive implementation of a range of Project activities, in particular those related to public awareness and media relations. MOLI Serbia project continues without any major obstacles or delays.