

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 February – 28 February 2013
Reporting Date	8 March 2013
SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT AGAINST INDICATORS	
Activity	Mock Trial exercise - Investigation and Prosecution of Money Laundering Offences and the Seizure of the Proceeds of Crime, Vršac, 18-22 February 2013
Output Reference	Activity 4.1.1- Organisation and provision of 1 MOCK TRIAL training for multi-agency staff (Reporting institutions, Regulators/supervisors, FIU, Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and Judiciary).
Aim	To provide practical training on European AML/CFT standards and the investigation and prosecution of money laundering including the identification and seizure of assets by undertaking a Mock Trial exercise.
Outcome	The activity was undertaken over 5 days in total in the town of Vršac. The local town courtroom was put at the disposal of the project for the final day's activity of performing the actual trial. The case file prepared by MoI, APML, prosecutors and a MOLI expert, formed the basis of the training exercise. The participants were split into multi-disciplinary groups and remained with these groups throughout the exercise. A team of international experts of the MOLI Project participated as mediators and provided guidance to the trial process. The final day of the activity involved the presentation of the case to a judge from the local court supported by deputy prosecutors from the Special Prosecutor's Office and Higher Prosecutor's Office. The remaining participants performed the various roles of defendants, prosecutors, defence attorneys, and expert witnesses. The format of this seminar was well received by the participants and MOLI Serbia received several requests to repeat the exercise. The objective of providing practical training in investigation, prosecution, and advocacy was achieved and the participants gained an understanding of how the appropriate Serbian legislation was to be applied in practice.
Follow-up	Finalize the MOCK Trial training programme is, which is to include the methodology on carrying out the exercise and a structured presentation of the full case file. Provide the Training Programme to the Police and Judicial Academies for use in their training activities.

Activity	Scoping mission to Serbia to gather information on producing a compilation of guidelines with an emphasis on risk-based approach, 25-26 February 2013
Output Reference	Activity 5.1.2 - Based on the identification of issues of concern through the scoping paper, prepare compilation of guidelines in implementing the national existing standards for supervisors and regulators with an emphasis on risk-based supervision.
Aim	To gather information from key AML/CFT supervisory authorities (including the APML) on the methodological framework of further activities on the compilation and unification of supervisory guidelines in the area of the risk-based approach.
Outcome	Ms Maud Bokkerink visited Serbia from 25-26 February 2013 to carry out interviews with relevant Serbian institutions in order to prepare a compilation of guidelines in implementing the national existing standards for supervisors and regulators with an emphasis on risk-based supervision. Ms Bokkerink met with the following institutions during her two day visit: National Bank of Serbia, APML, Securities Commission, Tax Administration (Foreign Currency Inspectorate and Administration for the Games of Chance), Ministry of Foreign and Home Trade and Telecommunications (property market and postal parcels inspectors). Ms Bokkerink assessed the possible options to draft a unified set of guideline(s) for obligors on the risk-based implementation of AML/CFT requirements. She also discussed and sought agreement with AML/CFT supervisors on the structure and scope of targeted guidelines to institute a risk-based AML/CFT inspections regime tailored to the needs of each supervisory institution.
Follow-up	Ms Bokkerink will present her findings in a report to be finalised by 11 March 2013.
Activity	5th Steering Committee Meeting, 27 February 2013
Output Reference	n/a
Aim	To discuss past project activities, assess the current status and set priorities for the MOLI Project for the upcoming period.
Outcome	On 27 February 2013, MOLI Serbia project held its 5 th Steering Committee meeting where the project team presented Project activities since September 2012 and planned activities until the end of the project (SC minutes are attached).
LIST OF SPECIFIC PROJECT DELIVERABLES (TECHNICAL PAPERS) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS	
- Activity Report and PowerPoint presentations, Mock Trial exercise, 18-22 February 2013 (Activity 4.1.1) - Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting, 27 February 2013.	
OTHER PROJECT RELATED DEVELOPMENTS	
On 28 February 2013, LPO and LTC attended a meeting at the request of APML, with Ms Marija Jovičić, Adviser for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Finance and Economy. The meeting was held within the scope of the newly formed IPA committee within the MoF, with a purpose to gain a better insight into current IPA projects. For this purpose, MOLI project team members provided a short briefing on the modalities of the project.	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT PERIOD	
- Finalising and publishing the NRA report (Activity 2.3.1.) - Follow-up visit to Serbia to collect information for the purposes of conducting a research study into informal and informal money transfers (Activity 2.3.2). - Finalising the study on the risks of abuse of Non-Profit Organisations and present findings at a workshop (Activity 2.3.3.) - Finalising the CBT induction course (Activity 3.1.2) - Prepare a compilation of guidelines for supervisors and regulators with an emphasis on risk-based approach (Activity 5.1.2.)	

CONCLUSIONS
During the month of February 2013, MOLI Serbia activities focused on finalising Activity 4.1.1. (Mock Trial) and continuing Activity 5.1.2. (Scoping mission on producing a compilation of guidelines for supervisors and obliging institutions). MOLI Serbia project continues without any major obstacles.