Project against Corruption in Albania (PACA)

Selected Activities Workplan (for Extension Period)

Reference: IPA 2008

Title of the action:	**Project against Corruption in Albania (PACA)-EXT**
Location(s) of the action:	**Albania**
Name of the Implementing Agency	**Council of Europe**
Duration	**10 months (1 March-31 December 2012)**

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE: TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW THROUGH THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF CORRUPTION				
Purpose: To enhance the implementation of the Anti-corruption Strategy for 2007-2013 and Anti-corruption Action Plan for 2011-2013				
Expected Result 1	**Objectively verifiable Indicators (OVIs)**	**Means of Verification**	**Risks and Assumptions**	
Institutions are able to identify corruption-related problems and risks on the basis of PACA Risk Assessment Guide, and institutions develop policies to address previous risk assessment findings and recommendations;	**Assessment completed Workshops/trainings held Presence of PACA representative in reform working groups Concrete policy proposals for the implementation of risk assessment recommendations**			
Activities	**Actions**	**Timeframe**	**Status**	
1.1 Assessment of existing institutional risk assessment/s conducted by DIACA and training on risk assessment methodology	Review existing institutional risk assessment/s produced by DIACA Provide up to two workshops/trainings on risk assessment methods	March-May 2012 June 2012		
1.2 Follow up as necessary with risk assessment beneficiaries to develop anti-corruption workplans/policies based on the risk assessments conducted previously	Support Ministry of Health implement selected recommendations of PACA risk assessments [REQUEST SUBMITTED TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH] Support Ministry of Justice to draft policies for immovable property registration reform implementing PACA recommendations.	March 2012 April-December 2012		
Expected Result 2	**Objectively verifiable Indicators (OVIs)**	**Means of Verification**	**Risks and Assumptions**	

Tools are in place for clear recording and reporting of statistics on investigations, prosecutions and court cases of corruption-related cases. Tools provided for streamlining the coordination mechanism for reporting on and monitoring implementation of the fulfilment of the Anti-corruption Strategy is improved;.			
Activities	**Actions**	**Timeframe**	**Status**
2.1 Provision of advice, guidelines and templates for the gathering, collating and recording statistics and other information on corruption and corruption-related cases.	Provide assessment of the existing system for gathering, collating and recording statistics and other information on corruption and corruption-related cases, from initial detection/notification to final judgment, taking into account findings and recommendations of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) 'Development of monitoring instruments for judicial and law enforcement institutions in the Western Balkans' Project and other technical assistance outputs on crime statistics. Formulation of specific recommendations for statistical reporting system, including templates and modes of cooperation (e.g. memoranda of understanding). Assistance in reporting on track record of cases of corruption. Meeting/event for dissemination to, and discussion of proposed reporting system with beneficiaries		
2.2 Assistance with the use of existing software tools (software for the preparation and reporting on the National Plan for SAA implementation) to facilitate the reporting and monitoring needs of the Albanian reporting entities (line ministries and other institutions) and monitoring mechanism (Inter-ministerial Working Group for Monitoring Implementation of the Anti-corruption Strategy	Produce an assessment of the suitability of the existing software tools of the Albanian government for reporting on Action Plan implementation.		

and its Technical Secretariat).

Expected Result 3	Objectively verifiable Indicators (OVIs)	Means of Verification	Risks and Assumptions	
Improve legislation and its implementation in line with GRECO, MONEYVAL and European Union recommendations and good practices; Improve legislation and its implementation in line with GRECO, MONEYVAL and European Union recommendations and good practices;				
	Actions	Timeframe	Status	
3.1 Activity/ies to be designed, including legislative assistance to the General Department for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Ministry of Justice on implementation of MONEYVAL and GRECO recommendations (including international cooperation/mutual legal assistance on corruption-related offences and asset recovery)	Conduct a review of the compliance of proposed amendments to the Criminal Code relating to the financing of terrorism with MONEYVAL recommendations, with specific recommendations (proposed legislative paragraphs) for changes in the amendments. Review of the Law on Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing, and of Law on Prevention of Terrorism, for their compliance with recommendations of the Fourth Round MONEYVAL Report.			
3.2 Review and improve legislative/regulatory and institutional frameworks addressing recommendations and issues highlighted in the European Union Progress Reports on Albania.	Identification of areas for review with reference to the Action Plan of the Albanian Government for fulfillment of Priority 8 of the EU Opinion on Albania's Application for EU Membership Provide reviews/assessments of areas selected, including specific recommendations (e.g. legislative paragraphs) Assistance to the High Inspectorate for the Declaration and Audit of Assets to establish functioning			

	mechanisms for the provision of information by key institutions, including the Immovable Property Office and High Council of Justice [FOR ELABORATION]		
Expected Result 4	**Objectively verifiable Indicators (OVIs)**	**Means of Verification**	**Risks and Assumptions**
Policies which tackle corruption and underpin integrity in the education system are adopted, and tools for tackling corruption through the education system are established			
	Actions	**Timeframe**	**Status**
4.1 Policy advice to follow up with actions to implement recommendations of PACA Education System/Human Resources Risk Assessment and Assessment of Regulation of Private Education Institutions, including assistance to finalise the Code of Conduct for Teachers	Workshop meeting with Institute for Development of Education and Ministry of Education and Science officials to discuss existing draft Code of Conduct Provision of specific (paragraphed) recommendations for amendments to the draft Code of Conduct, based on earlier PACA recommendations. Workshop meeting with relevant officials (Ministry of Education and Science and relevant inspection bodies) to determine needs for the elaboration of rules and procedures for processes of inspections of private education institutions. Provision of proposed inspections manuals for the National Inspectorate of Pre-University Education, and Ministry working groups for inspection of higher education institutions.		
4.2 Piloting and improving 'Education Against Corruption' curriculum manual	Workshop to disseminate and provide training on 'Education Against Corruption' pilot curriculum		

	manual		
	Workshop following piloting of manual in order to receive and process feedback of teachers on pilot manual		
	Updating manual, printing and providing final version the Ministry of Education and Science		
Expected Result 5	**Objectively verifiable Indicators (OVIs)**	**Means of Verification**	**Risks and Assumptions**
Systems for the submission, processing and follow-up on citizens' complaints concerning corruption are made operational			
	Actions	**Timeframe**	**Status**
5.1 Assessment of the current legal framework (including the Law on Cooperation of the Public in the Fight Against Corruption) and practical mechanisms for facilitating complaints and denunciations concerning corruption or other misconduct of public officials/servants	Written assessment of current legal and sub-legal framework regulating the submission and processing of citizen complaints against corruption and misconduct of public servants, including the Administrative Procedure Code and Law on Cooperation of the Public in the Fight Against Corruption Provision of specific recommendations for amendments to the legal and sub-legal framework		
Expected Result 6	**Objectively verifiable Indicators (OVIs)**	**Means of Verification**	**Risks and Assumptions**

Provide recommendations and facilitate discussion of proposals to reform the legal and institutional framework for ensuring access to information			
	Actions	**Timeframe**	**Status**
6.1 Provide assessment of current legal and institutional framework regulating access to information	Provide technical paper assessing the current legal and institutional framework regulating public access to information		
6.2 One public event on Access to Information, yielding concrete policy recommendations by NGOs	Provide input Organise and hold public event on Access to Information		
Expected Result 7	**Objectively verifiable Indicators (OVIs)**	**Means of Verification**	**Risks and Assumptions**
Public awareness of corruption issues and government anti-corruption policies raised			
	Actions	**Timeframe**	**Status**
6.1 [TO BE ELABORATED]			