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SUPPORT TO PROSECUTORS NETWORK IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE

Monthly Activity Report – April 2008

Project title	Support to Prosecutors' Network in South Eastern Europe
Reference number	2008/153-650
Project starting date	17 April 2008
Project duration	17 April 2008-16 April 2010
Implementation	Council of Europe (Economic Crime Division, Technical Co-operation Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs) and Ministry of Justice of Italy
Project budget	1 666 669 Euros
Date of report	19 November 2008
Reporting period	1-30 April 2008

1. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION: 1 – 30 APRIL 2008

1.1 Signature of the Contribution Agreement

The Contribution Agreement No. 2008/153-650, signed by the European Commission on 11 April, was signed by the Council of Europe representative on 17 April, and this date is considered as the official date of Project's commencement.

1.2 Recruitment of Project Staff

Following the signature of the Contribution Agreement the Council of Europe recruited project staff based in Strasbourg. Vesna Efendic was recruited as Project Manager and Astrid Wertenschlag as Project Assistant, to ensure day to day Project's implementation, under direct supervision of the Head of Economic Crime Division Alexander Seger.

The Ministry of Justice of Italy nominated Fabrizio Gandini as its representative in the inception phase of the Project's implementation.

1.3 Preparations of first visits to project areas and of Start-up Conference

The Council of Europe and the Ministry of Justice of Italy have agreed that the first visits to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia will take place in the first half of May, and visits to Montenegro, Kosovo¹ and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" in the second half of May.

The Council of Europe accepted the offer from the Ministry of Justice of Italy to host the Start-up Conference in Rome, and it was tentatively agreed to have it in the end of June.

2. NEXT STEPS: MAY 2008

Activity	Date	Venue
Meetings with the counterpart institutions in BiH, Serbia and Croatia	13-15 May	Sarajevo, Belgrade and Zagreb
Meetings with the counterpart institutions in Montenegro, Kosovo and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"	27-29 May	Podgorica, Pristina and Skopje

¹ All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.