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SUPPORT TO PROSECUTORS NETWORK IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE

Monthly Activity Report – August 2008

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| 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 | 17 November 2008 |
| Reporting period | 1-31 August 2008 |

Updated workplan

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| OUTPUT 1 | Draft laws available aimed at making investigations and prosecutions of serious crime cases more effective and facilitating cross-border cooperation | |
| Activity 1.1 Partially completed May – June 2008 | Assessment with aim of identifying legislation to be reviewed and improved (by visiting each project area during the inception phase) | |
| Activity 1.2 | Up to 2 legal reviews per project area (and continuous ad hoc advice) in order to review the existing legislation on investigation, prosecution and co-operation against serious crime August 2008 – March 2010 | |
| 1.2.1 | ▪ Albania | |
| 1.2.2 | ▪ Bosnia and Herzegovina Review of Draft Law on International Co-operation in Criminal Matters | October 2008 |
| 1.2.3 | ▪ Croatia | |
| 1.2.4 | ▪ Montenegro | |
| 1.2.5 | ▪ Serbia Review of Draft Law on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters | November 2008 |
| 1.2.6 | ▪ The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | |
| 1.2.7 | ▪ Kosovo ¹ | |
| Activity 1.3 | 2 roundtables per project area (follow up to the legal reviews) and 2 regional workshops October 2008-April 2010 | |
| 1.3.1 | ▪ Albania | |
| 1.3.2 | ▪ Bosnia and Herzegovina Roundtable on Draft Law on International Co-operation in Criminal Matters | 7 November 2008 |
| 1.3.3 | ▪ Croatia | |
| 1.3.4 | ▪ Montenegro | |
| 1.3.5 | ▪ Serbia | |
| 1.3.6 | ▪ The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | |
| 1.3.7 | ▪ Kosovo | |
| 1.3.8 | ▪ Regional Workshop 1 | |
| 1.3.9 | ▪ Regional Workshop 2 | |
| Output 2 | Human capacities of prosecution services strengthened in view of more effective co-operation, investigation and prosecution of serious crime cases | |
| Activity 2.1 | 4 Regional thematic trainings (e.g. joint investigative teams, use of special investigation means, cybercrime, witness protection, confiscation and assets sharing) | |

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.

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| 2.1.1 | ▪ Regional Thematic Training 1 Financial Investigations and Confiscation of Proceeds from Crime | Dubrovnik, Croatia 25 and 26 September 2008 |
| 2.1.2 | ▪ Regional Thematic Training 2 Training for prosecutors and judges and Conference on Co-operation under the Cybercrime Convention | Ohrid, FYROM, 17-19 November 2008 |
| 2.1.3 | ▪ Regional Thematic Training 3 | August 2009 |
| 2.1.4 | ▪ Regional Thematic Training 4 | January 2010 |
| Activity 2.2 | 2 Thematic in-country trainings (on issues of priority interest) August 2008 – March 2010 | |
| 2.2.1 | ▪ Albania | |
| 2.2.2 | ▪ Bosnia and Herzegovina | |
| 2.2.3 | ▪ Croatia | |
| 2.2.4 | ▪ Montenegro | |
| 2.2.5 | ▪ Serbia Training on International Co-operation in international instruments | Belgrade 18 September 2008 Nis 19 September 2008 |
| 2.2.6 | ▪ The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | |
| 2.2.7 | ▪ Kosovo | |
| Activity 2.3 | Organisation of two-week internship programme (3 prosecutors per project area) to EU member States (Italy, Portugal and Slovenia) | |
| 2.3.1 | ▪ Internship 1 – Italy (Rome, Napoli and Bari) | 17-28 November 2008 |
| 2.3.2 | ▪ Internship 2 | June 2009 |
| 2.3.3 | ▪ Internship 3 | January 2010 |
| Output 3 | Co-operation manual and other tools available for more effective co-operation against serious crime | |
| Activity 3.1 | Translation and publication of explanatory reports of relevant conventions and other documents of priority interest in local languages | April 2009 |
| Activity 3.2 | Update, translation and publication of PACO manual on judicial co-operation against corruption and organised crime | January 2009 – February 2010 |
| Activity 3.3 | Creation of web sites on judicial co-operation to be hosted on the existing web sites of prosecutor offices and/or Ministries of Justice and Ministries of Interior / Security | December 2009-April 2010 |
| Output 4 | Contact points for judicial co-operation strengthened | |
| Activity 4.1 | Assessment of existing co-operation networks, contact points and legal frameworks for their operating April – November 2008 | |
| Activity 4.2 | Organisation of 2 regional meetings to review the competences of contact points and resources available with aim of improving and strengthening their capacities | |
| 4.2.1 | ▪ Regional Meeting 1 | Early 2009 |
| 4.2.2 | ▪ Regional Meeting 2 | June 2009 |

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| Activity 4.3 | Organisation of 2 regional meetings of contact points and members of prosecutorial network and heads of organised crime units from each project area to strengthen networking at regional level | |
| 4.3.1 | ▪ Regional Meeting 1 | Early 2009 |
| 4.3.2 | ▪ Regional Meeting 2 | July 2009 |
| Activity 4.4 | Organisation of a regional conference of prosecutorial network with the aim of amending the Memorandum of Understanding for the Establishment of the Prosecutors' Network June 2009 | |

1. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION: 1 – 31 AUGUST 2008

Project activities

1.1.1. Activity 2.1.1 – Regional Thematic Conference

The logistical preparations and identification of experts for the first Regional Thematic Conference on Financial Investigations and Confiscation of Proceeds from Crime have commenced. The Regional Thematic Conference will take place on 25 and 26 September in Cavtat, Croatia. Each project area is expected to nominate 6 representatives, prosecutors and law enforcement officers who are working on issues related to financial investigations and confiscation of proceeds from crime.

1.1.2. Activity 2.2.5 – In-project area training for Serbia

Following a request from the Contact Person from General Prosecutor's Office of Serbia, the Council has commenced with organisation of the Training Seminar on International Co-operation in International Instruments. The Council agreed with the proposal from the Contact Person to organise two one-day Training Seminars in Belgrade and Nis, instead of a one two-day seminar in Belgrade. According to the Contact Person this is the best way to ensure the highest possible attendance of prosecutors from district and municipal public prosecutor's offices. It was agreed that the General Prosecutor's Office sends invitations to the district and municipal prosecutor's offices and submit a list of registered participants to the Council of Europe.

2. NEXT STEPS: SEPTEMBER 2008

| Activity | Date | Venue |
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| Activity 2.1.1 Regional Thematic Conference on Financial Investigations and Confiscation of Proceeds from Crime | 25-26 September | Cavtat, Croatia |
| Activity 2.2.5 Training Seminar on International Co-operation in International Instruments | 18-19 September | Belgrade and Nis, Serbia |