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Monthly Activity Report – June 2008

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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
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Reporting period	1-30 June 2008

Updated workplan

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.

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
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 – 30 JUNE 2008

1.1 Project activities

Start-up Conference and Steering Committee Meeting

The Project's Start-up Conference and the first meeting of the Steering Committee took place on 25 and 26 June in Rome, Italy. The Ministry of Justice of Italy has undertaken the logistical part of organisation of this event.

The objective of the Start-up Conference was to present the project to the organisations and institutions involved in its implementation and to share updated information between the contact persons of each project area about the latest developments in the field of judicial co-operation. Representatives of the Italian Ministry of Justice, Anti-Mafia Bureau of Italy, European Commission, Council of Europe, Ministries of Justice and Prosecutor's Offices from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and Regional Co-operation Council were present at the Conference. Kosovo was the only project area which did not have its representatives present at this conference. The objective of the Steering Committee Meeting was to agree upon a workplan and calendar of the activities for 2008.

List of participants and Agenda are enclosed in Annex 1 and Annex 2 to this report.

1.2 Other activities

Meetings in Project Areas

On 9 June the Project Manager visited Tirana, Albania, and met with the representatives from the Ministry of Justice, Mrs Marsida Xhafellari, and Prosecutor's Office, Mr Arben Kraja, who were appointed the Project's Contact Persons for Albania. The objective of the meeting was to present the project and its objectives, to discuss the activities to be held in Albania, to announce the Start-up conference and Meeting of the Steering Committee which were to take place on 25 and 26 June in Rome. Representatives from the Council of Europe and the EC Delegation in Albania took part in the meetings.

Annex 1

Support to Prosecutors' Network in South Eastern Europe PROSECO Regional Project

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Start-up Conference
Rome, Italy 26-27 June 2008

Name	Function
ALBANIA	
Mr Arben KRAJA	Prosecutor General Prosecutor's Office PROSECO Contact Point
Ms Marjeta ZAIMI	Vice/Chief Prosecutor District Prosecution Office of Tirana
Ms Anila LEKA	Prosecutor General Prosecutor's Office
Mr Behar DIBRA	Prosecutor Prosecution Office for Severe Crimes
Mr Selami ZALLI	Chief of Prosecution Inspection Office Ministry of Justice
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	
Mr Milorad BARAŠIN	Acting Chief Prosecutor The Prosecutor's office of BiH
Ms Jadranka LOKMIĆ- MISIRAČA	Deputy Chief Prosecutor The Prosecutor's office of BiH PROSECO Contact Point
Ms Milana POPADIĆ	Assistant Minister of Justice of BiH Ministry of Justice PROSECO Contact Point
Ms Biljana SIMEUNOVIĆ	Prosecutor The Prosecutor's office BiH
Mr Sado HALILOVIĆ	Head of team State Investigation and Protection Agency - SIPA
CROATIA	

Name	Function
Mr Dubravko PALIJAŠ,	Deputy General Attorney State's Attorney Office PROSECO Contact Point
Ms Tatjana VUČETIĆ	Director of Criminal Law Department Ministry of Justice PROSECO Contact Point
Mr Ivan TURUDIĆ,	Judge County Court in Zagreb
Ms Melanija GRGIĆ	Head of Sector International Legal Assistance Department Ministry of Justice
Mr Lazo PAJIĆ	Deputy General Attorney State's Attorney Office
“ THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA”	
Mr Bodan LAZAREVSKI	Public Prosecutor Public Prosecutor' Office PROSECO Contact Point
Mr Nikola PROKOPENKO	Head of the Department for Criminal and Civil Legislation Ministry of Justice PROSECO Contact Point
Ms Tanja KIKEREKOVA	Head of the Human Rights Department Ministry of Justice
Ms Maja KONESKA	Public Prosecutor Basic Public Prosecutors Office in Skopje
Ms Nikolina MIKESKA	Councilor for Criminal Legislation Ministry of Justice
MONTENEGRO	
Mr Veselin VUČKOVIĆ	Deputy of Chief State Prosecutor of Montenegro PROSECO Contact Point
Mr Vuksan VUKSANOVIĆ	International Co-operation Officer Ministry of Justice PROSECO Contact Point
Mr Šučko BAKOVIĆ	Deputy of Special Prosecutor Chief State Prosecutor of Montenegro
Ms Đurđina Nina IVANOVIĆ	Basic State Prosecutor of Podgorica
Mr Stevo ŠEKARIĆ	Basic State Prosecutor of Niksic

Name	Function
SERBIA	
Ms Jasmina KIURSKI	Deputy Prosecutor General Office of the Prosecutor General of Serbia PROSECO Contact Point
Ms Snežana MALOVIĆ	State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice
Mr Đorđe OSTOJIĆ	Deputy Prosecutor General Office of the Prosecutor General of Serbia
Ms Snežana MARKOVIĆ	Deputy Prosecutor General Office of the Prosecutor General of Serbia
Ms Ana MARIČIĆ	Legal Consultant Ministry of Justice of Serbia
KOSOVO	
COUNCIL OF EUROPE	
Mr Giovanni PALMIERI	Head of the Technical Co-operation Department
Ms Vesna EFENDIĆ	Economic Crime Division Project Manager
Ms Astrid WERTENSCHLAG-SCHERMER	Economic Crime Division Project-Assistant
EUROPEAN COMMISSION	
Ms Roberta CORTESE	Justice and Home Affairs - Western Balkans and Turkey - DG ENLARGEMENT, Unit D3 - Regional Programmes
ITALY	
Ms Elisa ARCHETTI	Office of the National Contact point for administrative twinings Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Maurizio ARCURI	Magistrate attached to the vice general secretariat - Superior Council of Judiciary
Mr Giovanni ARMONE	Magistrate attached to Legislative Office Ministry of Justice

Name	Function
Mr Giuseppe BORRELLI	Magistrate attached at the General Inspectorate Ministry of Justice
Mr Andrea CASCONE	General Directorate for Europe Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ms Carmela CAVALLO	Head of Department for Juvenile Justice Ministry of Justice
Mr Sandro CERINI	Italian Member of the Steering Committee Officer of the Ufficio II General Directorate Criminal Justice – Ministry of Justice
Ms Laura DI GIROLAMO	Magistrate attached at the General Inspectorate Ministry of Justice
Mr Fabrizio GANDINI	Magistrate attached to Ufficio I – General Directorate Criminal Justice – Ministry of Justice
Mr Antonio LAUDATI	General Director of Criminal Justice Ministry of Justice
Mr Giovanni MELILLO	Deputy Prosecutor National Anti-mafia Prosecuting Bureau
Mr Vittorio PARAGGIO	Deputy Prosecutor – General Prosecutor Office attached to the Court of Appeal of Rome
Ms Maria Teresa SARAGNANO	Deputy Head of Department for Judicial Affairs Ministry of Justice
EUROJUST	
Ms Malči GABRIJELČIĆ	National Member for Slovenia
REGIONAL CO-OPERATION COUNCIL	
Mr Virgil IVAN-CUCU	Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs

SECRETARIAT STAFF	
Mr Marco MANCINI	
Ms Gina FERRAZZANO	

INTERPRETERS
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Ms Roberta GALTERIO
Ms. Amela KURTOVIĆ
Ms Albana LILAJ
Ms Alma MIRVIĆ
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Annex 2

Support to Prosecutors' Network in South Eastern Europe PROSECO Regional Project

AGENDA

Start-up Conference
Rome, Italy 26-27 June 2008

Thursday 26th June

09:30 Opening

Chief of the Department of Judicial Affairs

Welcome speeches:

Ms Luisa Napolitano
Superior Council of the Judiciary, Italy

Mr Giovanni Palmieri
Technical Co-operation Department of the DGHL
Council of Europe

Ms Roberta Cortese
Directorate General for Enlargement
European Commission

Mr Giovanni Melillo
National Anti-mafia Bureau, Italy

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Project presentation
Moderator: Mr Antonio Laudati
Criminal Justice Directorate, Ministry of Justice, Italy

Overview of the Project
Ms Vesna Efendic
Technical Co-operation Department of the DGHL
Council of Europe

Role of the Italian Ministry of Justice
Mr Sandro Cerini
Criminal Justice Directorate, Ministry of Justice, Italy

- 11:45 Presentations of current state of play in the region with regard to prosecutors' co-operation – each project area presentation
Moderators: Ms Vesna Efendic and Mr Sandro Cerini
- Albania – Mr Arben Kraja
Bosnia and Herzegovina – Ms Jadranka Lokmic-Misiraca
Croatia – Mr Dubravko Palijas
Montenegro – Mr Veselin Vuckovic
Serbia – Ms Jasmina Kiurski
“ the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” – Mr Bodan Lazarevski
- 12:45 End of the session
- 13:00 Press Conference
- 13:30 Lunch
- 15:30 Visit to the Juridical Central Library
- 21:00 Official Dinner

Friday 27th June

Steering Committee Meeting

- 9.30 Introduction and presentation of the objective of the Steering Committee Meeting
Ms Vesna Efendic, Council of Europe
Mr Sandro Cerini, Ministry of Justice of Italy
- 10:00 Presentation of priorities per project area and proposals for regional thematic seminars and in project area activities
Steering Committee members from project areas
Moderators: Ms Vesna Efendic and Mr Sandro Cerini
- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:30 Drafting of the work plan and tentative calendar of the activities
Finalisation of the work plan and tentative calendar of the activities

Decision on venue and date of the next Steering Committee Meeting
Closure of the meeting
Moderators: Ms Vesna Efendic and Mr Sandro Cerini

13:00 Lunch