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SUPPORT TO PROSECUTORS NETWORK IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE

Monthly Activity Report – October 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	14 November 2008
Reporting period	1-31 October 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 Mutual Legal Assistance 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	
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 Mutual Legal Assistance 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)	
2.1.1	▪ Regional Thematic Training 1: Financial Investigations and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime	Cavtat, Croatia 25 and 26 September 2008
2.1.2	▪ Regional Thematic Training 2: Co-operation against Cybercrime	Ohrid, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" 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, Nis 18 and 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 This is an additional activity added upon request of the EC	Inventory of international instruments in the field of international co-operation ratified by project areas, and of bilateral and multilateral agreements enabling the international co-operation	October 2008 – January 2009
Activity 3.2	Translation and publication of explanatory memoranda of relevant conventions and other documents of priority interest in local languages	April 2009
Activity 3.3	Update, translation and publication of PACO manual on judicial co-operation against corruption and organised crime	January 2009 – February 2010
Activity 3.4	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 (October 2008 – January 2009)	
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	February 2009
4.2.2	▪ Regional Meeting 2	November 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	January 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 OCTOBER 2008

Project activities

Activity 2.1.2 – Regional Thematic Training

The logistical preparations for the second Regional Thematic Training on Cybercrime have commenced. The Council of Europe Office in Skopje is responsible for the organisational aspect and for co-ordination with the Prosecutor's Office in Skopje. This Regional Thematic Training is split into two parts: the Cybercrime Training for Judges and Prosecutors (17 and morning on 18 November) and a Workshop on International Co-operation against Cybercrime – review of effectiveness (18 and 19 November). Each project area is expected to nominate 8 participants of following profiles: 2 prosecutors and 2 judges for the training part and 2 representatives from the Ministry of Justice and 2 prosecutors working in the field of international co-operation.

Activity 1.2.2 – Legislative Review for Bosnia and Herzegovina

Following the request from the State Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina the Council has contracted an expert, Mr Simon Regis (UK) to provide an expert opinion on Draft Law on International Co-operation in Criminal Matters.

Activity 2.3.1 – Internship for Prosecutors in Italy

In close co-operation with the Ministry of Justice of Italy the Council of Europe has been finalising logistical arrangements for the Internship for Prosecutors, which will take place from 17 to 28 November in Rome, Napoli and Bari. The contact persons from project areas started sending CVs for three prosecutors to take part in the Internship. According to the Contribution Agreement nominations for internship are to be approved by the selection committee composed of two representatives from the Council of Europe, one representative from the Ministry of Justice of Italy, and one contact person (from Prosecutor's Office) from each project area. The approval procedure is carried out by e-mail consultations.

2. NEXT STEPS: NOVEMBER 2008

Activity	Date	Venue
Activity 1.2.2 Completion and submission of Expert Opinion on Draft Law on International Co-operation in Criminal Matters in BiH	Early November	N/A.
Activity 1.3.2 Roundtable on Draft Law on International Co-operation in Criminal Matters in BiH	7 November	Sarajevo, BiH
Activity 2.1.2 Regional Thematic Training on Cybercrime	17-19 November	Ohrid, FYROM
Activity 2.3.1 Internship for prosecutors	17-28 November	Rome, Napoli and Bari, ITALY
Activity 2.2.4 Training Seminar on inter-agency co-operation and data exchange regarding reporting of corruption related offences	24-25 November	Podgorica, Montenegro