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Action Plan Implementation

- Action Plans are management tools
- Objectives: coordination, measuring progress, public information
- Key features:
 - setting out tasks/obligations
 - reporting on progress
- Basic approach: project management framework
- 2 types of difficulties:
 - management, coordination, reporting
 - substantive challenges

Excerpt from AC Action Plan

| Activities | Imple- menting Agency | Partner Agency | Time- frame | Implementation Indicator | Current state |
|---|-----------------------------|--|----------------|---|------------------|
| Ensure financial oversight of state-owned enterprises | Chamber of Control | State Minister on Reforms Coordina- tion | 2007- 2008 | The role of the oversight Bodies has been advanced and financial oversight of the state- owned enterprises is currently underway | |
| Establish uniform and transparent standards in order to ensure improved conditions for employement as well as promotion of civil servants | Public Service Bureau | State Minister on Reforms Coordina- tion | 2007- 2008 | These standards have been approved | |

Analysis

- "as of" date—how current is the document?
- Lack of detail (esp. on activities and current status)
- Insufficiently/not clearly linked with strategy and previous action plan
- Some categories overlap; cross-referencing needed
- Confusion between objectives and activities
- Confusion between indicators/ status
- Indicators insufficiently defined
 - How does this impact implementation?

How to define indicators

Process indicators:

- activity-level indicators
- benchmarks showing that elements of a "project" are implemented on schedule
- easy to track

Outcome/impact indicators:

- performance indicators (e.g. score cards)
- more difficult (and expensive) to define and measure
- repeat perception and/or experience surveys
- partnership with civil society/academia often useful

Tools for reporting: definition of needs

- What is information needed from implementing agencies?
- For each objective:
 - Steps/activities undertaken
 - Specific dates of/for each activity
 - Progress toward implementation indicator
 - Challenges (waiting for passage of laws, financial constraints, human resources, etc.)
 - Plans for next reporting period
- Reporting obligations of agencies sufficiently defined?

Tools for reporting: templates

- Agency
- Reporting Period
- Objective
- Measure
 - Brief description of activity/measure
 - Estimated cost
 - Dates implemented
 - Movement toward indicator/benchmark
 - Challenges
 - Next steps (with timeframe)

Possible templates for reporting:

List/narrative or table

| Agency Reporting Period | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| Objective: Ensure financial oversight of state-owned enterprises | | | | | | |
| measure | Dates imple- mented | partner(s) | progress toward indicator | challenges | next steps | |
| 1. Revise powers of internal audit dept | JanJune 2007 | Min. for Reform Coordinati on, OECD | Legislation revised and adopted June 2007 | Expertise on standards | education/ training of auditors | |
| 2. Training of 50 auditors | July 2007 –July 2008 | n/a, potentially OECD/Sig ma | 30 of 50 auditors trained in 3 sessions | Insufficient funds: 10,000 USD needed | Requested funding 9/2007; reply 1/2008 | |

Example: Montenegro

"THE FIRST REPORT ON THE REALIZATION OF MEASURES FROM THE ACTION PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM FOR FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION AND ORGANIZED CRIME / 1.9.2006- 31.5.2007 / "

| MEASURE | COMPETENT INSTITUTION | TIME FRAME | ASSESMENT / RECOMMENDATION FOR EACH MEASURE INDIVIDUALLY |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Drafting and implementation of the Code of ethics of judges and the Code of ethics of prosecutors | Judicial council, Prosecution council | continuous | Supreme State Prosecutor: Code of ethics for state prosecutors and their deputies was adopted on 10.11. 2006 and it is being implemented. Other employees in Prosecution Office abide by the Code of Ethics of public servants and employees. ASSESMENT: Obligation partly realized RECOMMENDATION: Supreme Court/ Court council is to deliver the information on enforcement of this measure, until the end of 2007. |

Example: Albania

Anti Corruption Monitoring Group, Anti Corruption Unit at the Minister of State "Inventory of Achievements (August 2002 - June 2003)"

| Goal | Measures to Accomplish the Goal | Responsib le Institution | Time Limit | Accom- plished Yes / No / Ongoing | Achievements Success Indicators/ Worrisome Issues |
|---|---|------------------------------------|------------------|--|---|
| Increase of the professional level of the civil servants | Training by the TIPA for the implementation of the Civil Service Law; | DPA TIPA Respective Ministry | ongoing | Not Complete/ Ongoing | 2002-2003 There are trained 600 employees of the public administration; |
| | midterm strategy for "Policies on Wages"; | DPA TIPA Respective Ministry | October 2002 | Not Complete/ Ongoing | The System of Wages started to be implemented |
| | Approval of law "Code of Ethics for the Civil Servants". | DPA TIPA Respective Ministry | December 2002 | Not Complete/ Ongoing | The draft law has been passed from the PM and is in the Parliament. |

Feasibility of next steps:

- Update/revise action plan with specific ministries/agencies action plans:
 - Review/articulate objectives (define what problem is being addressed)
 - Define specific measures/activities
 - (Estimate costs, including that of new staff)
 - Define indicators
- Revise reporting period (quarterly?)
- Develop reporting templates
- Assess level of progress of each agency
- Publicize progress reports