

**MONTHLY REPORT 11/2008****Cut-off date : 31/12/2008****GEPAC Team Monthly Report**

<b>Project : VC/779 GEPAC</b> <b>Support to the Anti-corruption Strategy of Georgia</b>			
<b><u>Expiry dates</u></b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>EUR</b>
<b>Execution of contracts:</b> 31.12.2008	VC Netherlands		-
<b>Reported Period</b> 1-31 December 2008	<b>Total</b>		<b>700.000</b>

**1. Programme implementation**

Summary of the current status of the programme (outputs and activities)

**Overall objective:**

To contribute to democracy and the rule of law through the prevention and control of corruption in Georgia in accordance with European and other international standards as well as GRECO recommendations.

**Project purpose**

To ensure the effective implementation of Georgia's Anti-corruption Strategy and Action Plan.

**Indicators of Achievement:**

Anti-corruption Strategy and Action Plan are further elaborated/updated and reflect all GRECO recommendations issued during the Second Round Evaluation Report and OECD/ACN Monitoring Reports.

<b>Description of activities, outcomes, and status during the period of the report as compared to the implementation schedule</b>
<b>Output 2. Review of the AC Strategy and Action Plan</b> <b>Activity 2.1.- (Assist and advice the main counterpart institution on how to further elaborate and update the AC Strategy and AP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings with the representatives of the Governmental and Non-Governmental Organisations (Chief Adviser of the Prime-Minister, Deputy Minister of Justice, MPs, Chamber of Control, GYLA, OSGF, TIG, WB) on the establishment of the coordinating body for the review and further update of the AC Strategy and Action Plan held.</li> <li>• Establishment of the transparent procedure and close cooperation with the local and international NGOs in the process of the review and update of AC Strategy and Action Plan promoted.</li> <li>• Members, Functions and Structure of the AC policy coordinating council defined. Presidential Decree on the establishment of the AC policy coordinating council composed by the representatives of the governmental and non governmental organisations adopted.</li> <li>• First meeting of the coordinating council held and process of the review of the AC strategy started. Document on the assessment of the fulfilment of the AC strategy elaborated and distributed among the members of the AC policy coordinating council</li> </ul>

- Program of the SV and list of participants' finalised and final organisational arrangements conducted.

**Activity 2.2.- 2 corruption perception and attitude surveys to be organised in 4 WS (2 WS per survey).**

- Tender for survey companies announced in local newspaper and webpage. Interested companies applied and applications submitted.

**Output 4. Strengthen of the Capacities of the Prosecution to investigate and prosecute high level corruption.**

**Activity 4.1. in-country multi-disciplinary trainings for the staff of units specialised in investigation and prosecution of high-level corruption (prosecutors / law enforcement officers) (case studies, pro-active and multidisciplinary approach)**

- Trainings on Special Investigative Means in the Main Prosecutor's Office of Georgia for prosecutors and policemen held. The international experts familiarized the participants with the international standards and experience concerning functioning of undercover agencies in Germany and Slovenia. The local expert explained the main provisions of the law on operative-investigative activities of Georgia and recent amendments in the Georgian legislation.

**Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions**

**Planned major activities and schedule for the next period**

Activity 4.3.: Study Visit to USKOK and Department of the internal Investigations of Hamburg, Germany on 11-17 January 2009.

Activity 3.3.: Meeting with the Head of the Chamber of Control to define the main directions for its support.

Activity 2.1.: Meeting of the AC policy coordinating body. 20 January/review of the AC strategy.

**Other**

*(Activities of relevance, other organisations work/activity in the field, bilateral meetings, administrative issues/office status)*

GEPAC Team attended following Discussions and Presentations:

Presentation of the Alliance of Georgian NGO's – Transparent foreign aid to Georgia; (19. December 2008, 12:00)

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Discussion of the new law on Chamber of Control and its harmonisation with the international auditing standards- organised by the Georgian Young Lawyers Association. (12 December 2008, 17:00)
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2. **Conclusions:** The project activities are ongoing