

MONTHLY REPORT 11/2009**Cut-off date : 30/11/2009****GEPAC Team Monthly Report**

<div>Project : VC/779 GEPAC</div> <div>Support to the Anti-corruption Strategy of Georgia</div>				
<u>Expiry dates</u>		Budget	USD	EUR
Execution of contracts:	31.12.2009	VC Netherlands		-
Reported Period	1-30 November 2009	Total		700.000

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.

Description of activities, outcomes, and status during the period of the report as compared to the implementation schedule
<p>Output 1 - Capacity of the Office of the Inter-Agency Coordination (and Contacts Points in cooperating institutions) to manage, coordinate and monitor the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Plan is reinforced</p> <p>Activity 1.4 – Consolidate and create institutional sustainability for the Coordination Council</p> <p>The new web-site of the Ministry of Justice and, specifically, the Analytical Department is functional; however, the analytical department has not received full control of the website in terms of uploading documents to the site, since the company who developed the website has not made this function available at the moment. This is being addressed by the Press Service (who is in charge of the overall functioning of the website) and the process of uploading the relevant materials is on-going.</p> <p>Output 2 - AC Strategy reviewed and Action Plan updated</p> <p>Activity 2.1 – Assist and advice the Coordination Council on how to further elaborate and update the AC Strategy and AP in line with GRECO recommendations and other</p>

international commitments and obligations with respect to specific AC measures

Coordination Council members have already received the latest versions of Anti-corruption Strategy and Action Plan. These documents are being revised from all members. This process is on-going.

Additionally on 20 November 2009 the GEPAC project team attended the AC council meeting where the following topics were discussed:

1. The short informal presentation of the two surveys was made to the Council members, Though the presentation of the final versions of survey will be discussed within the project team as soon as the latest versions are received.
2. The next topic of the meeting was related to the draft code of public. The head of the council gave instruction to the Public Service bureau to coordinate their activities with the Council working group.
3. During the meeting, the Strategy Revision Workplan elaborated in consultation with the CoE was reviewed and approved by the Council members. End of GEPAC project is set as the timeline for completing the revised Strategy and implementation plan. .

Activity 2.3 – Support the Coordination Council in organization of the workshop on the results and finalisation of these studies

Two survey results are received. In addition comments on these surveys were submitted from the project implementation team and the last versions are disseminated for final revision. The presentation of these surveys will be discussed and decided within project team after having the final ones.

Output 4 - Capacities of the Prosecution to investigate and prosecute high level corruption strengthened

Activity 4.2 – Training module is developed within Ministry of Justice through consultation with other relevant ministries to sustain and consolidate the implementation of the training beyond the work of the project

The official workshop on drafting and assessment of training needs and modalities for the MoJ training unit to deliver the training was conducted by e-mail communication of the draft standard training module (curriculum) between the Heads of Training Centers of agencies. The basic curriculum outline was elaborated and disseminated. It's planned to continue working on detailed training module on the basis of this brief module in December and organize pilot trainings.

Output 5 – Integrity and institutional capacity for preventing corruption at the General Prosecutor's Office

Activity 5.1 – Training for those public officials designated to respond to request for public information

The final planned training on public information for municipality representatives is planned in the mid December as the agenda is approved and the local trainer will conduct it.

Activity 5.2 – Trainings for police officers on the code of conduct with particular focus

on training for head of units

The meeting with the representatives of Police Academy was held on 12 October 2009. They were informed about the possible 2 trainings for police officers and expressed their readiness to support the project team in future activities. Also they suggested the local expert for conducting trainings and sent the English version of code of conduct for police officers. Additionally the international expert was nominated in order to conduct the training for police officers and the final agenda was worked out. The training will be conducted on 9-10 December 2009 at the Police Academy.

Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions

Output 1 - Capacity of the Inter-Agency Coordination Council (and Contact Points in cooperating institutions) to manage, coordinate and monitor the implementation of the AC Action Plan reinforced

Activity 1.4 – Consolidate and create institutional sustainability for the Coordination Council

RTD 2 - The issue for consolidation and institutionalization of the Council activist has been already held in the format of the Legislative Reform Working Group of the Anticorruption Council. Specifically, it was a meeting of 12 October 2009, when the Working Group members discussed draft amendments to the Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service. As result and with further email communication/confirmations, these amendments will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Planned major activities and schedule for the next period

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Other

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

The meeting with OECD Monitoring group was conducted on 24 November 2009 at the office of US Embassy in Tbilisi. The meeting was attended by various international organizations such as UNDP, Swiss Embassy, EUMM, GTZ, ABA and the GEPAC project team as well. The main goal of the meeting was to get information about the anti-corruption activities and implementing projects of these organizations.

Additionally the meeting with SIGMA (a joint initiative of the OECD and the EU, principally financed by the EU) representative was held on 25 November 2009 at the office of Information Bureau of Council of Europe. The main aim of the meeting was to share information related to anti-corruption projects and their activities.

2. Conclusions:

The activities of the Work Plan are being carried out successfully.