

MONTHLY REPORT 01/2008**Cut-off date : 31/01/2008**

Project : VC/779 GEPAC Support to the Anti-corruption Strategy of Georgia			
<u>Expiry dates</u>	Budget	USD	EUR
Execution of contracts: 31.08.2009	VC Netherlands		-
Reported Period 1-31 January 2008	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>Activity 1.a: Contributed to preparation and organisation of Round table on tools of reporting, cooperation and monitoring the implementation of anti-corruption measures;</p> <p>Output Reference: The Round table organised</p> <p>Number of Participants (women/men): Twenty representatives from various governmental organizations and NGOs</p> <p>Date: 28 January 2008</p> <p>Aim: to improve the co-operation and implementation of Anti-corruption measures in line with the new Anti-corruption Action Plan.</p> <p>Outcome: The round table is conducted; recommendations on specific anti-corruption issues and opinions on further co-operation are presented.</p> <p>Activity 1.b: Preparation of the report on conducted Round Table including summary of the discussion.</p>

Aim: To clarify and follow up specific issues discussed during the Round Table
Outcome: The report has been developed and presented to the Council of Europe

Activity 2:

Identifying and selecting an IT company and Furniture Store for the equipment of the project's team office.

Aim: to set up working conditions for project's team

Outcome: IT equipment and furniture suppliers are identified

Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions

Political situation is still tense in the country, which might undermine the effective implementation of the project.

The Anti-corruption Action plan involves many important issues but some priorities are still missing. For the next meeting it is recommended that parties involved in the implementation of the Action plan to produce information about the result of their activities and new goals in order to successfully fulfil the Action plan.

Planned major activities and schedule for the next period

Round table discussion on Possible models of the future specialised Anti-corruption Structure of Georgia.

Other

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

2. Conclusions:

- Round table on tools of reporting, cooperation and monitoring the implementation of anti-corruption measures has been organized;
- The participants summarized that the Action plan is overloaded and it should comprise of concrete activities focusing on positive goals; the body who will be responsible for coordination of the implementation of the Action plan should be identified and the Action plan should be more coherent;
- The report on the round table has been presented to the Council of Europe;
- The special webpage on corruption under the website of the Ministry on Reforms Coordination has been finalised and up-dated;
- Commercial offers from the companies (IT and furniture) to be involved in the tender received which have been sent to Council of Europe for approval;
- IT company for the equipments of the project's team office with IT equipment has been Identified and selected.