

MONTHLY REPORT 01/2009**Cut-off date : 31/01/2009****GEPAC Team Monthly Report**

Project : VC/779 GEPAC Support to the Anti-corruption Strategy of Georgia			
<u>Expiry dates</u>	Budget	USD	EUR
Execution of contracts: 31.12.2008	VC Netherlands		-
Reported Period 1-31 January 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
Output 2. Review of the AC Strategy and Action Plan Activity 2.1.- (Assist and advice the main counterpart institution on how to further elaborate and update the AC Strategy and AP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First meeting of the working group of AC council held and process of the review of the AC strategy continues. Document on the assessment of the fulfilment of the AC Action Plan elaborated and distributed among the members of the AC policy coordinating council Meetings with the representatives of the Governmental agencies (Chief Adviser of the Prime-Minister, Deputy Ministers of Justice, MPs, Chamber of Control, FMS) on fulfilment of GRECO recommendations held. Meetings on amendments to the Law of Georgia on Corruption and Conflict of Interest in Public Service held involving MPs, Chief Adviser of the Prime-Minister, Deputy Minister of Justice. Activity 2.2.- 2 corruption perception and attitude surveys to be organised in 4 WS (2 WS per survey). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tender for survey companies has been accomplished and survey company nominated.

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

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

Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions

Planned major activities and schedule for the next period

Activity 2.1.: Meeting of the working group of AC Council. 20 February to review of the AC strategy.

Meetings with the members of AC Council to discuss further steps with regard to updating AC Strategy and work plan of AC Council (4-5 February).

Activity 2.2: Meeting with the survey company, GORBI, to discuss survey mechanism and questionnaires (3 February).

Drafting the contract for GORBI (By 20 February)

Other

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

GEPAC Team attended following Discussions and Presentations:

First meeting of the working group of AC council (9 January, 2009, 17:00)

Meetings with the representatives of the Governmental agencies on fulfilment of GRECO recommendations 23 January, 2009 , 17:00.

Discussion on amendments to the Law of Georgia on Corruption and Conflict of Interest in Public Service (22 January 2009, 12:00)

2. Conclusions: The project activities are ongoing