Cut-off date: 29/02/2008

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Project : VC/779 GEPAC	Support to the Anti-corruption Strategy of Georgia			
Expiry dates		Budget	USD	EUR
Execution of contracts:	31.08.2009	VC Netherlands		-
Reported Period	1-29 February 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

Activity 1: Organizing a round table discussion on the draft paper on possible anti-corruption structure of Georgia;

Aim: to discuss possible models of specialized anticorruption institution in Georgia with relevant stakeholders and NGO representatives;

Number of Participants (women/men): 20 persons at the workshop and the conference

Date: to be held on March 5-6

Outcomes: All the participants of the Round Table are invited and informed on the issues to be discussed during the Round Table.

Activity 2: Preparation of a presentation on possible models of anti corruption institution in Georgia to be delivered at the Round Table;

Aim: To present background of anti corruption institutions in Georgia, International obligations concerning establishment of specialised anti corruption institution as well as two feasible models of anti-corruption agency based on international experience;

Outcome: Presentation is prepared.

Activity 3: elaboration of the amendments on the Law on conflict of interests and corruption for public officials, finalising the amendments on the Criminal code of Georgia (the special clause in the criminalisation of the activities of the Accountants and Audits in corruption meters);

Aim: To decrease probability of corruption within the public service stipulating code of conduct norms for public servants, harmonisation of Georgian anticorruption legislation with International standards;

Outcome: Amendments have been drafted.

Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions

Due to the reforms within the structure of the government that were carried out just after the election there is no agency responsible for coordinating anticorruption activities and for fulfilment of anti-corruption action plan.

Planned major activities and schedule for the next period

Round table discussion on possible models of the future specialized Anti-corruption Structure of Georgia.

Other

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

Assisting to organising a workshop on designing of a survey on corruption perception and attitude.

2. <u>Conclusions:</u>

- Organised a Round Table on possible specialised anti-corruption structure of Georgia;
- Drafted the amendments on the Law on conflict of interests and corruption for public officials submitted to the parliament of Georgia;
- Drafted amendments on the Criminal code of Georgia (the special clause in the criminalisation of the activities of the Accountants and Audits in corruption meters) submitted to the Parliament of Georgia;
- Organised the workshop on designing of a survey on corruption perception and attitude.