

MONTHLY REPORT 03/2009**Cut-off date : 31/03/2009****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:		31.03.2009	VC Netherlands	-
Reported Period		1-31 March 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)

- On March 11, Workshop on “Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Anticorruption Bodies” was held.

International expert, Mr. Drago Kos discussed international experience in respect to establishment of specialized AC bodies, which model could be the most relevant for Georgia. Mr. Kos remarked that the AC council should have the secretariat, which will take care of the technical issues, the general responsibilities of the Council should be defined and budget of the council should be set up. The principles of the work of this AC council should be objectiveness, integrity and effectiveness. The council ideally should have preventive and not investigative functions. It should also be defined what could be the possible sanctions if any of the state agencies do not fulfil their part of the AC action plan.

The other international expert, Ms. Marijana Trivunovic discussed importance of AC strategies and action plans and presented sample of action plan format based on Georgian Criminal Justice Reform Implementation Plan. She also discussed characteristics of AC strategy and its link to AC action plan.

Ms.Trivunovic remarked that the strategy should have long-term nature and include both preventive and repressive elements in compliance with international standards and realistic plans for implementation. She also discussed issues related to public awareness and acivil society’s participation in the process of updating the strategy. She emphasized that apart from state institutions political actors including opposition should participate in the working process as well.

Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions

The contract with the survey company GORBI has not been concluded yet.

Planned major activities and schedule for the next period

Output 5.2 Training on Codes of Conduct for prosecutors and police officers

Organize training on Codes of Conduct for police officers

Activity 2.2.- Organise two corruption perception and attitude surveys on corruption levels

Concluding contract with GORBI. Commencing the process of conducting the Surveys

Other <i>(Activities of relevance, other organisations work/activity in the field, bilateral meetings, administrative issues/office status)</i>
none

2. Conclusions:

The activities of the work plan of the GEPAC project concerning (Output 2. Review of the AC Strategy and Action Plan) has relatively progressed due to the establishment of AC council but actual process of developing strategy has not started yet. The processes was expected to begin after the workshop on 11th of March once the members of the Council would agree on certain type of model of the Strategy and Action Plan but at present the government is focused on political tension in the country which is expected to intensify in the coming months taking into account the fact that opposition parties are planning massive demonstrations in April.