Cut-off date:

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GEPAC Team Monthly Report

Project : VC/779 GEPAC	Support to the Anti-corruption Strategy of Georgia			
Expiry dates		Budget	USD	EUR
Execution of contracts:	30.06.2009	VC Netherlands		-
Reported Period	1-31 April 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 5.2 Training on Codes of Conduct for prosecutors and police officers

On 14th of April the meeting with a representative from the Ministry of Interiors, Natia Gvazava was held and the organizational issues concerning training on Codes of Conduct for police officers discussed. Ms. Gvazava said that they would like to have trainings on enforcement related issues of code of ethics for policemen. She said that all policemen are aware of provision of the code of ethics but sometimes they are facing problems of their enforcement even though they have separate code for enforcement. It was decided that to invite international expert who would introduce the enforcement mechanisms based on other countries' experience and local expert who would focus on national legislation.

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

At the meeting with Natia Gvazava it was discussed to organize study visit for 2-3 law enforcement officers on use of special investigative techniques and criminal law procedures when investigating and prosecuting high-level corruption and anti-money laundering cases. It was decided that the Ministry would provide the team with the names of two police officers who will attend the study visit. She said that it might be difficult to find policemen who are working for the corresponding departments and speak English as well.

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

The contract with the survey company GORBI has been concluded. The questionnaires have been edited and translated into Georgian and Russian.

Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions

The training and the study visit couldn't be scheduled yet as the Ministry of Interiors couldn't provide the team with precise dates and names of those two policemen who will attend the study visit.

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

Commencing the process of conducting the Surveys

Other

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

none	

2. Conclusions:

The political situation in the Country has escalated in recent period. Opposition parties blocked the main street and administrative buildings in the capital and the government cannot work in a normal mode. Consequently the planned activities are expected to be postponed.