

MONTHLY REPORT 11/2008**Cut-off date : 30/11/2008****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				1-30 November 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
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) -Meeting with the Head of the State Chancellery of the Government of Georgia Mr. Kakha Bendukidze held. Agreed on the establishment of a working group for the review of the AC Strategy and Action Plan. Discussed the Composition of the Working Group and the timeframe for the review and update of the AC Strategy and Action Plan.
Output 3. Elaboration of the amendments and regulations in co-operation with the counterpart institution and relevant partner institutions Activity 3.2. (2 Trainings with relevant stakeholders on existing provisions with regard to the financing of political parties and electoral campaigns) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with the head of the Legal Committee of the Parliament of Georgia Mr. Pavle Kublashvili on the financing of political parties, held. Needs for the Support of GEPAC project to the Implementation of the new amendments to the law on "Political Organisations of Georgia" (financing of the political parties is part of this law) discussed. Agreed on the organisation of the Workshop on the new rules for party financing after the amendments are approved by the Parliament of Georgia.

- The expert for assessment of compliance of the Georgian Legislation with the international Convention (UNCAC) contracted.

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

Activity 4.1. in-country multi-disciplinary trainings for the staff of units specialised in investigation and prosecution of high-level corruption (prosecutors / law enforcement officers) (case studies, pro-active and multidisciplinary approach)

- Trainings on Special Investigative Means in the Main Prosecutor's Office of Georgia for prosecutors and policemen organized. The date of the event scheduled and participants identified. Contracts for two international experts and for one local expert produced.

Activity 4.3. (2 Study visits for representatives of specialised units (prosecution/law enforcement) to European counterpart institutions)

- Meeting with the head of the Training Centre of the General Prosecutors Office (GPO) Ms. Tamar Tshubinidze held. Date, duration and host Institutions of the SV presented. Special needs of the GPO on the SV discussed and identified. Participants of the Study Visit to USKOK and Department of internal Investigations of the Ministry of Interior of Hamburg, Germany, selected.
- Meeting with the Head of the Department for the International Relations of the Ministry of Interior Ms. Natia Gwazava held. Date, duration and host Institutions of the SV presented. Special needs of the GPO on the SV discussed and identified. Participants of the Study Visit to USKOK and Department of internal Investigations of the Ministry of Interior of Hamburg, Germany, selected.

Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions

Planned major activities and schedule for the next period

Activity 2.1(Assist and advice the main counterpart institution on how to further elaborate and update AC Strategy and AP)

Meeting with the Head of the State Chancellery of the Government of Georgia Mr. Kakha Bendukidze to facilitate establishment of the working group for the review and update of the AC Strategy and Action Plan.

Activity 3.2 Workshop on the newly established amendments to the "Law on Political Organisations of Georgia" (after the amendments are approved by the parliament)

Other

(Activities of relevance, other organisations work/activity in the field, bilateral meetings,

<i>administrative issues/office status)</i>
none

2. **Conclusions:** The project activities are ongoing