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**Regional Conference on the Second Additional Protocol to the European  
Convention  
on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (CETS 182)**

**Agenda**

- Workshop on compliance with the CETS 182 (21 September 2009)
- Regional thematic training on practical implementation of measures foreseen by the CETS 182 (22 September and morning of 23 September)

21-23 September 2009, Tirana, Albania

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## PROGRAMME

### **Workshop on compliance with the Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters - CETS 182 (21 September 2009)**

#### Objective:

- To assess the level of compliance of project areas' legislation with the Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (CETS 182) and EU MLA Convention from 2000

#### Result:

- Final compliance report including project area-specific recommendations for improvement

#### Participants:

- Prosecutors and officials from Ministries of Justice of PROSECO project areas dealing with international co-operation

<b>Monday 21 September</b>	
09:00	Registration of participants
09:30-10:00	<b>Opening and welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr Arben Kraja, General Prosecutor's Office of Albania, PROSECO Contact Person</li><li>▪ Ms Liri Kopaçi-Di Michele, Council of Europe</li><li>▪ Mr Arben Braçe, Ministry of Justice of Albania</li><li>▪ Ms Vesna Efendić, Council of Europe</li></ul>
10:00 -10:30	<b>The 2001 CoE Protocol (CETS 182) and the EU MLA Convention 2000: background, key features, similarities and differences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr Erik Verbert</li></ul>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	<b>Articles 1 – 6 of CETS 182</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Introduction: Mr Erik Verbert</li><li>▪ Discussion/analysis of compliance by project areas</li><li>▪ Recommendations for each project area</li></ul>
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Articles 7 – 16 of CETS 182</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Introduction: Mr Thierry Loquet</li><li>▪ Discussion/analysis of compliance by project areas</li><li>▪ Recommendations for each project area</li></ul>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:15	<b>Articles 17 – 25 of CETS 182</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Introduction: Mr Erik Verbert</li><li>▪ Discussion/analysis of compliance by project areas</li><li>▪ Recommendations for each project area</li></ul>
17:15 – 18:00	<b>Finalisation of report on compliance of project areas with the CETS and EU MLA Convention 2000 including the</b>

	<b>recommendations for improvement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Moderators: Mr Erik Verbert and Mr Thierry Loquet</li> <li>▪ Participants from all project areas</li> </ul>
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**Regional thematic training on practical implementation of measures foreseen by  
the CETS 182  
(22 September and morning of 23 September)**

Objective:

- To provide prosecutors and officials from Ministries of Justice with a better insight into the mechanisms of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and necessary legal tools to apply this type of international co-operation in criminal matters

Result:

- Project area-specific recommendations to enhance the practical application of key tools of CETS 182

Participants:

- Prosecutors and officials from Ministries of Justice of PROSECO project areas dealing with international co-operation

<b>Tuesday 22 September</b>	
09:00 - 10:30	<b>Channels of communication (Article 4 of CETS 182), transfer of requests Temporary transfer of detained persons (Article 3 of CETS 182)</b> <p>Presentations on implementation in EU member States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr Erik Verbert</li> <li>▪ Mrs Anna Adamiak</li> </ul> <p>Application in project areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation/discussion by participants: good practices, problems encountered, recommendations</li> </ul>
11:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	<b>Hearings by audio-/video-conference (articles 9-10 of CETS 182)</b> <p>Presentations on implementation in EU member States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr Thierry Loquet</li> <li>▪ Mrs Anna Adamiak</li> </ul> <p>Application in project areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation/discussion by participants: good practices, problems encountered, recommendations</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Cross-border observations and controlled delivery (articles 17-18 of CETS 182)</b>

	Presentations on implementation in EU member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr Erik Verbert</li> <li>▪ Mr Thierry Loquet</li> </ul> Application in project areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation/discussion by participants</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Covert investigations and joint investigation teams (articles 19-20 of CETS 182)</b>  Presentations on implementation in EU member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr Erik Verbert</li> <li>▪ Mr Anna Adamiak</li> </ul> Application in project areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation/discussion by participants</li> </ul>
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Each delegation to prepare project areas-specific recommendations</b>
<b>Wednesday 23 September</b>	
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Admissibility of evidence</b> Presentations on implementation in EU member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr Thierry Loquet</li> <li>▪ Mr Erik Verbert</li> </ul> Application in project areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation/discussion by participants</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Presentation of recommendations by each project area</b>  <b>Conclusions</b>