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(SPCC-KY)

Project Summary

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Project title	Strengthen Prevention and Combating of Corruption in Kyrgyz Republic (SPCC-KY)
Project area	Kyrgyz Republic
Budget	EURO 555,556.00
Funding	European Union represented by EU Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic 90%; Council of Europe 10%
Implementation	Economic Crime and Cooperation Unit, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Duration	24 months (starting on 29 July 2016)

BACKGROUND

Following the introduction of the CoE Neighbourhood policy to the Kyrgyz Republic, an intensive dialogue between the CoE and Kyrgyz authorities resulted in identification of common priority areas for cooperation outlined in the “Neighbourhood Co-operation Priorities for the Kyrgyz Republic 2015-2017” (NCP).¹ Prevention and combating corruption in order to bring Kyrgyz legislation in line with CoE standards is one such priority.

Kyrgyz authorities have voiced concerns regarding corruption in the country and have expressed readiness to undertake measures to tackle the issue by taking steps to bring their efforts in line with those of the Council of Europe member states. In that

¹ The “Neighbourhood Co-operation Priorities” document for the Kyrgyz Republic for 2015-2017 was approved by the CoE Committee of Ministers on 4 February 2015.

sense, the Kyrgyz Republic has shown strong interest in joining the GRECO and signing and ratifying the CoE anti-corruption conventions.

NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED

As recognized by the authorities and pointed in several country reports (e.g. OECD, Transparency International, and the World Bank), corruption is wide-spread in the Kyrgyz Republic and presents a challenge to the effective rule of law. The Project therefore looks to support authorities in remedying the current situation by strengthening legislative and institutional capacities to prevent and fight corruption, thereby contributing to overall strengthening of rule of law and democracy in the Kyrgyz Republic.

This intervention aims at assisting authorities of the Kyrgyz Republic address areas of concern such as shortcomings in the existing anti-corruption legislative framework, weak policy implementation and coordination and cooperation mechanisms, lack of expertise within law enforcement agencies, prosecution service and the judiciary in different areas, such as analysis and management of asset declarations. In addition to this, the Project will contribute to raising public awareness on corruption and corruption related issues.

OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives/ Purpose of the Action	Overall Objective: Contribute to the democracy and the rule of law through the implementation of anti-corruption measures and policies.
	Purpose: Strengthening the rule of law capacities to prevent and fight corruption in the Kyrgyz Republic.
Expected Result 1	Enhanced adherence of the Kyrgyz Republic to the European and international anti-corruption standards
Proposed Interventions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise awareness of Kyrgyz authorities on the Council of Europe anti-corruption standards and its monitoring mechanism (GRECO); 2. Strengthen anti-corruption (prevention and combating) legislative framework in line with CoE treaty and soft law; 3. Improve framework and capacities concerning whistleblowing mechanisms.
Expected Result 2	Enhanced capacities to implement effective anti-corruption strategies and policies
Proposed Interventions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review/update State Strategy on AC policy; 2. Enhanced capacities to streamline policy coordination between the institutions; 3. Provide corruption risk-assessments on regulatory and institutional obstacles and subsequently develop a handbook on professional

	<p>ethics and good governance for civil service.</p> <p>4. Develop operational guidelines and methodologies for the analysis and the management of the asset declarations.</p>
Expected Result 3	Strengthened capacities and skills of judiciary, prosecutorial and law enforcement agencies to efficiently address corruption
Proposed Interventions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of investigation methodologies and operational procedures on corruption related offences aimed at increasing their efficiency; 2. Train the trainers and members of the judiciary, prosecution and law enforcement on specialised economic crime related investigations and adjudication. 3. Provide legal and technical advice on the current codes of ethics and conflict of interest in the judicial sector, prosecution and law enforcement; 4. Train judiciary, prosecution and law enforcement on the application of code of ethics/conflict of interests and the relevant international standards.
Expected Result 4	Anti- corruption public awareness raising campaign
Proposed interventions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased public awareness of the Anti-corruption efforts in the Kyrgyz Republic through a comprehensive communication strategy/plan. 2. Support public awareness campaign strategy through a comprehensive communication plan.

COUNTERPARTS/BENEFICIARIES

The Project will work with the following authorities of the Kyrgyz Republic in order to achieve the Project Expected Results: the General Prosecution Office, Department for prevention of Corruption - Prime Minister's Office; State Personnel Service, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Economy, Judiciary, Defence Council Working Group and Secretariat, and the Anti-corruption Service of State Committee of National Security, Ministry of Interior.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

As the key actor in this thematic area, the Council of Europe, and more specifically the Department of Action against Crime, through its Economic Crime and Cooperation Unit (ECCU) will be in-charge of implementing activities under this Project. It will engage international long- and short-term experts in the field of anti-corruption and economic crime and local experts from the Kyrgyz Republic to that end.

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