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## **ACTION AGAINST ECONOMIC CRIME IN ALBANIA (AEC-ALBANIA)**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

VENUE: TIRANA INTERNATIONAL HOTEL (CONFERENCE ROOM METROPOL), TIRANA, ALBANIA; 27 OCTOBER 2016

#### **PROGRAMME BACKGROUND**

The European Union and Council of Europe's Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey (hereafter referred to as "Horizontal Facility") builds on the two organisations policy priorities in the context of the Western Balkans and Turkey and on the CoE expertise in standard-setting, monitoring and cooperation methodologies. It aims to improve implementation of key recommendations of relevant Council of Europe monitoring and advisory bodies in the areas indicated in the Statement of Intent signed on 1 April 2014 by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the European Union Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy.

In the field of fight against economic crime, three country specific interventions have been designed within the Horizontal Facility Programme and more specifically: Albania, Montenegro and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia". Those actions will aim to improve implementation of key recommendations of the CoE's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL), and to further strengthen institutional capacities regarding each country's national reform priorities and other policy level required reforms that emanate from their enlargement agreement process.

#### **Programme's Specific Objectives (SO) in Albania (AEC-Albania):**

- SO 1: Review Political Party Funding legislation and institutional framework
- SO 2: Improve the asset declarations system
- SO 3: Review AML/CFT legislative and strategic framework
- SO 4: Enhance capacities of law enforcement authorities, prosecution and judiciary to fight ML/TF
- SO 5: Improve and streamline inter-agency cooperation

The Action against Economic Crime in Albania is implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division-DG I with an allocated budget of € 1,000,000 and an implementation period of 36 months.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee meeting will bring together representatives of all main beneficiary institutions of the Action, as well as representatives of European Union Delegation and Council of Europe with the aim to:

- Discuss and approve the Terms of Reference (ToR) and a list of designated representatives of beneficiary institutions to the Steering Committee;
- Discuss and approve Action's workplan and calendar of activities.

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

The Steering Committee meeting will be attended by representatives of the following institutions: European Union Delegation, Economic Crime and Cooperation Division of the Council of Europe, National Coordinator on Anti-Corruption, High Inspectorate for the Declaration Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interest (HIDAACI), Central Election Commission (CEC), The General Directorate for the Prevention of Money Laundering, General Prosecutor's Office, General Directorate of State Police, Bank of Albania and Financial Supervisory Authority, Administration of the Management of Seized and Confiscated Assets, and the School of Magistrates.

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## DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2016	
15:00 – 15:15	<b>OPENING REMARKS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr/Ms, Representative of HIDAACI or CEC</li><li>- Mr/Ms, Representative of GDPML</li><li>- Mr/Ms, Representative of the European Union Delegation to Albania</li><li>- Mr Mustafa Ferati, Head of Unit I, Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, DGI, Council of Europe</li><li>- Mr Olsi Dekovi, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tirana <i>ad interim</i></li></ul>
15:15 – 15:30	Discussion and adoption of the Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee (SC) and List of SC members
15.30 – 16.00	Presentation, discussion and adoption of the Action's workplan and calendar of activities – Maia Mamulashvili – Programme Coordinator, Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, DGI, Council of Europe
16:00 – 16:15	Any other business