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## **ACTION AGAINST ECONOMIC CRIME IN “THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA” (AEC-“FYROM”)**

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

VENUE: HOTEL, SKOPJE, “THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA”; 26 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 “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (AEC-FYROM):**

- SO 1: The regulatory framework and guidance for whistleblower protection and reporting is reviewed and implemented
- SO 2: The system for monitoring of political party and election campaign financing is improved
- SO 3: Improved legislation and anti-money laundering, countering terrorism financing (AML/CFT) national strategy
- SO 4: Capacity building for the Financial Intelligence Office (FIO)
- SO 5: Strengthen the capacities of the judiciary, prosecution and law enforcement agencies to fight ML and TF
- SO 6: Improved AML/CFT preventive system
- SO 7: Enhanced international cooperation capacities for law enforcement, FIU and supervisors

The Action against Economic Crime in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” is implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division- DG I with an allocated budget of € 1,350,000 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 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee meeting will be attended by representatives of the following institutions: European Union Delegation, Council of Europe, Financial Intelligence office, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Customs Office, Financial Police, Public Revenue Office, MAPAS, National Bank, Securities and exchange commission, Insurance Supervisory Authority, the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption; the State Audit Office; the Public Prosecutors Office; the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors.

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**DRAFT AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2016	
10:00 – 10:15	Adoption of the agenda and introductory remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Representative of the Financial Intelligence Office</li><li>- Representative of the EU Delegation to Skopje</li><li>- Representative of the Council of Europe</li></ul>
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion and adoption of the Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee (SC) and List of SC members
10:30 – 11:15	Presentation, discussion and adoption of the Action's workplan and calendar of activities
11:15 – 11:30	Any other business