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ACTION AGAINST ECONOMIC CRIME IN MONTENEGRO (AEC-MNE)

1ST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

VENUE: AGENCY FOR PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION, PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO; 25 NOVEMBER 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 Montenegro (AEC-MNE):

- SO 1: Improve the legal framework to prevent corruption
- SO 2: Enhance institutional capacities to prevent corruption (Enhance capacities of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption)
- SO 3: Enhance capacities of law enforcement authorities, prosecution and judiciary in combating economic crime
- SO 4: Improve AML/CFT strategic planning and analysis mechanisms, and strengthen capacities of FIU and supervisory authorities

The Action against Economic Crime in Montenegro is implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division- DG I with an allocated budget of € 650,000 and an implementation period of 36 months.

OBJECTIVES OF THE 1ST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The 1st 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: the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division of the Council of Europe; the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro; the Agency for Prevention of Corruption; the Administration for Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing; the Centre for Training in Judiciary and State Prosecution Service; the Ministry of Justice; the Ministry of Interior; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration; the Parliament of Montenegro; the State Audit Institution; the Supreme Court; the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office; the Special Prosecutor's Office; the Police Administration.

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2016	
10:00 – 10:15	OPENING REMARKS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Marzia Palotta, Programme Officer Justice and Home Affairs, Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro- Mr Gergo Nemeth, Programme Coordinator, Economic Crime and Cooperation Division
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion and adoption of the Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee (SC), the List of SC members and Calendar
10:30 – 11:00	Presentation, discussion and adoption of the Action's workplan and calendar of activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Gergo Nemeth, Programme Coordinator, Economic Crime and Cooperation Division- Ms Ana Selic, AEC-MNE Project Officer
11.00 – 11.15	Any other business
11:15	Coffee