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*The CARPO project management unit
wishes you
a happy and prosperous New Year 2006!*

COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND EUROPEAN COMMISSION CARDS REGIONAL POLICE PROJECT

Welcome to the September edition of our Newsletter. A number of activities were carried out during the September-December period within the CARDS Police Regional Project: “Development of Reliable and Functioning Policing Systems and Enhancing of Combating Main Criminal Activities and Police Co-operation” (CARPO).

The CARPO project, which started in March 2004, aims at strengthening the capacities of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” against serious forms of crime based on the *acquis* of the European Union and other European standards and practices by:

- providing them with the necessary tools against organised and economic crime (module 1, co-ordinated by the Council of Europe);

- enabling them to deliver comprehensive training against trafficking in human beings, smuggling and illegal migration (module 2, co-ordinated by the International Organization for Migration).

The CARPO project was due to finish on 30 September 2006. The European Commission and the Council of Europe have decided, within the remaining available resources under the original budget, to extend it for another nine month period (from 1 October 2006 to 30 June 2007). During this extension period the CARPO project will focus exclusively on output 1.1-Crime analysis and output 1.2-Financial Investigations.

You can find more detailed information on our webpage www.coe.int/carpo.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Brijuni Strategy: one year after its adoption by the Ministers of interior and Security of SEE, the Heads of Police from SEE reviewed the progress made in its implementation (Sarajevo, 21 September 2006)
 - Training manuals on “Financial Investigations and Confiscation of Proceeds from Crime” and “Protecting Witnesses of Serious Crime/Procedural Protective Measures” available and distributed in local languages in each project area
 - Training manuals on “Trafficking in Persons for the Western Balkan Region” and “Irregular Migration and Smuggling of Migrants for the Western Balkan Region” available and distributed in local languages in each project area
 - The CARPO questionnaire on the situation of organised and economic crime in SEE will be submitted in the course of February 2007
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MODULE 1 COMPLETED ACTIVITIES (September-December 2006)

Output 1.1

Development of the regional strategy on economic and organised crime in accordance with the acquis of the EU and European standards and practices

- *High level meeting of Heads of Police from South-eastern Europe to review progress made in the implementation of the regional strategy and project area specific actions - Final Conference - Sarajevo, 21 September 2006*
- Publication of “2006 Situation Report on organised and economic crime in South-eastern Europe” in English and in local languages, September 2006

Output 1.2

Capacities for financial investigations aimed at the confiscation of proceeds from crime strengthened

- Regional workshop of local trainers on Financial Investigations to review and update the training materials (Belgrade, 16-17 November 2007)
- **Second round** of in-project area training seminars by local trainers with expert support on financial investigations and confiscation of proceeds from crime:
 - Skopje, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, 9-10 November 2006
- In-country roundtable of operational managers and representatives of training institutions to review the strategy/approach to financial investigations (Skopje, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, 15 December 2006)
- Publication of “Training manual on financial investigations and confiscation of proceeds from crime” in local languages, September 2006

Output 1.4

The creation of effective mechanisms to protect witnesses of serious crime supported

- Publication of “Protecting witnesses of Serious Crime/Procedural protective measures-Training manual for law enforcement and judiciary” in English and in local language, September 2006
- In project-area training seminars by local trainers on procedural protective measures
 - Brcko, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1-2 September;
 - Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 8-9 September;
 - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina 14-15 September;
 - Pristina, Kosovo, Republic of Serbia, 26-27 October 2006
 - Podgorica, Montenegro, 21-22 September 2006

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Output 1.5

Capacities for co-operation in criminal matters among the countries of South-eastern Europe made more efficient

- Training on Policy Making and Legislation Drafting on Selected Aspects of International Cooperation in Criminal Matters (Pristina, Kosovo, Republic of Serbia, 28-29 September 2006)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (January-March 2007)

Output 1.1

- In-country workshops on the intelligence-led policing:
 - Pristina, Kosovo, February 2007 (date tbc)
 - Tirana, Kosovo, February 2007 (date tbc)
 - Skopje, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, March 2007 (date tbc)
 - Podgorica, Montenegro, March 2007 (date tbc)
 - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, April 2007 (date tbc)
 - Zagreb, Croatia, April 2007 (date tbc)
 - Belgrade, Serbia, May 2007 (date tbc)

Output 1.2

- **Second round** of in-project area training seminars by local trainers with expert support on financial investigations and confiscation of proceeds from crime:
 - Podgorica, Montenegro, 24-25 January 2007
 - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 30-31 January 2007
 - Zagreb, Croatia, 13-14 February 2007
 - Novi Sad, Serbia, 27-28 February 2007
 - Tirana, Albania, 12-13 March 2007
 - Pristina, Kosovo, April 2007 (date tbc)
- In-country roundtable of operational managers and representatives of training institutions to review the strategy/approach to financial investigations:
 - Podgorica, Montenegro, 26 January 2007
 - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 31 January 2007
 - Zagreb, Croatia, 15 February 2007
 - Belgrade, Serbia, 1 March 2007
 - Tirana, Albania, 16 March 2007
 - Pristina, Kosovo, April 2007 (date tbc)
- Regional workshop on the creation of a special agency executing seizure and confiscation orders and good practices in the area of management of seized and confiscated proceeds, Tirana (Albania), 14-15 March 2007

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Output 1.4

- In-project areas trainings on procedural protective measures for witnesses
 - Lovran, Croatia, 25-26 January 2007
 - Republic of Serbia, (dates tbc)

Output 1.5

- Update of the PACO Judicial Co-operation Manual

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MODULE 2 COMPLETED ACTIVITIES (September-December 2006)

- Workshop for the national Training Teams from the 7 project areas (Budapest, Hungary, 25-26 September 2006)
- Closing Ceremony of Module 2 (Budapest, Hungary, 27 September 2006)

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