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Council of Europe and European Commission CARDS Regional Police 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, Serbia and Montenegro and “the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia” to develop and implement regional strategies 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 economic and organised crime (module 1)
- enabling them to deliver comprehensive training against trafficking in human beings, smuggling and illegal migration (module 2).

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Belgium, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden as foreseen by the project grant, and in close cooperation with other relevant regional and international actors.

The project consists of two modules, with the Council of Europe as the co-ordinator for module 1 and the International Organization for Migration as the co-ordinator for module 2 :

- **Module objective 1:** To develop a regional strategy against economic and organised crime in South-eastern Europe based on the *acquis* of the European Union and European standards and practices, and to provide law enforcement institutions with the tools necessary to implement the strategy.
- **Module Objective 2 :** To strengthen the capacities of training institutions in the countries of the region to deliver training in all matters related to trafficking in human beings, smuggling and illegal migration based on standards and benchmarks in line with EU policies and practices.

For more detailed information please refer to the CARPO websites:

<http://www.coe.int/cards-police>

<http://www.belgium.iom.int/CardsRegional2002/>

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES:

January - June 2005

Module 1/ 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

Regional Seminar to finalise the preparation of a situation report on economic and organised crime in Western Balkans (Strasbourg, 15-16 March 2005)

Regional Seminar to develop a draft regional strategy on economic and organised crime in Western Balkans (Strasbourg, 28 June 2005)

Work on the draft template and main elements of the regional strategy (on-going)

Module 1/ Output 1.2 - Capacities for financial investigations aimed at the confiscation of proceeds from crime strengthened

Regional training seminar on information exchange among Financial Intelligence Units (Zagreb, 11-12 February 2005)

International seminar on co-operation between financial intelligence units, the police and public prosecution (Ohrid, 22-23 March 2005)

Regional Seminar in view of developing implementation strategies on financial investigations and to review training needs (Sarajevo, 6-7 April 2005)

In-house technical level seminar to develop amendments to legislation and guidelines for practitioners (Pristina, 5-6 May 2005)

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Module 1/ Output 1.3 - More effective use of special investigative means and intelligence in accordance with human rights standards supported

Study visit for crime analysts and intelligence officers on criminal intelligence systems, crime analysis, proactive policing and data protection (Madrid, 18-20 January 2005)

Study visit on undercover operations and oversight mechanisms over the use of SIMS and regional seminar on drafting of implementation strategies (Ljubljana, 26-28 January 2005)

Regional seminar to review training needs on the use of SIMS and Intelligence (Tirana, May 2005)

Module 1/ Output 1.4 - The creation of effective mechanisms to protect witnesses of serious crime supported

Workshop in Kosovo on the development of implementation strategies, in view of creation of specialised witness protection units: (February 2005)

Study visit in Germany for members of the WG on specialised witness protection units (Meckenheim, 14-16 March 2005)

Bilateral exchange of experience on the set-up of the witness protection unit: Croatia/ "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (April 2005)

Regional workshop to discuss draft implementation strategies and review training needs in the field of witness protection (Zagreb, 6-7 April 2005)

Module 1/ Output 1.5 - Capacities for co-operation in criminal matters among the countries of South-eastern Europe made more efficient

Review of gaps and opportunities in legislation and institutional capacities for the ratification and implementation of ETS 182 (January-February 2005)

Regional seminar on the elaboration of a strategy for the ratification and implementation of the 2nd Additional Protocol to the European convention on mutual assistance in criminal matters (Belgrade, 23-25 February 2005)

Module 2/ Output 2.1 - Training strategy developed and adopted based on a thorough analysis of needs and capacities

Regional Thematic Seminar gathering senior representatives and module 2 coordinators, subject matter experts, IOM project management and project officers (8-10 March 2005, National Police Headquarters, Budapest, Hungary)

Development and distribution of the detailed Action Plan on training delivery for trainers on illegal migration, trafficking and smuggling of persons (March 2005)

Module 2/ Output 2.2 - Curricula and training materials on to trafficking in human beings, smuggling and illegal migration developed, tested and available for further training

Subject matter expert and drafting group meetings in Brussels (January 13/14, 2005, January 29/30, 2005, April 11/12, 2005; April 22, 2005) to review and develop training material.

Missions in each project area to review training needs and share draft material with module 2 coordinator (on-going)

Editing of raw material and educational upgrade (on-going)

Co-ordination meeting with international organisations involved in anti-trafficking training to discuss and review existing training material and training events as well as currently undertaken up-dates of existing training material in order to find common solutions by making use of synergies and thus improve the overall outcome of training activities in the whole region (Brussels, 15 February 2005)

Study visit for train trainers to Hungarian Border Police and training institutions (Orozhaza/Gyula/Budapest, 8-11 May 2005)

Other regional joint activities

Joint CARPO and CARDS Justice project roundtable: More efficient co-operation between the public prosecution and the police in fighting organised crime in South-eastern Europe (Strasbourg, 18-19 May 2005)

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CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July - October 2005

Module 1

Regional expert and high-level meeting to finalise and adopt the regional strategy on Economic and Organised Crime in Western Balkans (Island Brijuni - Croatia, 22-23 September 2005)

Module 1/ Output 1.1

Study visit to Europol for crime analysts and police officers from Organised Crime Departments (The Hague, 5-7 July 2005)

7th Colloquium on Cross-Border Crime (Sarajevo, 6-8 October 2005)

Module 1/ Output 1.2

Elaboration of training concepts and materials (on-going)

Regional seminar to finalise and endorse training concepts and materials on financial investigations (Tirana, October-November 2005)

Module 1/ Output 1.3

Elaboration of training concepts and materials (on-going)

Regional seminar to finalise and endorse training concepts and materials on SIMS (Sarajevo, 18-19 October 2005)

Module 1/ Output 1.4

Elaboration of training concepts and materials (on-going)

Regional seminar to finalise and endorse training concepts and materials on the protection of witnesses (Podgorica, October 2005)

Module 1/ Output 1.5

Missions in each project area to review training needs and concepts (August – September 2005)

Regional meeting to agree on training materials development (Pristina, October 2005)

Expert workshops on drafting of legislative amendments (per request only, until December 2005)

Module 2

Preparation of two regional train trainer events in October and November 2005 taking in to account the self-evaluation questionnaires written by trainers, their suggestions and educational upgrade for the training material, and quality control of the translated material for illegal migration, smuggling and trafficking in persons

Module 2/ Output 2.1

Development meeting in Brussels to review and discuss anti-trafficking training modules (July 2005)

Instructor development update meeting for international trainer conducting the Regional Train-Trainer Event (September 2005)

Missions in each project area to review training needs and share draft material with module 2 coordinator (on-going)

Module 2/ Output 2.2

Expert meeting in Brussels for content and language review as well as educational upgrade on the Manual to Combat Illegal Migration and Smuggling (July 2005)

Translation of developed training material into all local languages and distribution to the train trainers and experts (September 2005)

First Regional Train Trainer Event – Illegal Migration and Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons (two separate courses) For trainers from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Serbia and Montenegro (Budapest, October 2005)

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