

Activity Report (Synopsis)

<u>Field of activity:</u>	Economic Crime Division
<u>Name of Activity:</u>	Training on “Enhancing the Ability of Revenue Service officers to detect Corruption Offences”
<u>Project:</u>	GEPAC (Ordinary Budget Activity)
<u>Country:</u>	Georgia
<u>Activity Date/Venue:</u>	6-7 October 2010, Revenue Service
<u>Workplan Reference:</u>	Output 5.3
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<u>Participants:</u>	Tax Inspectors
<u>Total No. of participants:</u>	22 (13 Male, 9 Female)
<u>Partner Institutions:</u>	Revenue Service of Georgia

Objectives:

Results:

Comments/Planning (if necessary)

The training started with a complete overview of international legal instruments on combating bribery, in particular, the 1996 Recommendation on the Tax Deductibility of Bribes to Foreign Public Officials, the 1997 Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions and the 2009 Recommendation on Tax Measures for Further Combating Bribery of FPO in International Business Transactions, the OECD - CoE Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters, which was signed recently by Georgia.

The training sessions consisted of two main parts: the first part on the indicators of fraud and bribery while the second part focused on the “OECD Bribery Awareness Handbook for Tax examiners”.

Indicators of fraud and bribery are notably: 1) methods of payment, 2) fictitious employees, 3) books and records, 4) conduct of the tax payer, 5) methods of concealment and the last on the international instruments of cooperation among tax authorities and especially on article 26 of the Model of Tax Convention OECD.

The purpose of the handbook is to assist countries in making their tax examiners aware of various bribery techniques used, as well as giving them the tools to detect and identify bribes of foreign public officials and bribes to public officials in the domestic context.

There was a good level of participation during the sessions. The use of studies and statistical documents relating to the subjects proved to be highly relevant and of great interest to most participants.

In case of any future training, the introduction of practical exercises on budgets and analysing other commercial documents could be included.