



Controlling Corruption through Law Enforcement and Prevention Project (CLEP)

Activity Report – 7

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY

Implementing entity:

Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Action against Crime Department, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, DGI – Human Rights and Rule of Law

Type of activity:

Anti-Money Laundering Training of Trainers for Lawyers (CLEP - activity 1.3.2.)

Programme/Project:

Controlling Corruption through Law Enforcement and Prevention

Country/Region:

Republic of Moldova

Date and place:

4 – 5 June 2019, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Council of Europe Secretariat:

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Participants:

10 men and 8 women

Total number of participants:

18

Partner institutions/organisations:

The Moldovan Bar Association Training Centre and the Financial Intelligence Unit.

Objectives:

To equip future trainers (lawyers collaborating with the Moldovan Bar Association Training Centre) with necessary knowledge and skills to train lawyers in anti-money laundering (AML) requirements, risk assessment, customer due diligence and suspicious transactions reporting.

General Assessment:

During the first day of the training, the FIU presented updates in the AML requirements for lawyers and discussed potential improvements. The CoE trainers focused on explaining money laundering concepts and discussed with participants essential elements to stress from “trainer to

trainee". Additionally, the programme foresaw a presentation on the vulnerability of lawyers to money laundering and a discussion on the duty to report and its reconciliation with professional secrecy. The participants were also involved in an exercise on how to draft a suspicious transaction report. The second day focused on additional exercises on the risk based approach and customer due diligence, promoting a practical approach for future trainings within the Moldovan Bar Association Training Centre.

Results/conclusions:

The training was designed for both clarifying relevant AML concepts for lawyers and for preparing future trainers to run a practical and useful training programme. The activity successfully built participants' confidence in passing on the knowledge gained during the activity and helped them in understanding how to manage case studies and exercises.

Agenda:

See attached.