



Controlling Corruption through Law Enforcement and Prevention Project (CLEP)

Activity Report – 6

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:

First Experts' Mission to draft a study on incentives for private sector anti-corruption compliance (activity 2.3.3.)

Programme/Project:

Controlling Corruption through Law Enforcement and Prevention

Country/Region:

Republic of Moldova

Date and place:

21-23 May 2019, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Council of Europe Secretariat:

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Participants:

24 men and 14 women

Total number of participants:

38

Partner institutions/organisations:

National Anti-Corruption Centre.

Objectives:

To gather information, opinions from private sector and public institutions to draft a study on incentives for private sector anti-corruption compliance.

General Assessment:

During a three-day mission, CoE experts met with the National Anti-Corruption Centre, the American Chamber of Commerce, the Moldovan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Public Procurement Agency, representatives of Civil Society Organizations, the European Bank for

Reconstruction and Development, the Ministry of Finance and State Fiscal Service, the Ministry of Economy and the Organization for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises, the Secretariat of the Economic Council to the Prime Minister, several business associations as well as representatives of medium and large enterprises.

In order to explain the concept and clarify their tasks, the CoE experts presented some models for incentives applied in other countries and discussed options for the Republic of Moldova. They collected feedback and different opinions from a wide range of actors. Such information constitutes the basis to draft the study, which will be shared to all participants to the meetings, as mentioned above, before organizing a second mission.

Results/conclusions:

The mission was key to collect opinions, feedback as well as initial concerns on potential incentives to promote anti-corruption compliance in private sector companies. Apart of adapting some integrity related criteria for state grants and procurement processes, the experts discussed the possibility to create a “white list” of companies, certified thanks to their compliance programmes and described the concept of “ethical loans” from commercial banks. Also the settlement agreement, in place for instance in the American and British systems, was mentioned as a possibility.

A first draft of the study will be shared with the participants to the meetings to prepare a second mission, planned for the coming months.

Agenda:

See attached.