



## Controlling Corruption through Law Enforcement and Prevention Project (CLEP)

### Activity Report – 4

#### 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:**

Training for prosecutors and criminal investigative officers on evidence presentation in court: economic and financial crimes (activity 5.3.1.)

**Programme/Project:**

Controlling Corruption through Law Enforcement and Prevention

**Country/Region:**

Republic of Moldova

**Date and place:**

21-22 May 2019, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

**Council of Europe Secretariat:**

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**Participants:**

17 men and 3 women

**Total number of participants:**

20

**Partner institutions/organisations:**

General Prosecutor's Office (GPO), Prosecution Office for Organized Crime and Special Cases (PCCOCS) and Anti-Corruption Prosecution Office (ACPO).

**Objectives:**

To equip prosecutors and criminal investigators with good practices on evidence collection and presentation in court for financial and economic crimes, including trans-border cases.

**General Assessment:**

During the first day of the training, participants were introduced to different case scenarios and were required to identify correct investigative and procedural steps to undertake in order to gather

admissible evidence for the court. Participants also learned about the importance of inter-agency cooperation (between prosecutors, financial intelligence authorities and other administrative authorities) in order to ensure the legal basis of the collected evidence. International standards, good practices and legal framework in investigating economic/financial crimes were discussed as well.

The second day of the training focused on presenting types of confiscation measures (extended confiscation, non-conviction based confiscation, third-party confiscation, etc.) and types of evidence to be provided to the court in relation to each of the confiscation methods. Techniques for presenting in court evidence gathered from covert measures (e.g. wire tapping, interceptions, private recording, etc.) were presented by the trainer as well. Participants were actively involved in sharing their experience in investigating economic/financial crimes and challenges faced in court. The expert helped participants to identify appropriate solutions considering international good practices.

**Results/conclusions:**

The training presented different types of evidence collected in economic and financial crimes (including cross-border crimes) and related techniques to collect such evidence. The participants gained knowledge on how to gather admissible evidence from financial investigations and open sources and how to effectively present it in court. Participants were extremely involved, asked relevant questions and stated they plan to pass on to colleagues and use the knowledge acquired in their daily activities. The training materials were sent in PDF to all participants.

**Agenda:**

See attached.