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Programme background

The European Union and Council of Europe's Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey (hereafter referred to as "Horizontal Facility") builds on the two organisations policy priorities in the context of the Western Balkans and Turkey and on the CoE expertise in standard-setting, monitoring and cooperation methodologies. It aims to improve implementation of key recommendations of relevant Council of Europe monitoring and advisory bodies in the areas indicated in the Statement of Intent signed on 1 April 2014 by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the European Union Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy.

In the field of fight against economic crime, three country specific interventions have been designed within the Horizontal Facility Programme and more specifically: Albania, Montenegro and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia". Those actions will aim to improve implementation of key recommendations of the CoE's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL), and to further strengthen institutional capacities regarding each country's national reform priorities and other policy level required reforms that emanate from their enlargement agreement process.

Programme's Specific Objectives (SO) in Montenegro (AEC-MNE):

SO 1: Improve the legal framework to prevent corruption
SO 2: Enhance institutional capacities to prevent corruption (Enhance capacities of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption)
SO 3: Enhance capacities of law enforcement authorities, prosecution and judiciary in combating economic crime
SO 4: Improve AML/CFT strategic planning and analysis mechanisms, and strengthen capacities of FIU and supervisory authorities

The Action against Economic Crime in Montenegro is implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division- DG I with an allocated budget of € 650,000 and an implementation period of 36 months.

Objectives

The objective of the event is to facilitate coordination between two institution in cases related to high/level corruption, financial crime and money laundering. This shall be achieved through establishment of regular meetings, information exchange channels, and clearly defined procedures and timelines for reporting of criminal acts. The implementation of Protocol and its results will be monitored and recorded in unique registry, kept by the State Prosecution.

Participants

The participants will be all relevant stakeholders from State Institutions.

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12:00 – 12:10 **Introductory remarks:**

- Angela Longo, Head of Council of Europe Programme Office in Montenegro

12:10 – 12:30 **Signing of Protocol**

- Ivica Stankovic, Supreme State Prosecutor of Montenegro
- Milan Dabovic, President of the Senate of the State Audit Institution, Montenegro

12:30 -14:00 **Cocktail for participants**