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CONTROLLING CORRUPTION THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION CLEP - MOLDOVA

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title	Controlling corruption through law enforcement and prevention (CLEP)-the Republic of Moldova
Duration	36 months
Budget	€ 2 225 000
Funding	European Union: 89 %; Council of Europe: 11%
Implementation	Council of Europe: Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Action against Crime Department, DG-I
Duration	1 June 2017 – 31 May 2020 (36 months)

I. BACKGROUND

According to the Council of Europe Action Plan with the Republic of Moldova for 2017-2020 joint commitment has been expressed to undertake co-operation programmes aiming at reforms to improve governance at all levels, to combat corruption and money laundering. It has been recognized that the challenges to complete reforms lie mainly with lack of public trust in the judicial system, lack of transparency and accountability of the political process, wide-spread corruption, inefficient public administration at central and local levels and insufficient institutional capacity in certain areas.

In its most recent Association Implementation Report on the Republic of Moldova (March 2017) the EU highlighted the main challenges and key reform areas to be tackled in Moldova, including excessive politicisation of state institutions, systemic corruption, lack of judiciary independence, the financial sector governance and insufficient investigation into the banking fraud.

The Joint CoE/EU Project on “Controlling corruption through law enforcement and prevention (CLEP)” aims to tackle the priorities outlines by the CoE and EU in the field of anti-corruption, anti-money laundering/combating terrorism financing, as well as asset recovery.

II. NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED

The project was developed to accommodate the needs of various actors involved in the field of combating corruption and economic crime as well as broader contextual needs of the society through awareness raising and information campaigns. The Project will address gaps in the legislative and institutional frameworks, capacity building needs for agencies undertaking both preventive and law enforcement functions, key IT infrastructure weaknesses and interagency coordination problems.

III. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Objective	To strengthen the anti-corruption framework in Moldova in line with European and international treaties.
Specific Objective	To support the reform of the anti-corruption regulatory framework and relevant institutions in line with European and international standards and re-enforce national and international co-operation of specialised law enforcement and prevention systems.
Expected Results	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gaps and deficiencies in the regulatory framework concerning prevention and fight against corruption and money laundering/terrorism financing are addressed in line with relevant CoE and EU practices;2. Capacities of authorities to design and implement corruption and money laundering prevention measures are enhanced;3. Strengthened asset recovery framework and capacities of relevant involved and dedicated structures;4. Upgraded information sharing systems and capacities for the national mechanisms concerning corruption offences/violations and of tracing of assets and their recovery;5. National and international co-operation between national and international law enforcement agencies on data exchange and international tracing of crime proceeds concerning corruption and other forms of economic crime are supported and enhanced;6. Public awareness and participation in the fight against corruption is increased.

IV. COUNTERPARTS AND BENEFICIARIES

The CLEP Project will work with the following stakeholders:

- National Anti-Corruption Centre (NAC)
- General Prosecutor Office
- Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office
- National Integrity Authority (NIA)
- Office for Prevention and Fight against Money Laundering (FIU)
- Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA)
- Ministry of Justice (MoJ)
- Supreme Council of Magistracy (SCM)

- Supreme Council of Prosecutors (SCP)
- Combating Organized Crime and Special Cases Prosecutor's Office
- Ministry of Finance (MoF)
- State Tax Service, Customs
- National Bank of the Republic of Moldova
- National Justice Institute
- Police Academy
- Journalists
- Civil Society.

V. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

As the key actor in this thematic area, the Council of Europe, and more specifically the Action against Crime Department, through its Economic Crime and Cooperation Division (ECCD) will be in-charge of implementing activities under this Project. It will engage international long- and short-term experts in the field of anti-corruption and economic crime and local experts from the Republic of Moldova to that end.

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