



ACTION AGAINST ECONOMIC CRIME IN ALBANIA (AEC-ALBANIA)

ACTIVITY 4.3.1

“TRAINING ON ASSET TRACING FOR PURPOSES OF SEIZURE AND CONFISCATION IN A CRIMINAL CASE”

VENUE: HOTEL “LIFE GALLERY”, KORÇA, ALBANIA; 8-9 JANUARY 2019

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 Albania (AEC-Albania):

- SO 1: Review Political Party Funding legislation and institutional framework
- SO 2: Improve the asset declarations system
- SO 3: Review AML/CFT legislative and strategic framework
- SO 4: Enhance capacities of law enforcement authorities, prosecution and judiciary to fight ML/TF
- SO 5: Improve and streamline inter-agency cooperation

The Action against Economic Crime in Albania is implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division-DG I with an allocated budget of € 1,000,000 and an implementation period of 36 months.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING

The Training on Asset tracing for purposes of seizure and confiscation in a criminal case is an activity organised by AEC-Albania under SO4. This activity is a round-table based training where the participants will be introduced to a various concepts, principles and strategies relating to financial investigation and asset confiscation. Using analogous legislation and international best practice, the participants will learn how to operationally implement use of domestic legislation to financially investigate criminal cases and how to restrain and confiscate assets both nationally and internationally. This will be complemented by reference to the draft ‘guidance’ already prepared by the Project. The participants will follow a sequential case study to enhance the learning experience.

PARTICIPANTS

The training will be attended by representatives of: Regional Directorates of the Albanian State Police, prosecutors from the Districts of Korça, Pogradec, Elbasan, Gjirokastra and Tirana, General Directorate for the Prevention of Money Laundering, Albanian Financial Supervisory Authority, Central Bank of Albania and Council of Europe expert.

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AGENDA

TUESDAY, 8 JANUARY 2019	
Managing Inquiry and Securing Evidence	
10:00 - 10:30	<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senior Project Officer AEC-AL - Dean of Faculty of Security and Crime Investigation Albanian Academy of Security
10:30 - 11:30	<p>Presentation of the “Guidelines on asset tracing for purposes of seizure and confiscation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe expert <p>Discussion on the main challenges encountered during the investigation and prosecution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law enforcement and prosecutors
11:30 - 13:30	<p>Managing the Enquiry (Case Study Paper Feeds 1-7)</p> <p>Financial Investigative Strategy Case Management The Investigative & Legal Team The Methodology Money Laundering Terrorist Financing Intelligence Gathering Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe expert - Albanian State Police experts
13:30-13:45	Coffee break
13:45 - 14:00	<p>Securing Evidence (Case Study Paper Feeds 8-18) From intelligence to evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe expert - Albanian State Police experts
14:00- 15:30	- Lunch
15:30 - 16:30	<p>Taking evidence from witnesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe expert - Albanian State Police experts
16:30-17:00	<p>Conclusions from the first day of the training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council of Europe experts


WEDNESDAY, 9 JANUARY 2018
Tracing, Freezing Assets and international cooperation

	Tracing and Freezing Assets
9:00 - 10:30	Obtaining Financial Data Search and Seizure Orders for Disclosure or Production of Documents - (Moderator: Council of Europe expert)
10:00 - 11:30	International Co-operation and MLA requests - (Moderator: Council of Europe expert)
11:30 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 13:00	Confiscation Strategies Case Study Paper Feeds 19-24 - (Moderator: Council of Europe expert)
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Civil forfeiture (Anti Mafia Law) - Council of Europe expert - Albanian State Police experts
15:00- 16:00	Lessons learned - Law enforcement and prosecutors
16:00-17:00	Closure and delivery of certificates