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Agenda

Information session for responsible officials on protection of Whistleblowers

21-22 November 2019

Venue: Anti-Corruption Agency Premises, Pristina

BACKGROUND

The Project against Economic Crime's overall objective is to contribute to the democracy and the rule of law through the prevention and control of corruption; money laundering; and the financing of terrorism in Kosovo. The Project's purpose is to strengthen institutional capacities to counter corruption; money laundering; and financing of terrorism in Kosovo in accordance with European standards through targeted technical assistance and assessments for improving and streamlining economic crime reforms.

OBJECTIVES

Following enactment of the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers and subsequent establishment of the Division on Whistleblowers established within the Kosovo* Anti-Corruption Agency, PECK II Project was requested to continue its support to this Division and other relevant beneficiaries through mentoring, advising and awareness raising activities. The aim of this activity was to provide information to responsible persons about their role on the protection of whistleblowers.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants of this activity are divided in two groups:

First group: responsible persons embedded in various Municipalities in Kosovo.

Second group: Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Kosovo Judicial Council, Police, Customs, Tax Administration, Ministry of Justice and other relevant law enforcement and justice sector institutions.

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

Thursday, 21 November 2019

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| 09:00 –09:15 | Registration of Participants |
| 09:15 – 09:30 | Introductory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>PECK II Senior Project Officer</i>▪ <i>Anti-Corruption Agency (KAA)</i> <p><i>Moderator: PECK II Senior Project Officer</i></p> |
| 09:30 – 11:00 | Briefing on the framework Legislation on Protection of Whistleblowers <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Head of the Division for Whistleblowing, KAA</i>▪ <i>Council of Europe expert</i> |
| 11:00 -11:15 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11:15 – 12:30 | The role of whistleblowers and importance of having internal mechanisms (international standards and good practice) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Council of Europe expert</i> |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 13:30 - 15:00 | Obligations of responsible authorities in the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Head of the Division for Whistleblowing, KAA</i>▪ <i>Council of Europe expert</i> |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 15:15 – 16:00 | Questions and answers/Wrap up of the day <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Council of Europe expert</i> |

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