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# Project against Economic Crime in Kosovo<sup>\*</sup> (PECK II) <u>www.coe.int/peck2</u>

## Agenda

# Mentoring and advising the Anti-Corruption Agency on protection of Whistleblowers

18-20 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 and advising activities.

#### PARTICIPANTS

During these three days, the expert shall work closely with the KAA staff and the Ministry of Justice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup>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.

Monday, 18 November 2019	
09:30 –10:00	Brainstorming meeting with the PECK II Team
	<ul> <li>PECK II Senior Project Officer</li> <li>Council of Europe expert</li> </ul>
10:00 - 11:00	Introductory meeting with the KAA staff
	Council of Europe expert
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30	Policies, Procedures and General Information / Promotion and Awareness Raising of the Scheme.
	Council of Europe expert
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	<ul> <li>Ways individuals can raise concerns and how the mechanisms work in practice.</li> <li>Council of Europe expert</li> </ul>
15:00 - 15 :15	Coffee break
15:15 - 16:00	Protocols and practices for dealing with anonymous disclosures.
	Council of Europe expert

Tuesday, 19 November 2019		
00.00 10.00	Background/ training and experience of persons handling whistleblowing concerns.	
09:30 –10:00	Council of Europe expert	
10:00 - 11:00	Communicating with the whistleblower.	
	• Council of Europe expert	
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 12:30	Case management: recording, tracking and monitoring concerns.	
	Council of Europe expert	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 - 15:00	<ul> <li>Protecting the whistleblower.</li> <li>Council of Europe expert</li> </ul>	
15:00 -15:15	Coffee break	
15:15 – 16:00	The role of line managers/ focal points/ other interested persons.	
	Council of Europe expert	

Wednesday, 20 November 2019	
09:30 -10:00	Dealing with Information not within the remit of the whistleblowing scheme.
	Council of Europe expert
10:00 - 11:00	Misuse of the whistleblowing scheme.
	• Council of Europe expert
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
	Powers to respond, investigate and take corrective action.
11:15 – 12:30	Council of Europe expert
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	Oversight and review of the whistleblowing scheme.
	Council of Europe expert
15:00 -15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 16:00	Additional questions/ matters arising.
	Council of Europe expert