

Project against Economic Crime in Kosovo* (PECK II)

Activity Report – 77

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY

Implementing entity:

Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Action against Crime Department, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, DGI – Human Rights and Rule of Law

Type of activity:

6th Steering Committee meeting of PECK II Project

Programme/Project:

Project against Economic Crime in Kosovo (PECK II)

Country/Region:

Kosovo

Date and place:

16 May 2019, Pristina, Kosovo

Council of Europe Secretariat:

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Participants:

7 female and 12 male

Total number of participants:

19 participants in total

Institutions: Anti-Corruption Agency, Financial Intelligence Unit, Kosovo Police, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice, Central Bank, Kosovo Judicial Council, Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, and EU Office.

*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

Partner institutions/organisations:

KAA and FIU

Objectives:

To inform beneficiary institutions on the implementation of the Project and impact of activities carried out during the period from the last meeting held in September 2018 as well as to inform them on the future activities for the remaining implementation period.

General Assessment:

Participants discussed on the implementation of activities within the framework of PECK II project and main achievements thereof. Overall the Project was commended for its great impact in the legislative areas, international cooperation and awareness raising activities related to countering economic crime. In particular, it was noted that many important pieces of legislation including the Law on Prevention of Conflict of Interest, Law on Protection of Whistleblowers, Law on Targeted Financial Sanctions, Criminal Code, Administrative Instruction on PEPs, and a number of sub legal acts were drafted with PECK II support and are largely compliant with international standards.

Moreover, participants agreed that the Assessment process on AC and AML/CFT areas which was conducted based on GRECO and MONEYVAL methodologies has a major impact for future legal and policy developments. This process which is cumbersome both in terms of time, exchange of communication and capacities involved has been carried out as per set timelines in the workplan and this would not have been possible without the full cooperation and commitment by the Kosovo authorities.

An overview of future activities for the remaining implementation was also provided to the meeting.

Results/conclusions:

Considering the expressed satisfaction with the implemented activities and achievements, participants noted unanimously that there is need for continuation of the Project support.

Agenda:

See attached.