

Project against Economic Crime in Kosovo* (PECK II)

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Agenda

Working group meeting on the draft Regulation on receiving and dealing with whistleblowing reports

12-13 February 2020

Venue: Council of Europe Office, 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. Following the 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.

OBJECTIVES

The objective is to present and discuss expert's recommendations on the draft Regulation on receiving and dealing with whistleblowing reports.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants of this activity are members of the internal working group drafting the Regulation on receiving and administering whistleblowing cases for the public sector.

*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.

Wednesday, 12 February 2020

09:00 – 09:15	Introductory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>PECK II Senior Project Officer</i> ▪ <i>Legal Office of the Minister of Justice</i> ▪ <i>Anti-Corruption Agency (KAA)</i> <p><i>Moderator: PECK II Senior Project Officer</i></p>
09:15 – 09:30	Discussion on the current state of the Regulation and identified shortcomings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Legal Office of the Minister of Justice</i> ▪ <i>Council of Europe expert</i>
09:30 – 11:00	Filer versus whistleblower (Article 3 of the draft Regulation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Council of Europe expert</i>
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12:30	Difference between a grievance and a whistleblowing report (Article 8(1) 1.1 of the draft Regulation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Council of Europe expert</i>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Replying to requests for information (Article 9.6 of the draft Regulation) <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	Clarifications on deadlines provided by the current legal framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Council of Europe expert</i>
16:00 – 16:15	Wrap up of the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>PECK II Senior Project Officer</i>

Thursday, 13 February 2020

09:30 –10:45	Protection of whistleblower’s identity by Responsible Officers (Article 9.3 of the draft Regulation)
10:45 -11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Responding to allegations (Article 7 of the draft Regulation) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Council of Europe expert</i>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 - 15:00	Maintaining the register of public interest reports (Article 12 of the draft Regulation) <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 – 15:45	Annual reporting and its content (Article 13 of the draft Regulation) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Head of the Division for Whistleblowing, KAA</i>▪ <i>Council of Europe expert</i>
15:45 – 16:30	Conclusions/Wrap up of the day <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>PECK II Senior Project Officer</i>