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Project: Development of Reliable and Functioning Policing Systems and Enhancing of Combating Main Criminal Activities and Police Co-operation

MODULE 1 - ACTIVITY 1.1.1: PREPARE AN ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMIC AND ORGANSISED CRIME SITUATION

Activity 1.1.1.3: Follow-up Regional seminar for further training on crime analysis and to work on the regional analysis of the economic and organised crime situation

Ohrid, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", 8-9 November 2004

1. Introduction and approach

The objective is to enhance the understanding of economic and organised crime and of emerging threats and increase the capacity of the Southeast European countries to collect, collate, and analyse data on organized and economic crime. The Council of Europe will review the analytical capabilities of countries of South-eastern Europe and provide training in new methodologies to ensure compliance with European standards. Such approach will help facilitate experience exchange and create a dynamic of cooperation among the countries of the region.

The final results of the Output 1.1 are:

- Elaborated crime situation report on economic and organised crime
- Elaborated regional strategy economic and organised crime which takes into account already existing national strategies, as well as European standards and practices
- Elaborated benchmarks against which to measure progress in the strategy implementation as well as each country's alignment with those benchmarks at the beginning of the project.

The progress made in the strategy implementation will be monitored against the benchmarks set by the *acquis* of the European Union as well as in European and international standards and practices.

A creation of a regional crime situation analysis and strategy target several areas that will help in achieving the overall objective:

- The crime situation report will present facts about the nature, the scope and the characteristics of organized and economic crime and corruption and offer concrete policy choices and direction for joint action in the region.
- The regional strategy will promote compatible and comprehensive approaches in the different countries and thus help facilitate better regional cooperation.
- Regional activities are designed to allow exchange of experience, proper peer reviews and stimulate competition in making progress
- The participation of partner countries and institutions in this output will serve as a vehicle for transfer of knowledge and best practices from other European countries

ACTIVITY 1.1.1	Prepare an analysis of the economic and organised crime situation	
1.1.1.1	Regional meeting to establish a working group of crime analysts and intelligence officers, to review the current state of knowledge on the economic and organised crime situation in South-eastern Europe (including corruption), to train participants in new methodologies, and to agree on the framework for a regional in-depth analysis	June 2004
1.1.1.2	In-country visits by short-terms experts to assist working groups in each country in the analysis of country-specific data	September/ October 2004
1.1.1.3	Follow up regional seminar for the members of this working group for further training and to work on the regional analysis	November 2004
1.1.1.4	Further regional seminar to finalise the preparation of a situation report on economic and organised crime in South-eastern Europe	February 2004
1.1.1.5	Towards the end of the project, support the preparation of an update of the situation report through short-term experts and a regional seminar.	Spring/ Summer 2006

The "analysis of the economic and organised crime situation" is to be completed as follows:

2. Description of the activity

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Regional seminar
SUBJECT	Follow - up seminar for further training on serious crime data collection and analysis, and work on country reports
LOCATION	Ohrid, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
DURATION / DATE	8-9 November 2004
WORKING LANGUAGES	English/ Interpretation may be provided subject to available funds
OBJECTIVE	To follow up on what has been done and improve work on in-depth analysis of serious crime in each country
CONTENT	The seminar will call on working group members from each country and other relevant professionals to represent their preliminary findings and analysis of organized and economic crime and corruption; difficulties encountered; and implications of the findings for the future (indicating needs and opportunities for further technical assistance) both within the country and in relation to regional cooperation.
EXPECTED RESULTS	The seminar will serve to provide skills necessary to complete a preliminary situation report (research and analysis of serious crime and corruption data) and proposals for the final regional seminar tentatively scheduled for December 2004.
EXPERTISE / EXPERTS REQUIRED	Crime analysis experts with both theoretical and practical knowledge. The experts who participated in the previous activities as well as other experts from Council of Europe's consortium partners will participate in the seminar. Also, experts from the region or other transition countries with experience in working with non-governmental sector (think-tanks, academia, media, etc.) monitoring anti-corruption and other serious crime related efforts.
PARTICIPANTS	 Profile: The seminar will involve experts and relevant representatives from each project area (members of the working groups on crime analysis Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, government, and other relevant institutions): Albania (10 participants), Bosnia and Herzegovina (15 participants), Croatia (10 participants), Kosovo (5 participants), Montenegro (5 participants), Serbia (5 participants), "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (10 participants). Total: up to 60
CONCLUSIONS / FOLLOW-UP1	Based on the findings from the preceding country visits and the seminar discussions, the outcome of the seminar will also be a country-specific training for police intelligence officers, crime analysts and others that will be delivered over the following months and before the final regional seminar on this

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