

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

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**Output 1.4: Creation of effective mechanisms to protect
witnesses of serious crime
(sub-activity 1.4.1.4)**

**REGIONAL SEMINAR
TO PROMOTE CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
WITNESS PROTECTION**

DRAFT AGENDA

**23-24.11.2005
Budva, MONTENEGRO
(SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)**

DAY 1

Morning session (9.00 – 13.00)

- **OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP**
 - *Mr Jusuf Kalamperovic, Minister of Interior of Montenegro (tbc)*
 - *Mr Vladimir Ristovski, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Podgorica*
 - *introductory remarks and presentations of participants;*
 - *methodology, objectives and expected results of the workshop.*

- **REVIEW OF MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL LEGAL INSTRUMENTS RELEVANT FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF WITNESS PROTECTION**
 - *Summary presentation of European and international multilateral agreements facilitating cooperation in the area of witness protection and good practices.*
 - *Review of current status on multilateral and bilateral agreements as well as relevant provisions of national legislation facilitating (or impeding) effective and direct cooperation in the field of witness protection.*

Afternoon session (14.30 – 18.00)

- **EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES REGARDING WITNESS RELOCATION**
 - *Summary presentation of European and international standards and practices regarding witness protection by Council of Europe and Europol experts*
 - *Presentation of practices in witness relocation from two selected EU member countries*
 - *Case study on witness relocation and discussion*

DAY 2

Morning session (9.00 – 13.00)

- **EXCHANGE OF VIEWS**

Discussion amongst participants and experts on selected topics, such as: possibilities for enhanced regional cooperation in threat assessment and application of cross-border urgent measures as well as other topics of mutual concern suggested during the plenary session.

- **REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE USE OF MODERN COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY IN WITNESS TESTIMONY**
 - *Presentation of good practices in this area in EU countries.*
 - *Presentation of existing experience in this area by selected countries*
 - *Review of the legal and practical possibilities enabling or impeding the use of cross-border video-link testimonies in all project areas.*
 - *Review and discussion on technical possibilities in the region for enhanced use of cross-border testimony.*

Afternoon session (14.30 – 16.30)

- **UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS IN THE PREPARATION OF TRAINING MODULES**
 - *Brief update on the progress made in the preparation of the training modules and materials.*

- **EXCHANGE OF VIEWS (continued)**

Discussion amongst participants and experts on selected topics, such as: possibilities for enhanced regional cooperation in threat assessment and application of cross-border urgent measures as well as other topics of mutual concern suggested during the plenary session.

- **CONCLUSIONS**