

Best wishes for 2005 !

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Council of Europe and European Commission CARDS project : "Development of Reliable and Functioning Policing Systems and Enhancing of Combating Main Criminal Activities and Police Co-operation" (CARPO)

The CARPO project, which started in March 2004, aims at strengthening the capacities of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro and "The former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia" to develop and implement regional strategies against serious forms of crime based on the *acquis* of the European Union and other European standards and practices by:

- providing them with the necessary tools against economic and organised crime (module 1)
- enabling them to deliver comprehensive training against trafficking in human beings, smuggling and illegal migration (module 2).

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe in partnership with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Belgium, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden as foreseen by the project grant, and in close cooperation with other relevant regional and international actors.

The project consists of two modules, with the Council of Europe as the co-ordinator for module 1 and the International Organisation for Migration as the co-ordinator for module 2 :

- **Module objective 1 :** To develop a regional strategy against economic and organised crime in South-eastern Europe based on the *acquis* of the European Union and European standards and practices, and to provide law enforcement institutions with the tools necessary to implement the strategy.
- **Module Objective 2 :** To strengthen the capacities of training institutions in the countries of the region to deliver training in all matters related to trafficking in human beings, smuggling and illegal migration based on standards and benchmarks in line with EU policies and practices.

For more detailed information please refer to the CARPO website: www.coe.int/police-cards

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

CARPO Start-up Conference (7-8 June 2004, Strasbourg) 3

Module 1/ Output 1.1 - Development of the regional strategy on economic and organised crime in accordance with the *acquis* of the EU and European standards and practices

Regional meeting on crime analysis: economic and organised crime situation report and strategy making (Strasbourg, France) 3

Workshops to assist the working groups of crime analysts and intelligence officers in the analysis of country-specific data (each country) 3

Regional seminar training seminar on crime analysis, training and work on the regional analysis of the economic and organized crime situation (Ohrid, "The former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia") 3

Meeting of experts from consortium partners to determine requirements under relevant European and other international instruments (Strasbourg) 3

Regional seminar to review requirements and to establish benchmarks to meet European standards and practices on

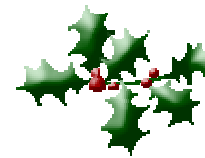
Module 1/ Output 1.2 - Capacities for financial investigations aimed at the confiscation of proceeds from crime strengthened

Regional thematic seminar to review relevant European and international standards and reach agreement on the approach to financial investigations for confiscation (Strasbourg, France) 3

Decision makers and technical levels seminars to review gaps and opportunities in legislation (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia") 3

Study visit & workshop for members of the working groups on financial investigations in view of developing implementation strategies for each project area (Stuttgart, Germany) 3

Regional seminar for members of FIUs of the region to review problems and opportunities as well as training requirements with regard to information exchange/ Training seminar on the prevention and detection of money

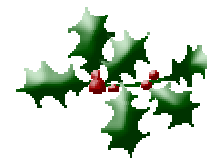


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economic and organised crime (Durrës, Albania) 3

laundrying and financing of terrorism (Brdo, Slovenia) 3



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Module 1/ Output 1.3 - More effective use of special investigative means and intelligence in accordance with human rights standards supported

Regional thematic seminar to review relevant European and international standards and reach agreement on the approach to the use of special investigative means and the use of intelligence (Strasbourg, France) 3

Study visit on undercover operations for members of the working groups on SIMS (Rome, Italy) 3

Study visit for crime analysts and intelligence officers on criminal intelligence systems, crime analysis and proactive policing in view of country-specific implementation plans (London, United Kingdom) 3

Module 1/ Output 1.4 - The creation of effective mechanisms to protect witnesses of serious crime supported

Regional thematic seminar to review relevant European and international standards and reach agreement on the approach to witness protection (Strasbourg, France) 3

Study visit for members of witness protection groups (Bratislava, Slovak Republic) 3

Workshops on the development of implementation strategies, in view of creation of specialised witness protection units (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia") 3

Module 1/ Output 1.5 - Capacities for co-operation in criminal matters among the countries of South-eastern Europe made more efficient

Regional seminar on the opportunities offered by ETS 182 (Pristina) 3

Module 2/ Output 2.1 - Training strategy developed and adopted based on a thorough analysis of needs and capacities

Launching conference Module II followed by a Regional seminar to review relevant European and international standards against which to provide training (Budapest, Hungary) 3

Module 2/ Output 2.2 - Curricula and training materials on to trafficking in human beings, smuggling and illegal migration developed, tested and available for further training

Study visit for trainers from the region (Rome, Italy) 3

CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2005

Module 1/ Output 1.2

Decision makers and technical level seminars on financial investigations: Croatia, Kosovo (Serbia and Montenegro) (dates tbc)

Module 1/ Output 1.3

Study visit for analysts and intelligence officers from Albania, Croatia, Montenegro (Serbia and Montenegro) and Kosovo (Serbia and Montenegro) on criminal intelligence systems, crime analysis and pro-active policing as well as data protection, in view of country-specific implementation plans (18-20 January, Spain)

Study visit on undercover operations and oversight mechanisms over the use of SIMS and ST experts support to WGs in the drafting of implementation strategies (26-28 January, Slovenia)

Module 1/ Output 1.4 Workshops on the development of implementation strategies, in view of creation of specialised witness protection units: Kosovo (Serbia and Montenegro) (dates tbc)

FEBRUARY 2005

Module 1/ Output 1.2

Training seminar for staff of FIUs on information exchange and preparation of the draft MoU on co-operation among FIUs in the region (10-12 February, Croatia)

Module 1/ Output 1.5

Regional seminar to elaborate implementation plans for each project area (23-25 February, Serbia)

Module 2/ Output 2.2

Regional seminar to finalise needs analysis and adopt training strategy (dates and place tbc)

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