

**COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND EUROPEAN COMMISSION
CARDS REGIONAL POLICE PROJECT**

Welcome to the April edition of our Newsletter. A number of activities were carried out during the February-April period within the CARDS Police Regional 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, co-ordinated by the Council of Europe)
- enabling them to deliver comprehensive training against trafficking in human beings, smuggling and illegal migration (module 2, co-ordinated by the International Organization for Migration).

You can find more detailed information on our webpage www.coe.int/cards-police.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Octopus/CARPO Questionnaire on organised and economic crime related to 2005 - deadline for submitting replies - **20 May 2006**
 - CARPO Evaluation Questionnaire on the implementation of the Brijuni Strategy on tools against organised and economic crime - deadline for submitting replies **15 June 2006**
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Forthcoming meeting of the Advisory Board

- 5th CARPO Advisory Board Meeting (Strasbourg, 20 June 2006 - tbc)
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**MODULE 1
COMPLETED ACTIVITIES
(February-April)**

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

- 1st Follow up meeting on the implementation of the regional strategy on tools against organised and economic crime and project area specific actions (Belgrade, 31 March 2006)
- Update of the Situation report on organised and economic crime (started early April 2006)

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Output 1.2

Capacities for financial investigations aimed at the confiscation of proceeds from crime strengthened

- Train-of-Trainers Course on Financial investigations and the confiscation of proceeds from crime Strasbourg (Strasbourg, 20-23 February 2006)
- In-country training events by local trainers with expert support to test and further improve training materials
 - Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro (Kosovo Police Academy, 20-24 February 2006)
 - Tirana, Albania (School for Magistrates of Republic of Albania, 13-14 April 2006)
 - Podgorica, Serbia and Montenegro (Supreme Public Prosecutor Building, 17-18 April 2006)
 - Pula, Croatia (Pula Police Academy, 24-27 April 2006)

Output 1.3

More effective use of special investigative means and intelligence in accordance with human rights standards supported

- Short-term experts to assist working groups in the development of training materials and guidelines on undercover operations, establishment of undercover units where relevant, low-tech electronic surveillance, cross-border use of SIMS and international cooperation, as well as criminal intelligence systems (Pristina, Serbia and Montenegro, and Tirana, Albania, 22-23 February 2006)
- Operational Training on Handling of Undercover Operations for experts from the Ministry of the Interior of ‘the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia’ (Slovenia and Austria, 13-17 February 2006)

Output 1.4

The creation of effective mechanisms to protect witnesses of serious crime supported

- Working meeting on the Training Manual on Procedural Protective Measures (Ljubljana, 6 April 2006)
- Training of staff members of the Witness Protection Unit of the Ministry of the Interior of ‘the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia’, Slovak Republic (6-10 March 2006)

Output 1.5

Capacities for co-operation in criminal matters among the countries of South-eastern Europe made more efficient

- Working meeting on Training programmes on international co-operation in criminal matters (London, 21 February)

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Output 1.1

- Update of the Situation report on organised and economic crime (completed by early August 2006)
- 2nd Follow up meeting on the implementation of the regional strategy on tools against organised and economic crime and project area specific actions / preparation of the High level meeting of Sarajevo in September 2006 – Strasbourg, 19 June 2006

Output 1.2

- In-country training events by local trainers with expert support to test and further improve training materials
 - Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro 10-12 May 2006
 - Skopje, “the former Yougoslav Republic of Macedonia”, 13-14 June 2006
 - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 20-21 June 2006
- Production of training materials in local languages
 - Financial investigations and confiscation of proceeds for crime (summer 2006)

Output 1.3

- Regional seminar on data protection in relation to the use of criminal intelligence (Bitola, “the former Yougoslav Republic of Macedonia”, 8-9 June 2006)

Output 1.4

- Participation of specialists working in newly established witness protection units in regular/ad hoc training courses of established European witness protection units (February - September 2006)
 - Training of specialists (Latvia, June 2006 - tbc)
- Regional training seminar for future trainers on procedural protective measures to test the training materials and concepts (Strasbourg, June 2006)
- Production of training materials in local languages
 - Witness protection

Output 1.5

- Assist in the drafting of legislative amendments in the field of the international cooperation in criminal matters (per request)
 - Croatia (May 2006)
- Production of training materials in local languages
 - Cooperation in criminal matters

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- In-country training events on cooperation in criminal matters (May-September 2006)
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MODULE 2 COMPLETED ACTIVITIES (25 October 2005- 25 January 2006)

Output 2.2

- Training events in the project areas in sequence in all project areas (from January to June 2006)
- Albania
 - Kosovo (Serbia and Montenegro)
 - Serbia (Serbia and Montenegro)
 - “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (25 January - 25 April 2006)

Output 2.2

- Short-term experts to finalise training materials (June-July 2006)
- Production of training materials in local languages stage 2 (Final version) (June-July 2006)
- Training events in the project areas in sequence in all project areas (from January to June 2006)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Croatia
 - Montenegro (Serbia and Montenegro)
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