**OUTPUT 1.7 - Implementation of the law on the financing of political parties ensured**
**OUTPUT 1.8 - Corruption and conflicts of interest in the political process reduced**

The activities under the Outputs 1.7 and 1.8 are postponed due to the delays in adoption of the relevant legislative framework. The law on Political Parties was adopted by the Parliament in December 2007 and it is currently under the promulgation procedure. Long-term adviser, in cooperation with the Central Elections Commission, will conduct a needs assessment on the trainings to provide for specialised staff, involved in the implementation of the Political Parties law.

The Council of Europe provided assistance in the process of drafting the law on political parties and conflict of interests by delivering expert opinions together with the Venice Commission. Public debates were organised in co-operation with the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova (more details under Output 1.2).

The situation of the law on corruption of electorates, relevant for Output 1.8 requires special attention as no clear answer is provided by the authorities whether its adoption is still a priority. In 2006 a draft was approved by the Government and submitted to the Parliament. Similarly to the draft law on transparency of the decision making process, no progress on this law was further noted.

During March 2008, a needs assessment visit to the Central Electoral Commission was conducted by CoE experts. The aim of the assessment visit was to identify the exact areas of assistance where the MOLICO project can be active in supporting the proper implementation of the newly adopted Law on Political Parties. Based on the requests of the beneficiary, the following activities were identified as priorities for the second half of 2008:

Trainings:

- National training for general secretaries and treasurers of political parties on new requirements under the Law on Political Parties;
- Training for control and audit authorities;
- Training for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and judges on detecting electoral fraud and corruption of electorates.

Support for CEC:

- Expert support on developing new reporting templates for political parties, in line with the new requirements of the Law on Political Parties.
- Elaborating and publishing a guide for political parties on reporting requirements under the new Law of the Political Parties.

In addition, the MOLICO project will include "Financing of political parties" in the list of topics for the TV anti-corruption shows on public television. The edition on this topic is envisaged to take place in September - October 2008.

The situation of the Law on Corruption of Electorates, relevant for output 1.7 requires special attention, as no clear answer is provided by the authorities as to whether its adoption is still a priority. In 2006 a draft was approved by the Government and submitted to the Parliament. Similarly to the draft law on transparency of the decision making process, no progress on this law was further noted.

Training activities under this Output postponed due to the delays in adopting the relevant legislative framework.

- Council of Europe, Venice Commission and OSCE ODHIR provided, during April 2007, extensive opinions regarding the draft law on political parties;

High level public debate organised in co-operation with the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova to promote the adoption of the law (22 -23 May 2007).

Activities under this Output pending due to the delays in adopting the relevant legislative framework.

- Council of Europe and Venice Commission experts provided expert opinions and recommendations with regard to draft laws on conflict of interest;

A high level public debate organised in co-operation with the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova to promote the adoption of the law **(**27 November 2007)

Needs assessment visit was conducted in March and an entire training plan was agreed with the Central Electoral Commission.

Activities under this output pending due to the delays in adopting the relevant legislative framework.