# Follow-up project Protection against money laundering and terrorist financing

(MOLI-RU-2)

project summary –

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Project title	Protection against money laundering and terrorist financing
Project partner	Federal Service for Financial Monitoring (Rosfinmonitoring)
Funding	European Commission/Council of Europe
Implementation	Council of Europe (Department of Crime Problems, DG Legal Affairs)
Budget	EURO 3.150.000,00
Duration	42 months (1 January 2007 – 30 June 2010)

## **BACKGROUND**

The development of the Russian anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing was assisted by the Project Against Money Laundering in the Russian Federation (MOLI-RU) implemented by the Council of Europe between February 2003 and June 2005 followed up by a one-year policy advice project on Improving legislation and practices on dealing with money laundering and financing of terrorism. These two projects addressed a wide range of issues and, while having the Rosfinmonitoring as the main partner, they also responded to the most urgent needs of law enforcement authorities, prosecutors and judges as well as those of the financial sector.

The system against money laundering and terrorist financing in the Russian Federation is fully functional now and is recognised as such internationally.

The follow-up action is essential to make sure that the momentum in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing, gained in the recent years thanks inter alia to the MOLI-RU projects is not lost. Given the size of the country and of its economy continued international assistance is necessary for the Russian Federation to keep developing its AML/CTF policy in line with the European standards and increase efficiency in fighting economic crime. This will contribute to the international effort to combat organised cross-border crime and in particular money laundering and threat of terrorism to which both the European Union and the Council of Europe are committed.

## **OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS**

The Council of Europe will support Rosfinmonitoring in achieving the following objectives and results (outputs) by implementing the following activities:

The **overall objective** of the project is to contribute to the prevention and control of money laundering and terrorist financing in the Russian Federation in accordance with European and other international standards and best practices.

The **direct objective** of this initiative is to enhance the human capacities of key institutions of the anti-money laundering system of the Russian Federation (Rosfinmonitoring, judiciary, prosecution, law enforcement and financial sector). This includes the improvement of the legislative basis on which these institutions operate.

To this end the project will deliver the following outputs:

Output 1	Legislation of the Russian Federation compliant with all applicable European international standards; the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Se Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terro applied in practice.				
Output 2	The Rosfinmonitoring training strategy elaborated and implemented.				
Output 3	The AML/CTF Training Centre further developed				
Output 4	The law enforcement agencies, and in particular the Ministry of Interior and Federal Security Service as well as prosecutors and judges, have their training plans in investigating and dealing with money laundering and terrorist financing cases and are able to implement them				
Output 5	Regulators and supervisors of the financial and legal services sector supported in elaborating and implementing training plans in countering money laundering and terrorist financing including national legislation and international standards and best practices				

### **Expected results**

The staff of the AML/CTF system participants will have raised their level of competence and thus will be able to fully meet the requirements of the national laws and international standards, comply with the best practices and face the new challenges. At that stage the period of creation of the fully effective system of preventing money laundering and terrorist financing in the Russian Federation will be accomplished. The agencies will be able to develop on their own, the staff training procedures will be in place to effectively further develop human capacities within the system. Technical infrastructure for training will have improved through delivery of training equipment and that for the e-learning system. This will allowing for further development of human resources.

#### **INPUTS**

The project will provide funding for:

- a number of short-term advisers
- in-country training events
- training events abroad
- legal opinions and studies
- workshops

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