



Project against Corruption, Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism in the Republic of Moldova

(MOLICO)

- project summary -

Project Title	Project against Corruption, Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism in the Republic of Moldova
Main Project Partner	Centre for Combating Corruption and Economic Crime (CCCEC)
Funding	European Commission (TACIS Regional Co-operation Programme), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Council of Europe
Implementation	Council of Europe (Technical Cooperation Section, DG Legal Affairs)
Budget	Euro 3 500 000
Duration	36 months (1 August 2006 - 31 July 2009)

BACKGROUND

The project supports the Republic of Moldova in its efforts against corruption, money laundering and financing of terrorism in line with European and other international standards. These are important areas for action as identified in the EU–Moldova Action Plan of February 2005 as well in the evaluation reports of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and of MONEYVAL (with regard to money laundering and the financing of terrorism) of the Council of Europe. Already in 2005, the European Commission co-funded a Council of Europe project against corruption in Moldova (PACO Moldova) which created the basis for the present project.

The project addresses a range of needs. With regard to corruption, these include the need for support to the implementation of Moldova's national anti-corruption strategy, the improvement of legislation and the strengthening of law enforcement capacities, including interagency cooperation, preventive capacities and internal controls in institutions at risk, preventing corruption in the political process, promoting an active role of civil society, and involvement of local government in the strategy.

With regard to money laundering and the financing of terrorism, the project is in particular aimed at reinforcing the capacities of the financial intelligence unit in terms of its institutional set up, its IT infrastructure and its capacity to cooperate internationally. In addition, interagency cooperation and the preparation of a national anti-money laundering/counter-terrorist financing (AML/CTF) strategy will be supported. Moreover, capacities of financial sector institutions (including supervisors and regulators) and of law enforcement and criminal justice bodies will be strengthened.

The Centre for Combating Corruption and Economic Crime (CCCEC) is the main counterpart institutions, as it is the main anti-corruption body of Moldova and also hosts the financial intelligence unit. However, the project also cooperates with a range of other institutions, including civil society organisations. The project has a duration of three years.

The project is thus divided into two components under two project objectives. One is aimed at ensuring the implementation of Moldova’s anti-corruption strategy, and the second one at strengthening the AML/CTF system. Both objectives are to be reached through the delivery of a number of outputs and a wide range of activities.

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe with a project team based in Moldova (including international advisers for corruption and money laundering). The project is primarily financed by the European Commission with considerable co-financing by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) as well as co-funding by the Council of Europe.

OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Overall objective	To contribute to the prevention and control of corruption, money laundering and the financing of terrorism so that these no longer undermine the democracy, the rule of law and economic and social development and the confidence of the public in State institutions in Moldova
Project objective 1	To ensure the implementation of Moldova’s anti-corruption strategy on the basis of annual action plans
Output 1.1	Efficient monitoring, coordination and management of the anti-corruption strategy ensured and annual action plans available
Output 1.2	Legislation improved to effectively prevent and control corruption as foreseen in the anti-corruption strategy and action plans and in accordance with GRECO recommendations and European and United Nations standards
Output 1.3	Capacity of anti-corruption prosecutors strengthened to prosecute, supervise and manage corruption-related offences
Output 1.4	Cooperation among law enforcement and criminal justice bodies enhanced through joint training on investigation, prosecution and adjudication of corruption offences as well as international cooperation
Output 1.5	Capacities of the CCCEC strengthened to analyse corruption-related phenomena and trends, as well as to design and implement measures for the prevention of corruption
Output 1.6	Prevention plans implemented and internal controls reinforced within the judiciary, prosecution, police, CCCEC and other bodies at risk
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
Output 1.9	Capacities of local government for the prevention of corruption and strengthening of public ethics enhanced
Output 1.10	Active role of civil society and media against corruption promoted and tolerance of the public to corruption reduced

Project objective 2	To strengthen the anti-money laundering/counter-terrorist financing (AML/CTF) system of Moldova in accordance with international standards and good practice as well as MONEYVAL recommendations
Output 2.1	Relevant legislation in line with international standards and best practices
Output 2.2	Competencies, status and organisational set-up of the FIU in line with Moneyval recommendations and international best practices
Output 2.3	System of collection, processing, analysis, protection and exchange of information on transactions designed and procured for the FIU
Output 2.4	Capacity of the FIU to co-operate with the FIUs of other countries in accordance with the Egmont Group standards will have increased
Output 2.5	National AML/CTF strategy including effective mechanisms to ensure co-operation between the FIU and law enforcement, criminal justice and regulatory authorities adopted and implemented
Output 2.6	Capacity of "obliged" entities and their regulators and supervisors to meet their obligations under the AML/CTF legislation will have increased
Output 2.7	Capacity of law enforcement and criminal justice bodies to meet their obligations under the AML/CTF legislation will have increased

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