

OUTPUT 1.3 - Strengthen the capacity of anti-corruption prosecutors to prosecute, supervise and manage corruption-related offences

A number of training events with the participation of the experts from Lithuania and Romania were provided for anticorruption prosecutors in the framework of the MOLICO project in 2007. The training organised in October 2007, addressed following topics: the administrative control and the investigation/prosecution of corruption cases. About forty anticorruption prosecutors, twenty of them from units outside Chisinau, took part in the event.

In addition, MOLICO project organised a study visit to the Romanian Anticorruption Prosecution Office (DNA) for eight Moldavian prosecutors. Following the visit, concrete proposals were submitted to the General Prosecutor of the Republic of Moldova for adoption of an ambitious *Strategy to reinforce the anticorruption prosecutor's office capacity to prevent and combat corruption*.

The process of developing guidelines for prosecutors and investigators on prosecution of the corruption cases started in November 2007. The guide is planned to be finalised by the end of 2008. It will incorporate and systematise all relevant existing instructions and provide prosecutors and investigators with concrete practical solutions for addressing both legislative and tactical issues concerning the cases. The guide is strictly connected with the activities under output 1.2 – conducting a peer review on efficiency of the anticorruption legislation and institutional framework and 1.6 – conducting the risk assessment within the law enforcement agencies.

The MOLICO project conducted the needs assessment to equip the anticorruption prosecution unit with IT software and hardware to improve the management of the corruption cases. Procurement procedure started in November 2007. Bidders' propositions are anticipated by January 2008. Following recent legislative changes, the anticorruption prosecution office also submitted a request for assistance in establishing and equipping an operative investigation unit with special investigative means.

Elaboration of the Guide for anti-corruption prosecutors and investigators was the most important activity under the output. In April 2008 the MOLICO project, in co-operation with the Anti-corruption Prosecutor's office, organised the 2nd meeting of the Working Group established in order to develop the Guide for anti-corruption prosecutors and investigators. During the meeting the outline of the Guide was agreed and tasks were allocated to all members in order to provide first substantial narrative inputs. The first draft was made available for translation in mid-July 2008, and will be submitted for review to CoE experts during July – August 2008. A subsequent visit of the short term expert is expected for the second half of the year. It should be highlighted that the second meeting of the workgroup did not benefit from the participation of the experts from the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The issue was raised by the MOLICO project to the top management of the Ministry and a reaction is expected in the following days. In the framework of the ongoing co-operation with National Institute for Justice in developing the AC curricula and training outline, the proposal was advanced to include one representative of this institution into the working

group. Furthermore, it was agreed that once finalised, the Guide will also serve as training material for the initial training for junior prosecutors and judges attending the INJ courses. Two CoE experts conducted needs assessment visits on SIMS in March 2008 at the AC Prosecutor's Office, CCCEC and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The mission report constitutes the basis for assessing the possibility of procuring SIMS under the MOLICO Project.

In July 2008, the MOLICO project also supported the participation of one anti-corruption prosecutor to the Second International Anti-Corruption Summer School (IACSS 2008) taking place in Austria and organised by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Interior. More than 50 participants from all over Europe and overseas attended the event, themed "Practice meets Science". The primary goal of the IACSS 2008 is an interdisciplinary transfer of knowledge from science to practice. Apart from criminology, the fields of business administration, political economics, political science, psychology and others are also treated.

Activities related to procurement of equipment for the AC prosecutor's office are ongoing, several units having already delivered (printers and multifunctional copy machines) while computers and laptops are yet to be delivered. Additional procurement procedures were initiated in particular for acquiring: a limited amount of special investigative means, analytical software and case management software – GO case.

- Presentation by SPECTRONIC Denmark A/S of the special investigative means used for audio surveillance. (activity connected with Output 1.5) (19 – 20 March 2007);
- Two testing expositions for analytical software (I2 and SPSS) were organised within CCCEC headquarters (activity connected with Output 1.5) (21 May and 24 May 2007);
- The General Prosecution Office in co-operation with the National Institute for Justice organised a specialised workshop for 40 anticorruption prosecutors (1 – 3 October 2007);
- Council of Europe experts reviewed the IT – hardware and software requests for assistance made by the prosecution unit and the CCCEC (in connection with Output 1.5) (11 – 12 July 2007);
- The inter-institutional working group was established with the participation of the anticorruption prosecutors and investigators from the CCCEC, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Service for Information and Security (September 2007) The task of the group is to prepare the guidelines for handling corruption cases by the prosecution service and investigators - Activity 1.3.1;
- A team of 8 Moldavian prosecutors attended a study visit to the Romanian Anticorruption Directorate (10 – 13 September 2007);
The assessment visit of the Council of Europe experts took place in order to identify the needs and schedule the activities related to drafting the guide for anticorruption prosecutors and investigators (14 – 16 November 2007).
- March 2008, an assessment visit was carried out by CoE experts in order to evaluate the needs for special investigative means in dealing with corruption and money laundering cases (event relevant also for Project Objective 2).
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