



## MOLI-UA-2

### Follow-up Project against Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Ukraine

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- 1.1. On 6<sup>th</sup> of March project has organised meetings with Ministry of Interior and Securities and Exchange Commission to discuss the possible support of IT needs of both institutions. At the meetings participated project IT experts. It should be noted that MOI proposal is much more developed, well structured and justified. The proposal of SEC is still on the conceptual stage and it's too early to finally decide if it will be supported by project IT experts and procurement advisor.
- 1.2. On 7-8 of March the IT and e-learning Working Group meeting was held. On the series of meetings participated all project team and number of IT and e-learning experts from SCFM, INTC, MOI and SEC. The agenda, list of participants and protocol is attached to that report.
- 1.3. On the basis of final versions of 3 legal opinions on draft AML Law, which were delivered by February to the SCFM, NBU and other institutions, Ukrainian Authorities decided to redraft existing AML Draft to include project experts recommendations as well as make its wording more clear, especially for financial sector. Project experts participated at two meetings with SCFM management and the new Head of Legal Department to discuss further support of legislative process. Once again it should be stressed that visible working co-operation between SCFM and NBU is a very positive factor, which unfortunately was not the case during almost the last 2 years.
- 1.4. The following purchases have been approved by EC Delegation in Kyiv :
  - AML/CTF handbook – contract signed. Delivery done.
  - Conditioners for server compartments (regional offices) – contract ready for signature.
  - i2 software – contract signed. Software was delivered from Estonia to Ukraine. SCFM is finalising customs procedures.
  - IT equipment for the training centre and for regional offices – due to SCFM new request, contract was redrafted.
  - Furniture for the training centre – contract ready for signature. Due to communication problems with selected company, it's possible that supplier will be changed.
2. Procurement Adviser has started on-site missions to 9 regional offices prepared for renovation processes and delivery of IT equipment. The after mission report is expected by mid April. That mission was followed by number of meetings with SCFM Headquarters staff responsible for renovation process. Additionally list of books and equipment for future AML Library at INTC was prepared. When finally accepted by SCFM management, purchase process will be launched.
3. The draft AML training strategies for SCFM, Law Enforcement Authorities, Financial Regulators and judges were prepared by project experts. The project beneficiaries will be provided with those proposals by mid April. It was suggested by project AML Training Strategy Working Group experts to implement those proposals ASAP, preferably before COE evaluation mission which is foreseen for this year.
4. The following activities are planned for April 2008.
  - AML Seminar for Financial regulators and banking sector.
  - AML Seminar for prosecutors and LEA, organized with co-operation with SCFM and INTC
  - Multiagency Study visit to Poland – agenda attached
  - Negotiations of contracts with companies selected by the COE Tenders Board- priority IT equipment for SCFM/INTC, renovations.