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ACTION AGAINST ECONOMIC CRIME IN ALBANIA (AEC-ALBANIA)

LAUNCHING CONFERENCE

VENUE: TIRANA INTERNATIONAL HOTEL (CONFERENCE ROOM CONSORTIUM), TIRANA, ALBANIA; 28 OCTOBER 2016

PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

The European Union and Council of Europe's Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey (hereafter referred to as "Horizontal Facility") builds on the two organisations policy priorities for South East Europe and Council of Europe expertise in standard-setting, monitoring and cooperation methodologies. It aims to improve implementation of key recommendations of relevant Council of Europe monitoring and advisory bodies in the areas indicated in the Statement of Intent signed on 1 April 2014 by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the European Union Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy.

In the field of fight against economic crime, three country-specific interventions have been designed within the Horizontal Facility Programme: in Albania, Montenegro and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia". The interventions will aim to improve implementation of key recommendations of the Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL), and to further strengthen institutional capacities regarding each country's national reform priorities and other reform policies emanating from the enlargement process.

Programme's Specific Objectives (SO) in Albania (AEC-Albania):

- SO 1: Review Political Party Funding legislation and institutional framework
- SO 2: Improve the system of asset declarations
- SO 3: Review AML/CFT legislative and strategic framework
- SO 4: Enhance capacities of law enforcement authorities, prosecution and judiciary to fight ML/TF
- SO 5: Improve and streamline inter-agency cooperation

The Action against Economic Crime in Albania is implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division-DG I with an allocated budget of € 1,000,000 and an implementation period of 36 months.

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This high-level event will mark the official launching of the project activities within the Horizontal Facility Action against Economic Crime in Albania.

PARTICIPANTS

The launching event will be attended by representatives of the following institutions: European Union Delegation, National Coordinator on Anti-Corruption, High Inspectorate for the Declaration Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interest (HIDAACI), Central Election Commission (CEC), The General Directorate for the Prevention of Money Laundering, General Prosecutor's Office, General Directorate of State Police, Bank of Albania and Financial Supervisory Authority, Administration of the Management of Seized and Confiscated Assets, and the School of Magistrates.

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DRAFT AGENDA

FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2016	
9:00 – 9:35	OPENING REMARKS: - Mr Shkëlqim Ganaj, Inspector General, High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interest (TBC); - Mr Yngve Engstrom, Head of Operations, Delegation of the European Union to Albania; - Ms Tania Van Dijk, Coordinator of the Horizontal Facility;
9:35 – 9:45	PRESENTATION OF THE ACTION AGAINST ECONOMIC CRIME IN ALBANIA - Mr Mustafa Ferati – Head of Unit I, Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, DG I, Council of Europe
9.45 – 10.00	Coffee break