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1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Project on International Co-operation in Criminal Matters in Ukraine (UPIC) started on 1 December 2005. The present report outlines the activities carried out in the period 1 June 2007 – 30 November 2007, and includes an assessment of the progress towards the achievement of the project objectives as well as the updated activity calendar for 2008.

1.1 Beneficiary country and institution

Ukraine.

Primary beneficiary: Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

1.2 Contracting authority

European Commission (EC).

1.3 Implementing organisation

The Council of Europe is responsible for the implementation of the project and the use of the project funds under the contract with the European Commission. Within the General Secretariat of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, the Economic Crime Division (Technical Co-operation Department, Co-operation Directorate, Directorate of Human Rights and Legal Affairs) is responsible for the overall management and supervision of the project. A Team Leader in charge of day to day management of the project on behalf of the Council of Europe - and local support staff, based in Kyiv, are working directly with the Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General.

2 PROJECT OBJECTIVES, OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

The present project is aimed at strengthening the capacities of Ukraine to cooperate internationally in criminal matters on the basis of European treaties. International co-operation, both police and judicial co-operation, is a *sine qua non* in the fight against crime and in particular against organised and other forms of serious crime.

More specifically, this project will support Ukraine in the ratification and implementation into national law of relevant European treaties to which it is not yet a Party, namely:

- the Convention on the Protection of Environment through Criminal Law (CETS 172);
- the 2nd Additional Protocol to the Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS 182);
- the Protocol Amending the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (ETS 190), the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS 196) ;
- the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS 197); and
- the Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and the Financing of Terrorism (CETS 198).

Furthermore, it will strengthen institutional capacities of judicial authorities, notably through the set up of a computer based system for the registration requests and control of their execution as well as the training of relevant professionals involved in international co-operation in criminal matters. Practical tools, a co-operation manual and a website for justice officials and prosecutors, judges and officials of the Ministry of Internal Affairs will be developed under the project and computers will also be purchased to equip offices of a certain number of justice officials and prosecutors working in the field of international co-operation.

Finally, the project will also build direct contacts and networking with other European countries through joint workshops, training and the development of tools to facilitate international co-operation in criminal matters.

Overall objective	To strengthen the capacities of Ukraine to fully implement European treaties on co-operation in criminal matters
Project objective 1	To strengthen the legal basis for international co-operation in criminal matters
Output 1.1	Draft laws for the ratification of the 2 nd Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS 182), the Convention on the Protection of Environment through Criminal Law (CETS 172), the Council of Europe Convention on Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS 197), the Protocol Amending the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (ETS 190), the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS 196) and the Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and the Financing of Terrorism (CETS 198) available for submission to the Government and Parliament
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of ETS 182 (2nd Protocol), CETS 172, ETS 190, CETS 196 and CETS 198 (terrorism), trafficking in human beings (CETS 197) to be followed by workshops and drafting of amendments
Output 1.2	Proposals for amendments to the criminal legislation available for submission to the Government and Parliament.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the existing instruction on the execution of European conventions in criminal matters and elaboration of proposals for improvement • Expert advice to the drafting of by-laws required to implement European treaties • Expert advice to the drafting of a law on the execution of foreign sentences • Expert advice to the drafting of a law on legal assistance and co-operation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Court
Project objective 2	To strengthen the human and institutional capacities of the Ministry of Justice and the Prosecution Service for international co-operation in criminal matters
Output 2.1	Systems for efficient registration and follow up to requests for assistance established at the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the current systems of registration and control of requests at the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General and preparation of a proposal for automated systems • Assistance to the implementation of the system at the Ministry of Justice, including procurement of software, hardware and training • Assistance to the implementation of the system at the Office of the Prosecutor General, including procurement of software, hardware and training
Output 2.2	40 Ministry of Justice officials and up to 40 prosecutors (central and regional administrative divisions) trained
Activities :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training seminars for prosecutors and justice officials at central level and regional administrative divisions on the requirements of relevant European treaties • Training for justice officials, prosecutors and judges on the relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights, in particular with regard to extradition • In-country English or French language training for up to 35 justice officials and 35 prosecutors responsible for international co-operation
Output 2.3	Co-operation at the national level enhanced between the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Prosecutor General, Courts and the Ministry of Interior through joint training and a common website and co-operation manual
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the drafting of a co-operation manual • Workshops for prosecutors, officials from the Ministry of Justice, judges and officials from the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the basis of the co-operation

	<p>manual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study visits for officials from the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and courts to benefit from the experience of other European countries in judicial co-operation and in particular in view of the roles and responsibilities of different bodies in the judicial co-operation chain • Support the development of a website on judicial co-operation
Project objective 3	To promote networking and direct contacts between Ukrainian Ministry of Justice officials and prosecutors with those of neighbouring countries and other European countries
Output 3.1	Direct co-operation strengthened and experience exchanged with up to ten other European countries
Activities	International meetings on topics of priority interest (ex. co-operation against cybercrime, trafficking in human beings, 2 nd Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters) and issues related to conventions already in force
Output 3.2	Co-operation manual and web-site on international co-operation in criminal matters prepared with the participation of other European countries
Activities	Development of a manual and a website for countries participating in international meetings on the basis of the Ukrainian national co-operation manual and using the examples of the PACO Networking Manual and the European Judicial Network

3 OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS

During the last six months, the following key activities were carried out:

Description of activity:	Status:
Working meeting to plan the remainder of the activities for 2007	Completed
Participation in the EU Day in Yalta, Crimea	Completed
Meeting with representatives of the European Court of Auditors	Completed
Project Meeting at the Council of Europe, Strasbourg	Completed
Commencement of language training courses for 2007/2008	Partially completed
Study Visit to the United Kingdom	Completed
International Conference on Extradition	Completed
Steering Committee – Planning Meeting for 2008	Completed

During this period, the following reports were drafted:

Monthly reports to the EC (reporting period: June-November 2007)	Completed
Activity report on the Study Visit to the United Kingdom	Completed
Activity report on language training for 2006/2007	Completed
Activity report on the International Conference on Extradition	Completed
Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting	Completed

3.1 Activities by outputs

3.1.1 Output 1.1 - Draft law for the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law (CETS 172)

The internal review for this convention should be completed soon, at which point the Ministry of Justice, Office of the Prosecutor General and the Project Team will be in a position to assess whether it is appropriate to request a substitution, as it is believed that there are minimal amendments (if any at all) to be made to Ukrainian domestic legislation.

3.1.2 Output 1.2. - Proposals for amendments to the criminal legislation

The draft amendments to the Constitution as regards the law relating to the International Criminal Court (ICC) are to be placed before Parliament in the upcoming session. Once the amendments have been presented, work will begin on the draft law (that will include assistance to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) as well as the ICC).

Due to the delay in the adoption of the new Criminal Procedure Code (CPC), the Ministry of Justice may begin drafting a new law on international co-operation that would operate until the new CPC enters into force. If this new is adopted, then a number of activities under this output (1.2) may have to be reviewed to see whether it will be appropriate to request that activities are substituted.

3.1.3 Output 2.1 - Systems for efficient registration and follow up to requests for assistance established at the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General

The technical specifications are currently being finalised by the Project for approval by the European Commission. Once this has been completed the formal tender can be launched.

3.1.4 Output 2.2 - 40 Ministry of Justice Officials and up to 40 prosecutors (central and administrative divisions) trained

The contracts for the language training courses for the academic year 2007/8 have been finalised, and by the time of writing of this report 23 out of 25 were signed by both, the Council of Europe and Service Providers. The final payments for the contracts signed for the academic year 2006/7 are currently being arranged.

3.1.5 Output 2.3 - Co-operation at the national level enhanced between the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Prosecutor General, Courts and the Ministry of Interior through joint training and a common co-operation manual.

A draft of the content of the co-operation manual has been produced by the Ministry of Justice and has been forwarded to the Office of the Prosecutor General for comments.

The third study visit under the project took place from 1 to 5 October 2007 to the United Kingdom. The group of 10 officials from the Ministry of Justice, Office of the Prosecutor General, Ministry of Interior and Judiciary visited a number of UK institutions involved in international judicial co-operation over five days, including visits to 2 criminal courts in London (one which specialises in extradition the City of Westminster Magistrates' Court, and the other, the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), which deals with the most important criminal cases in London). Each participant was requested to complete an individual report on the visit.

Agreement has been reached on the way forward for the development of the website on judicial co-operation. The Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General will separately host information on their pre-existing websites (they will establish dedicated web-pages to international co-operation). Agreement on content has also been reached and what remains to be completed is to establish the cost for essential document translation that will be hosted on the site.

3.1.6 Output 3.1 - Direct co-operation strengthened and experience exchanged with up to ten other European countries

The International Conference on Extradition took place in Kyiv from 5-6 November 2007. Delegations from 9 Council of Europe Member States attended, with experts being drawn from those invited delegations. The conference gave the Ukrainian participants as well the invited delegations a good opportunity to exchange experience, best practice in relation to the relevant conventions and importantly build contacts and networks. It should be noted that a number of delegations took the opportunity to arrange bilateral meetings with the Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General while they were in Kyiv. There was also a session devoted to the European Arrest Warrant, giving non-EU Member States an insight into how the system works among EU Member States.

4 ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, PROGRESS MADE AND NEXT STEPS

4.1 Progress on specific project outputs and next steps

4.1.1 Output 1.1. Draft laws for ratification available for submission to the Government and Parliament

4.1.1.1 *Activity 1.1.1 - Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of CETS 182 (2nd Protocol on Mutual Legal Assistance) **Follow-up***

This activity took place on 12 March 2007. The current situation is that the Ministry of Justice is awaiting the outcome of the CPC/ International Cooperation Law review before preparing the instruments for ratification. See paragraph 4.1.2.1 below for further information.

4.1.1.2. *Activity 1.1.2 - Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of CETS 198 (Money laundering and Financing of Terrorism) **Follow-up***

This activity was completed on 15 May 2006. The current situation is that the State Committee for Financial Monitoring (SDFM) drafted amendments to the domestic law which were presented to Parliament and approved. However they have not been signed by the President of Ukraine. Until these amendments are signed by the President (or a new version is presented to the Parliament), the Ministry of Justice is not in a position to draft the law on ratification of the convention.

4.1.1.3 *Activity 1.1.4 - Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of CETS 172 (Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law)*

The Ministry of Justice informed the Project Team during the Steering Committee meeting held on 12 November 2007 that they have nearly completed an internal review of the domestic law in this area with a view to deciding what, if any, further legislation will be required to implement this convention. They noted that the number of ratifications has been low and the convention is not yet in force. It is therefore possible that the Ministry of Justice may formally request substituting this activity for an alternative which could properly be held under the project.

4.1.1.4 *Activity 1.1.5 - Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of CETS 197 (trafficking in human beings) **Follow-up***

This activity was completed on 24 May 2007. The current situation is that there is still an operational disagreement between the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Justice. The Ministry of Transport is not opposed to ratification of the Convention, but is seeking clarification on the operation of carriers' liability for all forms of transport with the exception of aviation (where this principle is already in operation). It is expected that this matter will come back before the Cabinet of Ministers for a decision in the near future.

4.1.2 *Output 1.2 - Proposals for amendments to the criminal legislation available for submission to the Government and Parliament*

4.1.2.1 *Activity 1.2.1 - Review of the existing instruction on the execution of European conventions in criminal matters and elaboration of proposals for improvement to be followed by a workshop*

This activity is dependent upon adoption of the new Criminal Procedure Code (CPC), which has been under discussion for a number of years. The Ministry of Justice is considering drafting a free-standing law on international co-operation which would contain all relevant procedural matters and which would be operational until the new CPC is finally adopted. The decision as to whether work on the law on international co-operation should commence will be taken sometime in December 2007, after the meeting of a working group which has been tasked to consider this matter. The Ministry of Justice was requested to keep the Project Team informed as to progress in this matter. If they believed that adoption of either instrument would not take place before June 2008, they were advised to seriously consider requesting formal substitution of these activities.

4.1.2.2. *Activity 1.2.2 - Expert advice to the drafting of laws required to implement European treaties (in particular following the adoption of the new Criminal Procedure Code)*

Please see paragraph 4.1.1.1 above as this equally applies to this activity.

4.1.2.3 *Activity 1.2.3 - Expert advice to the drafting of a law on the execution of foreign sentences*

The Ministry of Justice informed the Project Team that if the new CPC or law on international co-operation is taken forward this activity will become redundant as the new CPC or law on international co-operation will incorporate provisions dealing with the execution of foreign sentences.

4.1.1.4 *Activity 1.2.4 - Expert advice to the drafting of a law on legal assistance and co-operation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)*

It has been previously agreed with the Ministry of Justice that this activity could properly be extended to cover assistance to the International Criminal Court (ICC). The main reason being that the ICTY is due to complete its substantive casework and appeals by 2010. Other cases within this field will either be dealt with by domestic courts or the ICC. Before work can begin on drafting the law, amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine have to be approved by the Parliament. It is expected that these amendments will be presented during the next parliamentary session.

4.1.3 *Output 2.1 - Systems for efficient registration and follow up to requests for assistance established at the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General*

4.1.3.1 *Activity 2.1.1 - Elaborate a system for the Ministry of Justice and the Prosecution*

The tender document was forwarded to the Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General in early October 2007 and they have confirmed orally (November 2007) that they have no comments to make on this document. The next stage is to finalise the tender document and launch the tender. It is expected that the software will be ready by June 2008.

4.1.4 *Output 2.2 - 40 Ministry of Justice Officials and up to 40 prosecutors (central and regional administrative divisions) trained*

4.1.4.1 *Activity 2.2.3. - In-country language training*

Language training courses for the academic year 2006/7 have been completed and the Project Team is currently in the process of finalising the payments for those courses. The total number of trainees was 41, from 19 regional offices of the Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General.

New service contracts have been negotiated with all service providers and 20 out of 25 have been signed by both the Council of Europe and Service Providers. The contract with the Kyiv Service Provider has been signed by them and is being forwarded to the Council for signature. The Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General have requested that the Kyiv courses be extended to the end of the project – this will be accommodated providing there is an agreement with the service provider in Kyiv. (2007/8). This academic year 2007/8 66 officials are being trained from the central and regional offices of the MoJ and OPG: Cherkasy (2); Chernigiv (2); Chernivtsi (2); Dnipropetrovsk (2); Donetsk (2); Ivano-Frankivsk (2); Kherson (2); Khmelnytsky (2); Kirovograd; Kyiv (15); Lugansk (2); Lutsk (2); L'viv (3); Mikolayiv (1); Odessa (3); Poltava (2); Rivno (3); Sevastopol (3); Simferopol (2); Sumy (2); Ternopol (2); Vinnitsya (2); Zarkarpattya (2); Zaphorizhya (2) Zhytomyr (2).

4.1.5 *Output 2.3 - Co-operation at the national level enhanced between the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Prosecutor General, Courts and the Ministry of Interior through joint training and a common website and co-operation manual.*

4.1.5.1 *Activity 2.3.1 - Support a working group in the drafting and publication of a co-operation manual and Activity 2.3.2. - Organise 3 workshops for prosecutors, officials from the Ministry of Justice and officials from the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the basis of the co-operation manual*

A draft of the contents of the co-operation manual has been produced by the Ministry of Justice and has been provided to the Office of Prosecutor General. The next stage for this activity is to hold 3 regional seminars with all departments which have a function in international co-operation to discuss and improve the draft which can be launched later in 2008.

4.1.5.2 *Activity 2.3.3.3 3rd - Study visit to the United Kingdom*

From 1 to 5 October 2007 10 officials from the Ministry of Justice, Office of the Prosecutor General, Supreme Court and NCB Interpol visited a number of institutions in the United Kingdom (UK). The delegation first visited Scotland (1 day) to meet with representatives of the Crown Office and the Sheriff's Court. This was scheduled to reinforce their understanding that UK has three distinct legal systems and that biggest difference lies between the legal systems of England & Wales and Scotland. The remaining 4 days were spent in London visiting all the Departments and Agencies that have a function in international co-operation in criminal matters. Two court visits were also held, one to the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey) and the other to the City of Westminster Magistrates' Court, which specialises in extradition and European Arrest Warrant cases.

During the visits to the institutions the delegation had numerous questions to ask which demonstrated their overall understanding of what was being presented to them. Where conceptually they required clarification, host representatives did their best to clear up matters and provide further guidance. The delegation also used the opportunity to network and exchange contact details for future work, which is an important component of this activity.

4.1.5.3. *Activity 2.3.4 - Support the development of a website on judicial co-operation*

Agreement has been reached on how this activity will be taken forward. The Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General will each host on their respective websites a web-page dedicated to international co-operation matters, with relevant links to other sources of information. The draft outline for content has been forwarded to the Project Team and what remains to be completed is a calculation to be made regarding the cost for the translation of documents that will be placed on the web-pages. Once these web-pages have been created the website addresses will be disseminated to international partners through various means e.g. European Judicial Network, the Council of Europe Treaty Office.

4.1.6 *Output 3.1 - Direct co-operation strengthened and experience exchanged with up to ten other European countries*

4.1.6.1. *Activity 3.1.1.3 - International Conference on Extradition*

An international conference on Extradition was held from 5-6 November 2007. Delegates from the following Council of Europe Member States were invited: Czech Republic; Georgia; Germany; Israel; Moldova; Portugal; Russian Federation; Turkey and the United Kingdom, as well as representatives from the Ministry of Justice, Office of the Prosecutor General, the Ministry of Interior (including NCB Interpol), the Judiciary and the Academy of Prosecutors.

The objective of the conference was to review and discuss issues of concern in relation to extradition under the Council of Europe Convention on Extradition and its protocols, to propose solutions, exchange best practice and improve the co-operation in this field. The relevant case-law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) as regards extradition was to be examined where applicable. The conference also gave an opportunity for participants from non-European Union Member States to gain an understanding of the European Arrest Warrant (EAW) that has been in operation in the Member States of the European Union since 2004.

A number of delegations took the opportunity to hold bilateral meetings with the Ukrainian authorities and this is to be commended as such conferences are also opportunities for establishing, developing and maintaining personal and institutional networks.

The most important conclusions were as follows:

- A need to improve legislation in the field of extradition (domestic and international) – further protocols or a consolidation and improvement of the current texts.

- Asylum, refugees and extradition. There are real issues about how this can affect extradition. The UNHCR position promotes primacy of Human Rights law over and above extradition. Some States argue that operation of criminal justice has primacy.
 - Link between those who attempt to claim asylum and alleged acts of terrorism – this is the view of some Member States and proper prosecution of such cases are inhibited by the application or the subsequent granting of status.
 - Refugee status should be recognised internationally by parties to the UN Convention and Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees from 1951 (implication that all states are bound by the decision of one state regarding the granting of status and the principle of *non-refoulement*). Issue that the country of origin is unable to get the alleged offender back from signatory states if they apply this rule in the way that the UNHCR believe it should be.
- No common accepted definition of political offences and what is left this is being stripped away due to the encroachment by acts classified as terrorism. However some states believe that some acts that they define as terrorist are viewed as political by requested states – clearly a tension exists depending on whether you are the requesting or requested state.

4.1.7 *Output 3.2 - Co-operation manual and web-site on international co-operation in criminal matters prepared with the participation of other European countries*

Please see paragraph 4.1.5.3 above, which is equally applicable to this activity.

4.2 Other working meetings and missions

4.2.1 *Working meetings in Kyiv*

4.2.1.1. - *Planning Meeting*

A planning meeting on 12 June 2007 was held with the Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General s to plan the remainder of the activities foreseen to take place in 2007 as well to briefly review what has taken place in the first half of 2007. A number of activities were rescheduled to 2008 and dates for the remaining activities were set.

4.2.1.2 *European Court of Auditors*

The Project was underwent a performance audit from representatives from the European Court of Auditors on 11 July 2007. The Project Team, the Project Manager and the European Delegation Project Manager were interviewed on all aspects of the Project. Representatives from the Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General s (MoJ and OPG) were interviewed in the afternoon of 11 July 2007. It is expected that the final report will be ready in early 2008.

4.2.1.3 - *Steering Committee - Planning Meeting for 2008*

The Steering Committee – Planning Meeting was held on 12 November 2007, with representation from the Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General, the Council of Europe Head of Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Judicial Co-operation Unit, Project Manager and Deputy Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for the co-ordination of co-operation programmes with Ukraine, and the European Delegation Project Manager. Prospective dates for the remaining activities were set, as well as updates being provided on rescheduled activities. Other administrative issues in relation to project implementation were discussed in a frank and open way, with all parties being aware of the level of work and commitment that will need to be undertaken over the final 12 months of the project to ensure successful completion in November 2008.

4.2.2 Other working meetings

4.2.2.1- *EU Day, Yalta, Crimea*

The Project team took part in the European Union Day in Yalta, Crimea on 20 June 2007 which gave it an opportunity to reach out to the wider public regarding the activities undertaken within the framework of the Project.

4.2.2.2. *Meeting in Strasbourg*

The Project Team was invited to meetings at the Council of Europe Secretariat in Strasbourg on 3 and 4 September 2007. The purpose of the meeting on 3 September 2007 was that all the Project Teams working on co-operation projects being implemented by the Directorate General for Human Rights and Legal Affairs are introduced to the new structure of the Directorate, all relevant administrative issues, e.g. financial procedures, procedures for interpretation and translation services, and similar. The second meeting on 4 September 2007 was only for the Project Teams of the Economic Crime Division at which implementation and planning of the project's activities were discussed.

4.2.2.3. *Reform of the Office of the Prosecutor General*

The Project Team participated in a meeting on the reform of the Office of the Prosecutor General on 16 October 2007 at the Ministry of Justice, organised by the French Advisor to the Minister of Justice. Representatives from the Ministry of Justice, Office of the Prosecutor General (OPG), State Security Service, Ministry of Interior, Council of Europe, French Embassy and a Senior Prosecutor from Nancy, France were present. Presentations were delivered by the OPG, the French Prosecutor and the Council of Europe. The Council of Europe presentation covered a wide number of issues e.g. recommendations of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe and the ongoing discussion about reform of the OPG that has been on the table for a number of years.

4.2.2.4 - *Meeting with Ukrainian State Agencies*

The Project Team participated in a bilateral meeting with representatives from Ukrainian State Agencies on 15 November 2007 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the invitation of the Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for the coordination of co-operation programmes with Ukraine. The purpose of the meeting was to listen to the views of these agencies regarding existing Council of Europe Projects and the way forward in relation to the planning of future projects.

5 RISKS

The current political climate in Ukraine is not adversely affecting the implementation of the main project activities. However, as noted in the last report and updated in this report, activities 1.2.1. and 1.2.2 which are dependent upon the adoption of the new Criminal Procedure Code (or the law on International Co-operation) may have to be substituted early next year if it is agreed that progress cannot be made on these activities within the expected time frame of the project. There is also pressure to have activity 2.1.3 on registrations systems completed by June 2008. All parties involved in the Project are aware of the overall need to keep up the pressure on all appropriate areas to ensure full project completion in November 2008.

6 STRATEGIC OVERVIEW AND CONCLUSION

Overall the project is proceeding according to the workplan, except for those noted activities which are somewhat delayed. With both operational contact points from the Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General, daily operational co-operation remains good and there is a productive working relationship. 2007 has been quite busy in the first six months, but less so in the second six months due to rescheduling of some activities. 2008 will be another busy period to ensure that all activities are completed. The expectation is that all

major project activities are to be completed no later than October 2008 (with the possible exception of Kyiv language training that may run until the end of November 2008).

On the legislative review front, section 4.1.1 provides an update on the current situation for the ratification of specified conventions highlighted in the project. The Project Team is ready to provide any further assistance to the Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General's for those areas if it is required.

7 APPENDIX I - LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

Level	Description	Indicators	Sources of verification	Assumptions
Overall objective	To strengthen the capacities of Ukraine to fully implement European treaties on co-operation in criminal matters	<p>The level of ratification of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Convention on Environment through Criminal Law (ETS 172) - The 2nd Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS 182) - The Protocol Amending the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (ETS 190) - The Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS 196) - The Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (ETS 198) - The Council of Europe Convention against trafficking in human beings (CETS 197) <p>The quality of the national legislation (laws and by-laws) which permit implementation of these treaties</p> <p>Tools provided and in use by practitioners (registration system, co-operation manual)</p> <p>The number of requests sent/received and the timeliness with which they are</p>	<p>Council of Europe treaty office database</p> <p>Project reports</p> <p>Statistical data from the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General</p>	

Level	Description	Indicators	Sources of verification	Assumptions
Project objective 1	To strengthen the legal basis for international co-operation in criminal matters	processed. Ratification of Conventions and implementation into national law	Council of Europe Treaty office database	Laws and treaties will be applied in practice
Output 1.1	Draft laws for the ratification of the 2 nd Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS 182), the Convention on Environment through Criminal Law (ETS 172), the Council of Europe Convention on Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS 197), the Protocol Amending the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (ETS 190), the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS 196), the Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (ETS 198), available for submission to the Government and Parliament	Draft laws available (timing to be determined during the inception phase)	Project reports Project reports	Draft laws will be adopted by Parliament
Activity 1.1.1	Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of ETS 182 (2 nd Protocol) to be followed by a workshop and drafting of amendments			
Activity 1.1.2	Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of ETS 198 to be followed by a workshop and drafting of amendments			
Activity 1.1.3	Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of ETS 190 and CETS 196 (terrorism) to be followed by a workshop and drafting of amendments			
Activity 1.1.4	Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of ETS 172 (protection of environment through criminal law) to be followed by a workshop and drafting of amendments			
Activity 1.1.5	Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of CETS 197 (trafficking in human beings) to be followed by workshop and drafting of amendments			
Output 1.2	Proposals for amendments to the criminal legislation available for submission to the Government and Parliament	Draft laws available (timing to be determined during the inception phase)	Project reports	Draft laws will be adopted by Parliament

Level	Description	Indicators	Sources of verification	Assumptions
Activity 1.2.1	Review of the existing instruction on the execution of European conventions in criminal matters and elaboration of proposals for improvement to be followed by workshop			
Activity 1.2.2	Expert advice to the drafting of by-laws required to implement European treaties (in particular following the adoption of the new Criminal Procedure Code)			
Activity 1.2.3	Expert advice to the drafting of a law on the execution of foreign sentences			
Activity 1.2.4	Expert advice to the drafting of a law on legal assistance and co-operation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia			
Project objective 2	To strengthen the human and institutional capacities of the Ministry of Justice and the Prosecution Service for international co-operation in criminal matters	<p>The number of requests sent/received and the timeliness with which they are processed</p> <p>Tools provided and in use by practitioners (registration system, co-operation manual)</p> <p>Level of participation in training in terms of quantity and quality</p> <p>Quality and timeliness of the training delivered</p>	<p>Project reports</p> <p>Statistical data from Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General</p> <p>Training materials and evaluation reports</p>	<p>The skills acquired and the tools provided will be applied in practice</p>
Output 2.1	System for efficient registration and follow up to requests for assistance established at the Ministry of Justice (accessible to Courts, the Prosecution and the Ministry of Interior)	System installed and functioning	Project reports Statistical data from Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General	System will be used by all concerned
Activity 2.1.1	Review the current systems of registration and control of requests at the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General and			

Level	Description	Indicators	Sources of verification	Assumptions
Activity 2.1.2	European best practices and prepare a proposal (TOR) for automated systems			
Activity 2.1.3	Elaborate a system for the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General adapted for needs of all relevant institutions			
Output 2.2	Implement the system at the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General, including procurement of software, hardware and training			
Activity 2.2.1	40 Ministry of Justice officials and up to 40 prosecutors (central level and regional administrative divisions) trained	Level of participation in training in terms of quantity and quality Quality and timeliness of the training delivered	Project reports Evaluation of training activities Statistical data from Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General	Officials trained will remain in their positions and apply the skills acquired
Activity 2.2.2	Organise up to 5 training seminars for prosecutors and justice officials at central level and regional administrative divisions on the requirements of relevant European treaties (each seminar to include workshops on the drawing up of requests for assistance)			
Activity 2.2.3	Organise a national level seminar for justice officials, prosecutors and judges on the relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights, in particular with regard to extradition			
Output 2.3	Arrange in-country English language training for up to 35 justice officials and 35 prosecutors responsible for international co-operation Co-operation at the national level enhanced between the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Prosecutor General, Courts and the Ministry of Interior through joint training and a common co-operation manual and website	Level of participation in terms of quantity and quality Quality and timeliness of the training delivered Quality of the co-operation manual and the website Frequency of consultations of the website	Project reports Analytical report on the functioning of the judicial co-operation chain	Officials responsible within the judicial co-operation chain are prepared to cooperate with each other Officials make use of the website

Level	Description	Indicators	Sources of verification	Assumptions
Activity 2.3.1	Support a working group (comprising prosecutors and officials from the Ministry of Justice) in the drafting of a co-operation manual			and the co-operation manual
Activity 2.3.2	Organise 3 workshops for prosecutors, officials from the Ministry of Justice, judges and officials from the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the basis of the co-operation manual			
Activity 2.3.3	Organise up to 4 study visits for official from the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and courts to benefit from the experience of other European countries in judicial co-operation and in particular in view of the roles and responsibilities of different bodies in the judicial co-operation chain			
Activity 2.3.4	Support the development of a website on judicial co-operation			
Project objective 3	To promote networking and direct contacts between Ukrainian Ministry of Justice officials and prosecutors with those of neighbouring countries and other European countries	Number and timeliness of requests sent and received between Ukraine and the other participating countries Level of ratification of relevant conventions by participating countries The frequency of direct contacts between Ukrainian authorities with those of other countries	Project reports Statistical data from Ministry of Justice and Office of the Prosecutor General Database of the Council of Europe Treaty Office	
Output 3.1	Direct co-operation strengthened and experience exchanged with up to ten other European countries	Level of participation in meetings in terms of quantity and quality Quality and timeliness of the meetings organised	Project reports	Participants in the meetings follow up on the contacts established and the skills acquired
Level	Description	Indicators	Sources of verification	Assumptions
Activity 3.1.1	Organise up to 4 international meetings on topics of priority interest			

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Level	Description	Indicators	Sources of verification	Assumptions
	(such as co-operation in matters related to cybercrime, trafficking in human beings, or implementation of the 2 nd Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters)			
Output 3.2	Co-operation manual and web-site on international co-operation in criminal matters prepared with the participation of other European countries	Quality of the co-operation manual and the website Frequency of consultations of the website	Project reports	Institutions responsible in different countries make use of the co-operation manual and website
Activity 3.2.1	Within the framework of the international meetings, on the basis of the Ukrainian national co-operation manual (and using the examples of the PACO Networking Manual and the European Judicial Network) develop a manual and website for participating countries			

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Time	Activity	Description of activity	Responsible	Inputs required
01.12.05 – 31.03.2006	0.0.0	Inception phase	Council of Europe Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Ministry of Interior	
01.12.05 – 31.03.2006	0.0.0	Recruitment of project staff and preparation of the project office in Kyiv	Council of Europe Strasbourg Ministry of Justice	Activity funding (vacancy announcement, missions / interviews) Funding of purchase of project office furniture and equipment Settlement of procedures for running costs
By 20.02.2006	0.0.0	Finalisation of the logical framework, detailed workplan and of the inception report	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Council of Europe Strasbourg	Coordination by project management team of inputs for the finalisation of workplan Translation of documents
24.02.2006	0.0.0	Start up event to present the project and workplan to all stakeholders	Ministry of Justice Council of Europe Team leader	Activity funding 2 international experts Translation/ interpretation funding Project management team coordination

Project objective 1 – To strengthen the legal basis for international co-operation in criminal matters				
Output .1.1				
Draft laws for the ratification of the 2nd Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS 182), the Convention on Environment through Criminal Law (ETS 172), the Council of Europe Convention on Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS 197), the Protocol Amending the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (ETS 190), the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS 196) and the Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (ETS 198) available for submission to the Government and Parliament				
2007	Activity 1.1.1	Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of ETS 182 (2 nd Protocol) to be followed by a workshop and drafting of amendments	Ministry of Justice Team Leader Council of Europe	Written expert opinions (2) Workshop funding 2 international experts /consultants 1-2 national experts Translation/ interpretation funding
01.03.2006- 01.06.2006	Activity 1.1.2	Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of ETS 198 to be followed by a workshop (15 May 2006) and drafting of amendments	Ministry of Justice State Committee for Financial Monitoring (FIU) Council of Europe Team leader	Written expert opinions (2) Workshop funding 2 international experts /consultant 1-2 national experts Translation/ interpretation funding
2007	Activity 1.1.3	Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of ETS 190 and CETS 196 (terrorism) to be followed by a workshop and drafting of amendments	Ministry of Justice Team Leader Council of Europe	Written expert opinions (2) Workshop funding 2 international experts /consultants 1-2 national experts Translation/ interpretation funding
November 2006 – early 2007	Activity 1.1.4	Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of ETS 172 (protection of environment through criminal law) to be followed by a workshop and drafting of amendments	Ministry of Justice Team Leader Council of Europe	Written expert opinions (2) Workshop funding 2 international experts /consultants 1-2 national experts Translation/ interpretation funding
01.06.06- 15.07.2006	Activity 1.1.5	Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of CETS 197 (trafficking in human beings) to be followed by workshop and drafting of amendments	Ministry of Justice Council of Europe	Written expert opinions (2) Workshop funding 2 international experts /consultants 1-2 national experts Translation/ interpretation funding

Output 1.2			
Proposals for amendments to the criminal legislation available for submission to the Government and Parliament			
2007	Activity 1.2.1	Review of the existing instruction on the execution of European conventions in criminal matters and elaboration of proposals for improvement to be followed by workshop	Ministry of Justice Team Leader Council of Europe Written expert opinions (2) Workshop funding 2 international experts /consultants 1-2 national experts Translation/ interpretation funding
2007	Activity 1.2.2	Expert advice to the drafting of laws required to implement European treaties (in particular following the adoption of the new Criminal Procedure Code)	Ministry of Justice Team Leader Council of Europe Workshops funding 2 international experts /consultants Report 1-2 national experts Translation/ interpretation funding
September 2006 – June 2007	Activity 1.2.3	Expert advice to the drafting of a law on the execution of foreign sentences	Ministry of Justice Team Leader Council of Europe Workshop funding 2 international experts /consultants Report 1-2 national experts Translation/ interpretation funding
2007	Activity 1.2.4	Expert advice to the drafting of a law on legal assistance and co-operation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Court	Ministry of Justice Team Leader Council of Europe Workshop funding 2 international experts /consultants 1-2 national experts Report Translation/ interpretation funding
Project objective 2 – To strengthen the human and institutional capacities of the Ministry of Justice and the Prosecution service for international co-operation in criminal matters			
Output 2.1			
Systems for efficient registration and follow up to requests for assistance established at the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General			
01.06.2006 – 31.07.2006	Activity 2.1.1	Review the current systems of registration and control of requests at the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General and European best practices and prepare a proposal (TOR) for automated systems	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Team Leader Council of Europe 2 international experts /consultants 2 national experts Translation/ interpretation funding

01. 09. 2006 – 30. 11. 2006	Activity 2.1.2	Elaborate a system for the Ministry of Justice and Prosecution adapted for needs of all relevant institutions	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Team Leader Council of Europe	2 international experts /consultants 2 national experts Translation/ interpretation funding
From 01. 12. 2006	Activity 2.1.3	Implement the system at the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General, including procurement of software, hardware and training	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Team Leader Council of Europe	IT experts Funding for development and purchase of equipment, hardware 2-3 trainers Funding of training activity
Output 2.2				
40 Ministry of Justice officials and up to 40 prosecutors (central and regional administrative divisions) trained				
	Activity 2.2.1	Organise up to 5 training seminars for prosecutors and justice officials at central level and regional administrative divisions on the requirements of relevant European treaties (each seminar to include workshops on the drawing up of requests for assistance)		
September 2006	Activity 2.2.1.1	1 st training seminar for practitioners on mutual legal assistance and extradition aspects	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Courts Team leader Council of Europe Prosecution Academy	2 international experts /consultants 2 national experts Funding of training seminar Translation/ interpretation funding Training materials
2007	Activity 2.2.1.2	2 nd training seminar (topic to be determined)	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Courts Team leader Council of Europe Prosecution Academy	2 international experts /consultants 2 national experts Funding of training seminar Translation/ interpretation funding

2007	Activity 2.2.1.3	3 rd training seminar (topic to be determined)	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Team leader Council of Europe Prosecution Academy	2 international experts /consultants 2 national experts Funding of training seminar Translation/ interpretation funding
2008	Activity 2.2.1.4	4 th training seminar (topic to be determined)	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Courts Team leader Council of Europe Prosecution Academy	2 international experts /consultants 2 national experts Funding of training seminar Translation/ interpretation funding
2008	Activity 2.2.1.5	5 th training seminar (topic to be determined)	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Courts Team leader Council of Europe Prosecution Academy	2 international experts /consultants 2 national experts Funding of training seminar Translation/ interpretation funding
2007	Activity 2.2.2	Organise a national level seminar for justice officials, prosecutors and judges on the relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights related to extradition	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Courts Team leader Council of Europe Prosecution Academy	2 international experts /consultants 2 national experts Funding of seminar Translation/ interpretation funding
From September 2006	Activity 2.2.3	In-country English or French language training for up to 35 justice officials and 35 prosecutors responsible for international co-operation	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Team leader	Funding of language training course
Output 2.3 Co-operation at the national level enhanced between the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Prosecutor General, Courts and the Ministry of Interior through joint training and a common co-operation manual.				

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From 2006	October	Activity 2.3.1	Support a working group (comprising prosecutors and officials from the Ministry of Justice) in the drafting and publication of a co-operation manual	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Team Leader	Facilitating the working group meetings Expert support to the drafting exercise Funding of publication
2007 - 2008		Activity 2.3.2	Organise 3 workshops for prosecutors, officials from the Ministry of Justice, judges and officials from the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the basis of the co-operation manual	Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Courts Ministry of internal affairs Team leader Council of Europe Prosecution Academy	Funding of 3 workshops 2 international expert 3-4 national experts
		Activity 2.3.3	Organise up to 4 study visits for official from the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and courts to benefit from the experience of other European countries in judicial co-operation and in particular in view of the roles and responsibilities of different bodies in the judicial co-operation chain		
October 2006		Activity 2.3.3.1	1 st study visit (The Netherlands)	Council of Europe Team Leader Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Ministry of Internal Affairs Courts	Funding of 10 participants to the study visit
2007		Activity 2.3.3.2	2 nd study visit (location to be determined)	Council of Europe Team Leader Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Ministry of Internal Affairs Courts	Funding of 10 participants to the study visit

2007	Activity 2.3.3.3	3 rd study visit (location to be determined)	Council of Europe Team Leader Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Ministry of Internal Affairs Courts	Funding of 10 participants to the study visit
2008	Activity 2.3.3.4	4 th study visit (location to be determined)	Council of Europe Team Leader Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Ministry of Internal Affairs Courts	Funding of 10 participants to the study visit
From 01.06.2006	Activity 2.3.4	Support the development of a website on judicial co-operation	Team Leader Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General Ministry of Internal Affairs	Funding of activity
Project objective 3 : To promote networking and direct contacts between Ukrainian Ministry of Justice officials and prosecutors with those of neighbouring countries and other European countries				
Output 3.1				
Direct co-operation strengthened and experience exchanged with up to ten other European countries				
	Activity 3.1.1	Organise up to 4 international meetings on topics of priority interest (such as co-operation in matters related to cybercrime, trafficking in human beings, or implementation of the 2 nd Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters)	Council of Europe Team Leader Ministry of Justice	
November 2006	Activity 3.1.1.1	1 st meeting on the 2 nd Additional protocol to the European Convention on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters (ETS 182)	Council of Europe Team Leader Ministry of Justice Office of the Prosecutor General	Funding of international meeting Translation/ interpretation funding 3 international experts/consultants

2007	Activity 3.1.1.2	2 nd meeting (topic to be determined)	Council of Europe Team Leader Ministry of Justice	Funding of international meeting 3 international experts /consultants Translation/ interpretation funding
2007/8	Activity 3.1.1.3	3 rd meeting (topic to be determined)	Council of Europe Team Leader Ministry of Justice	Funding of international meeting 3 international experts /consultants Translation/ interpretation funding
2008	Activity 3.1.1.4	4 th meeting (topic to be determined)	Council of Europe Team Leader Ministry of Justice	Funding of international meeting 3 international experts /consultants Translation/ interpretation funding
Output 3.2				
Co-operation manual and web-site on international co-operation in criminal matters prepared with the participation of other European countries				
2007 - 2008	Activity 3.2.1	Within the framework of the international meetings, on the basis of the Ukrainian national co-operation manual (and using the examples of the PACO Networking Manual and the European Judicial Network) develop a manual and website for participating countries	Team Leader National expert	4 international experts / consultants funding of manual and website development funding of publication

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Workplan schedule	Activity	Description of activity	Provisional dates and venue	Comments
<i>Project objective 1 – To strengthen the legal basis for international cooperation in criminal matters</i>				
<i>Output .1.1</i>				
Draft laws for the ratification of the 2 nd Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS 182), the Convention on Environment through Criminal Law (ETS 172), the Council of Europe Convention on Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS 197), the Protocol Amending the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (ETS 190), the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS 196) and the Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (ETS 198) available for submission to the Government and Parliament				
From November 2006 – early 2007	Activity 1.1.4	Review of the legislation in view of the requirements of ETS 172 (protection of environment through criminal law) to be followed by a workshop and drafting of amendments	Early 2008	INTERNAL REVIEW UNDERWAY. MINISTRY WILL BE READY TO PROCEED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AFTER DETERMINATION ABOUT WHETHER A DRAFT WILL BE NECESSARY
<i>Output 1.2</i>				
Proposals for amendments to the criminal legislation available for submission to the Government and Parliament				
From 2007	Activity 1.2.1	Review of the existing instruction on the execution of European conventions in criminal matters and elaboration of proposals for improvement to be followed by workshop	Early 2008	POSTPONED TO 2008. DEPENDENT UPON ADOPTION OF THE NEW CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE OR LAW ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
From 2007	Activity 1.2.2	Expert advice to the drafting of laws required to implement European treaties (in particular following the adoption of the new Criminal Procedure Code)	Early 2008	POSTPONED TO 2008. AS 1.2.2. ABOVE
From September 2006 – June 2007	Activity 1.2.3	Expert advice to the drafting of a law on the execution of foreign sentences	Early 2008	WILL BECOME REDUNDANT IF THE CPC/INTERNATIONAL LAW IS ADOPTED.

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From 2007	Activity 1.2.4	Expert advice to the drafting of a law on legal assistance and cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia	Early – Mid 2008	POSTPONED TO 2008. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS HAVE TO BE AGREED BY PARLIAMENT BEFORE THE DRAFT LAW CAN BE TAKEN FORWARD
Workplan schedule	Activity	Description of activity	Provisional dates and venue	Comments
<i>Project objective 2 – To strengthen the human and institutional capacities of the Ministry of Justice and the Prosecution service for international co-operation in criminal matters</i>				
<i>Output 2.2</i>				
40 Ministry of Justice officials and up to 40 prosecutors (central and regional administrative divisions) trained				
From 2006-8	Activity 2.1.3	Implement the system at the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Prosecutor General, including procurement of software, hardware and training	Ongoing activity	TECHNICAL DOCUMENT IN ITS FINAL STAGE OF COMPLETION PRIOR TO BEING LAUNCHED: THIS ACTIVITY SHOULD BE READY FOR PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION BY JUNE 2008, BUT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 2008.
	Activity 2.2.1	Organise up to 5 training seminars for prosecutors and justice officials at central level and regional administrative divisions on the requirements of relevant European treaties (each seminar to include workshops on the drawing up of requests for assistance)		
2008	Activity 2.2.1.4	3 rd & 4 th training seminars (Extradition and an additional topic to be determined)	February 2008 Kyiv	TOPIC TO BE DECIDED BY 21 DECEMBER 2007
2008	Activity 2.2.1.5	5 th training seminar (topic to be determined)	Sept 2008 Truskavets, L'viv Oblast	TOPIC TO BE DECIDED BY 2 JUNE 2008
From 2006-2008	Activity 2.2.3	In-country English and French language training for up to 35 justice officials and 35 prosecutors responsible for international co-operation	Ongoing activity	

<p>Output 2.3 Cooperation at the national level enhanced between the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Prosecutor General, Courts and the Ministry of Interior through joint training and a common cooperation manual.</p>			
From 2006	October	Activity 2.3.1	<p>Support a working group (comprising prosecutors and officials from the Ministry of Justice) in the drafting and publication of a co-operation manual</p> <p>Ongoing activity</p>
2007 - 2008		Activity 2.3.2	<p>Organise 3 workshops for prosecutors, officials from the Ministry of Justice, judges and officials from the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the basis of the co-operation manual</p> <p>TBC March 2008 - Kyiv April 2008 - Simferopol October 2008 – Kharkiv</p> <p>DRAFT OF CONTENTS HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE MINISTRY. IT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND THE SEMINARS WILL BE ORGANISED IN 2008 FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.</p>

Workplan schedule	Activity	Description of activity	Provisional dates and venue	Comments
	Activity 2.3.3	Organise up to 4 study visits for official from the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and courts to benefit from the experience of other European countries in judicial co-operation and in particular in view of the roles and responsibilities of different bodies in the judicial co-operation chain		
2007	Activity 2.3.3.4	4 th study visit (location to be determined)	Venue TBC w/c 14-18 April 2008	VENUE TO BE DECIDED BY 21 DECEMBER 2007.
From 01.05.2006	Activity 2.3.4	Support the development of a website on judicial co-operation	Ongoing activity	
<i>Project objective 3 : To promote networking and direct contacts between Ukrainian Ministry of Justice officials and prosecutors with those of neighbouring countries and other European countries</i>				
Output 3.1				
Direct cooperation strengthened and experience exchanged with up to ten other European countries				
	Activity 3.1.1	Organise up to 4 international meetings on topics of priority interest (such as cooperation in matters related to cybercrime, trafficking in human beings, or implementation of the 2 nd Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters)		
2008	Activity 3.1.1.4	4 th Meeting	June 2008 Yalta, Crimea	TOPIC TO BE DECIDED BY 21 FEBRUARY 2008
Output 3.2				
Cooperation manual and web-site on international cooperation in criminal matters prepared with the participation of other European countries				
2007 - 2008	Activity 3.2.1	Within the framework of the international meetings, on the basis of the Ukrainian national co-operation manual (and using the examples of the PACO Networking Manual and the European Judicial Network) develop a manual and website for participating countries	Ongoing activity	POSSIBILITY TO ORGANISE WORKSHOPS ONCE THE MANUAL HAS BEEN COMPLETED. MAY BE COMBINED WITH OTHER SEMINARS AS AN AGENDA TOPIC