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**REVIEW OF CARPO PROJECT'S
OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS**

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Recall the overall objective of CARPO

To strengthen the capacities of the project areas to develop & implement regional strategies against serious forms of crime, based on the acquis of the European Union and other European standards and practices in the following areas:

- crime analysis;
- financial investigations / proceeds of crime;
- special investigative means and intelligence;
- witness protection;
- co-operation in criminal matters.

Project's intervention logic



Summary of activities implemented

■ 31 March 2004 - September 2006:

-  **54 in-project areas activities**
[seminars, workshops, training events]
-  **35 regional activities**
[seminars, workshops, training events]
-  **14 study visits**
[in selected counterpart EU services]
-  **numerous expert opinions**
[on request by project areas]

Highlights



Local ownership and capacity building

[From initial stages CARPO managed to secure - although to different extend in different project areas - sustainability, continuity and local ownership through local Working Groups]



Regional dimension

[CARPO has offered a forum for a sustainable “network” for high-level practitioners, exchange of experience and quest for common standards]



EU dimension

[high support from EU experts and institutions]

Output 1.1: Development of a regional strategy on organised and economic crime

Starting point:

- no in-depth analysis of the organised and economic crime situation in the region; no (or only fragmented) strategies on specific tools and instruments; weak crime analysis capacities, ...

Achievements / highlights:

- SITUATION REPORT (in 2005 and 2006)**
[comprehensive analysis of the organised and economic crime]
- COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY ON TOOLS AGAINST ORGANISED AND ECONOMIC CRIME ADOPTED**
- DETAILED PROJECT AREAS' ACTION PLANS ADOPTED**
- OTHER: activities for crime analysis reform with Europol/Spain/UK; model in progress in most project areas; raised sensibility for Data Protection in crime analysis and criminal intelligence procedures; ...**

Output 1.2: Financial investigations / proceeds of crime & exchange of experiences among FIUs

Starting point:

- weak awareness (among practitioners and even more so among decision makers) on the concept of integrated financial and criminal investigations; no training materials on the subject or guidelines for practitioners; ...

Achievements / highlights:

- Strategy on financial investigations adopted in all project areas;
- Comprehensive country-tailored training manuals prepared; a number of practitioners from different services trained;
- Gaps in legislation identified and addressed; new organisational settings for financial investigations elaborated and ready for implementation in some project areas;
- Cooperation among FIUs in the region strengthened through 3 joint training events and meetings of heads.

Output 1.3: Special investigative means and intelligence

■ Starting point:

- Undercover units operational only in Croatia; weak regional and international cooperation; no legal basis for technical SIMS in some project areas; no specific training for undercover units; bias towards technical SIMS in relation to undercover agents; ...

Achievements / highlights:

- ☑ Detailed strategy and benchmarks on using special investigative means in accordance with human rights standards adopted;
- ☑ All, but one, project areas now have legal basis for the use of SIMS;
- ☑ 3 project areas now have operational specialised undercover units;
- ☑ Increased regional and international co-operation and practical exchange of experience (first time ever a regional meeting of heads of special departments).

Output 1.4: Witness protection

Starting point:

- ❑ Except for Croatia, none of the project areas had legislation on WPU and only 2 had semi-operational WPU; awareness on procedural protective measures was low; international cooperation (except for the ICTY) limited / non-existent, ...

Achievements / highlights:

- ✅ Except for Kosovo all project areas have adopted special legislation for WP; all project areas have now special WPU; a de facto regional network of Heads of WPU has been created;
- ✅ WPUs introduced to the European network of WPUs; a number of WPU received initial operational training by European counterparts;
- ✅ Comprehensive training manual for procedural protective measures prepared and a number of criminal justice actors have received training on this issue.
- ✅ Increased regional and international co-operation

Output 1.5: Strengthening of capacities for co-operation in criminal matters in view of ETS 182








■ Starting point:

- In none of the project areas Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS 182) has entered into force; Co-operation Manuals have been outdated; legislation has not been adopted for the implementation of ETS 182. ...

Achievements / highlights:

- Co-operation manuals updated for all project areas;
- Legislative gaps for the ratification and implementation of ETS 182 identified and amendments prepared;
- Guidelines/templates on training in international co-operation in criminal matters prepared;
- A number of practitioners trained on practical aspects of mutual assistance;

Legacy of CARPO.....

-  **Situation reports on organised and economic crime**
-  **Regional implementation strategies and detailed project area's specific action plans**
-  **Comprehensive training materials**
-  **Legislative amendments**
-  **Regional network of practitioners in the field of crime analysis, witness protection, financial investigations, special investigative means, mutual cooperation,**
-  **Strengthened capacity, knowledge and awareness of local practitioners, experts and decision-makers involved in the work of Local Working Groups;**
-  **Established contacts with specialised services (WPU, Undercover units, Financial investigation units, Crime analysis units, ...) in EU member states;**

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All this would not be possible without:

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- Senior Representatives and Module 1 Coordinators
- Local project officers
- Consortium partners (Belgium, Italy, Slovenia, Spain)
- EUROPOL
- Specialized services from other EU member countries (Austria, Germany, UK, ...)

Conclusions.....

We believe the objective of CARPO has been fully met....

...however, a number of items of the Regional strategy and the project areas' specific action plans, require further actions by the project areas.