

**COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND EUROPEAN COMMISSION
CARDS REGIONAL POLICE PROJECT**

Welcome to the September edition of our Newsletter. A number of activities were carried out during the May-August period within the CARDS Police Regional Project: “Development of Reliable and Functioning Policing Systems and Enhancing of Combating Main Criminal Activities and Police Co-operation” (CARPO).

The CARPO project, which started in March 2004, aims at strengthening the capacities of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” against serious forms of crime based on the *acquis* of the European Union and other European standards and practices by:

- providing them with the necessary tools against organised and economic crime (module 1, co-ordinated by the Council of Europe);
- enabling them to deliver comprehensive training against trafficking in human beings, smuggling and illegal migration (module 2, co-ordinated by the International Organization for Migration).

The CARPO project was due to finish on 30 September 2006. The European Commission and the Council of Europe have decided, within the remaining available resources under the original budget, to extend it for another nine month period (from 1 October 2006 to 30 June 2007). During this extension period the CARPO project will focus exclusively on output 1.1-Crime analysis and output 1.2-Financial Investigations.

You can find more detailed information on our webpage www.coe.int/carpo.

HIGHLIGHTS

- *High level meeting of Heads of Police from South-eastern Europe to review progress made in the implementation of the regional strategy and project area specific actions - Final Conference - Sarajevo, 21 September 2006*
- Publication of “Protecting witnesses of Serious Crime/Procedural protective measures-Training manual for law enforcement and judiciary”, September 2006
- Publication of “Training manual on financial investigations and confiscation of proceeds from crime”, September 2006
- Publication of “2006 Situation Report on organised and economic crime in South-eastern Europe”, September 2006
- Publication of the training manuals on trafficking of human beings, smuggling and illegal migration, September 2006

**MODULE 1
COMPLETED ACTIVITIES
(May-August 2006)**

- 5th CARPO Advisory Board Meeting, Strasbourg, 20 June 2006

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Output 1.1

Development of the regional strategy on economic and organised crime in accordance with the acquis of the EU and European standards and practices

- 2nd Follow up meeting on the implementation of the regional strategy on tools against organised and economic crime and project area specific actions / preparation of the High level meeting of Sarajevo, Strasbourg, 19 June 2006
- Update of the Situation report on organised and economic crime (completed in August 2006)

Output 1.2

Capacities for financial investigations aimed at the confiscation of proceeds from crime strengthened

- In-project areas training events by local trainers with expert support to test and further improve the Manual on Financial Investigations and confiscations of proceeds from crime:
 - Belgrade, Serbia, 10-12 May 2006
 - Skopje, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, 26-27 June 2006
 - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 20-21 June 2006

Output 1.3

More effective use of special investigative means and intelligence in accordance with human rights standards supported

- Regional seminar on data protection in relation to the use of criminal intelligence (Bitola, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, 8-9 June 2006)

Output 1.4

The creation of effective mechanisms to protect witnesses of serious crime supported

- Regional training seminar on procedural protective measures for witnesses (Palic, Serbia, 26-29 June 2006)
- Training on witness protection for members of the Organised Crime Department of the Ministry of the Interior of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (Czech Republic, 27 June - 3 July 2006)

Output 1.5

Capacities for co-operation in criminal matters among the countries of South-eastern Europe made more efficient

- Workshop on National Legislation on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Strategy for Development of Educational Program (Zagreb, Croatia, 31 May 2006)

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (September-December 2006)

Output 1.1

- High level meeting of Heads of Police from South-eastern Europe to review progress made in the implementation of the regional strategy and project area specific actions (Sarajevo, 21 September 2006)

Output 1.2

- One workshop in each project area – with the participation of senior levels from police, prosecutors and judges – to raise awareness on the concept of integrated financial and criminal investigations and review the strategy/approach to financial investigations and the confiscation of proceeds from crime (October-November 2006, dates tbc)
- Regional workshop of local trainers to review and further upgrade the training materials (based on experiences from trainings implemented under Carpo I), (December 2006, date tbc)

Output 1.3

- Regional meeting of specialists implementing covert technical surveillance and interception measures /Training workshop on the use of technology in relation to the implementation of SIMS (Zagreb, 12-13 September 2006)
- Short-term experts to review and/or assist in the drafting of legislative amendments if necessary, as well as of guidelines for practitioners (per request/permanent)
- Operational training on handling undercover operations for selected specialists from Albania (September, dates tbc)

Output 1.4

- Publication of “Protecting witnesses of Serious Crime/Procedural protective measures-Training manual for law enforcement and judiciary”, September 2006
- In-project areas trainings on procedural protective measures for witnesses
 - Brčko Distrikt, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1-2 September 2006
 - Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 8-9 September 2006
 - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 14-15 September 2006
 - Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 22-23 September 2006
 - Pristina, Kosovo, Republic of Serbia, 20-22 September 2006
 - Fruska Gora, Republic of Serbia, October 2006 (dates tbc)
 - Valbandon, Croatia, end of September 2006 (dates tbc)
 - Podgorica, Montenegro, 3rd week of September 2006 (dates tbc)
- Participation of specialists working in newly established witness protection units in regular/ad hoc training courses of established European witness protection units
 - Training of specialists from the 7 project areas (Latvia, October 2006 - tbc)

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- Training of 2 staff members of the Bosnian witness protection unit in Slovak Republic (November 2006 or early 2007)

Output 1.5

- Training on legislation drafting on judicial cooperation (Kosovo 27-28 or 28-29 September 2006)
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MODULE 2 COMPLETED ACTIVITIES (May-August 2006)

Output 2.2

- In-project area trainings on trafficking in human beings, smuggling in persons and illegal migration:
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina, May 2006
 - Montenegro, June 2006
 - Croatia, June 2006

MODULE 2 FORTHCOMING EVENTS (September 2006)

- Workshop for the national Training Teams from the 7 project areas (Budapest, Hungary, 25-26 September 2006)
 - Closing Ceremony of Module 2 (Budapest, Hungary, 27 September 2006)
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