

Selected projects



The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

EU allocates €1.5 million to help combat money laundering

Official title of the project

Further development of the administrative and processing capacity of the Judiciary

Country

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Region/ City

Skopje

Sector

EU Integration and Justice

Budget/EC contribution

€2,5 million

Implementation period

2006

Expected results

The programme supported key elements of the country's judicial reform strategy to establish and develop a sustainable caseload processing capacity.

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The EU is providing €1.5 million to help the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia strengthen its functioning system to prevent money laundering. Under the EU-funded twinning, the Directorate for Money Laundering Prevention (DMLP) will receive assistance from its twinning partner – the Spanish Institute for Fiscal Studies.

Over the next two years the Spanish institute will help further develop DMLP's capacity to exercise its functions in line with the Law on Money Laundering Prevention. Support will also be provided to establish effective mechanisms to ensure co-operation both at national and international level. At the national level, this will mean strengthening coordination between the DMLP, reporting institutions, law enforcement, criminal justice and regulatory authorities; at the international level, links will be developed with Financial Intelligence Units in other countries to improve information exchange.

The Directorate has already benefited from €1.7 million EU-funded projects completed in 2006, which delivered technical assistance in the preparation of the National Strategy on Combat against Money Laundering and Financing Terrorism, as well as a state-of-the-art information system to prevent money laundering and stem the flow of terrorist financing.

To date, the EU, through the European Agency for Reconstruction, has provided some €13.55 million to implement twinning initiatives in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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