



Project title: **Economic Crime and Corruption in Greece**

Main theme: Prevention of Financial and Economic crime in Greece - Economic Crime and Corruption in Greece (ProFECiG)

Project purpose and outcome: This project aims to the prevention and fight against financial and economic crime and corruption. The project is implemented through five actions with the cooperation between the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Hellenic Ministry of Citizen Protection - through the Hellenic Police structure.

Project submitter (Member State): Greece

Project leader(s): National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Project partner(s): Hellenic Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection

Project description:

- Action 1: Coordination and cooperation with Hellenic Police in mission that promotes research for the values of legality, integrity, transparency and accountability in Greek Public Administration. A field-work research will be implemented in all prefectures of Greece.
- Action 2: Overview of national (Greek) legislation and applied criminology approaches in comparison with EU legislation and approaches, definition of new methods and tools necessary for strategic prevention and fight against economic crime and corruption, exploitation of the field work research results.
- Action 3: Training seminars to police officers offered by the Centre for Penal and Criminological Research (UoA) in cooperation with Hellenic Police.
- Action 4: EU Legislative Observatory, world legal monitoring problematic and particularly to the content that is usually given on economic crime and corruption by the institutions. In this aspect new methods and tools the function of the Legal Aid Clinic (for specific causes) will be developed in cooperation with: Centre for Penal and Criminological Research (UoA), Hellenic Police and Audiovisual Laboratory (UoA), to diffuse relevant reliable information for the public and private sector and society.
- Action 5: Development of Internet Portal & Information Legal Observatory.

Objectives project:

- Exchange information beyond a classic secure hit/no hit approach through cross-check of databases in compliance with data protection requirements.
- Analyse main trends of economic crime and corruption (most vulnerable areas) their causes and their effects on the society.
- Identify new methods for gathering and measuring relevant statistics related to economic crime and corruption.



- Improve exchange of information and professional standards.
- Stimulate, promote, improve and develop on a legislative basis the following:
 - horizontal methods and tools necessary for strategically preventing and fighting crime and guaranteeing security and public order
 - public-private partnerships for economic crime and corruption prevention
 - best practices in crime prevention
 - analyse comparable statistics
 - applied criminology methods for the detection and prevention of economic crime and corruption
 - financial forensics and analysis in view to dismantle criminal network, bring prosecutable evidence before the judge and detect criminal activity
 - best practices for the protection of and support to witnesses
 - best practices for the protection of crime victims
 - expertise in financial analysis
 - methods for tracing assets derived from crime
 - training materials
- Training of police financial investigators and financial criminal analysts and should and stimulate, promote and develop horizontal methods and tools necessary for strategically preventing and fighting crime and guaranteeing security and public order such as the work carried out in the EU Crime Prevention Network, public-private partnerships, best practices in crime prevention, comparable statistics, applied criminology and an enhanced approach towards young offenders .
- Develop publicity so as to dismantle criminal network, and detect criminal activity.
- Promote and develop best practices for the protection of and support to witnesses .

Project outcome:

- Reduction of corruption and economic crimes in public & private sector
- Upgrading of public administration
- Implementation of EU legislation in Greece
- Implementation of Member States' best practices
- Upgrading of the Hellenic Police in the field of prevention and fight against of economic crime and corruption
- Upgrading of research/investigation and legal services and cooperation between UoA and Ministry of Citizen Prot
- Upgrading of cooperation between Greece and EU in the framework of the Hellenic Presidency of the EU in 2014
- Cooperation development among member-states, for the implementation of best practices for public administration as measures against corruption

The outputs will be the following:

- Training courses (64 seminars) – seminar certificate
- Training materials (5 handbooks)
- Video-spots for TV (2)
- 30minutes video education-programme (16)
- Audio books (16)
- E-books (8)



- Press-realise (24)
- Info bulletin (64)
- Case-studies (4)
- One Library (1) in Hellenic Ministry of Citizen Protection for classification of books, laws and regulations, etc. related to economic crime and corruption
- EU Legislative Observatory (1)
- Internet Portal & Information Legal Observatory (1)

Start and end project: May 2014 – May 2016

Timescales and key milestone dates:

- Action 1: coordination and cooperation with Hellenic Police in mission that promotes research for the values of legality, integrity, transparency and accountability in Greek police Administration. A field work research will be implemented in all prefectures of Greece. (Months 1-24)
- Action 2: Overview of national (Greek) legislation and applied criminology approaches in comparison with EU legislation and approaches, definition of new methods and tools necessary for strategic prevention and fight against crime and corruption, exploitation of the field work research results. (Months 1-24)
- Action 3: Training seminars to police officers. (months 5-24)
- Action 4: EU Legislative Observatory. (months 5-24)
- Action 5: Development of Internet Portal & Information Legal Observatory. (months 5-24)

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