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Razvoj centralnih organa vlada/VM u BiH**

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**ROUND TABLE MEETING “PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT IN BiH
- STRATEGIC PLANNING, BUDGETING AND PUBLIC INVESTMENTS”**

**FACTSHEET OF THE EU-FUNDED PROJECT: “DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL
BODIES OF GOVERNMENTS/COM IN BiH”**

BACKGROUND

This project represents continuation of reform initiatives related to the process of development of central bodies of governments that lasts since 2008, when all four governments / CoM adopted the document “*Blueprint of development of central bodies of governments / CoM in BiH*” (based on SIGMA model of the Center of Governance, CoG and aligned with the the objectives of the Public Administration Reform Strategy in BiH). The “Blueprint” envisages development of coordination capacities of central bodies regarding 6 specific areas:

- Priority setting, Planning, Policy making / legal drafting, Monitoring, Communications, and selected cross-cutting policies (Public administration reform, EU integration, etc.)

EU DECEB does not cover all coordination functions from the Blueprint but only two:

- Annual planning, monitoring and reporting
- Policy making, legal drafting, and impact assessment.

However, the project was asked to address the issue of medium-term (and to some extent long-term) planning, as well, which derived from the methodological work on annual planning. With regard to the second coordination function, the project is closely related to initiatives on improving quality of legislation and regulatory reform.

The first activity of EU DECEB was to update and upgrade the Gap Assessment produced by the previous project (Blueprint – phase 1, funded by PARCO FUND and finished in 2012). The EU DECEB report on Gap Assessment was based on a slightly different interpretation of the “Blueprint”. Firstly, while structures and formal functions are important, actual practices, relationships, methods, and mechanisms for coordination are equally, if not more, important. Secondly, General Secretariat is indeed the “most central” of all central bodies of government, but there is a number of other bodies that either a) are also central bodies, or b) perform the role of a central body though formally are not central bodies (e.g. ministry of finance with regard to budgetary aspects of policy/plan). Hence, this new Gap Assessment – as well as all further EU DECEB work involved, beside General Secretariats, the following:

- Ministries of finance
- Ministries of justice (in RS, the Ministry of administration and local self-government)
- Secretariats/Offices for Legislation
- Bodies involved in central coordination of planning (the Directorate for Economic Planning at the State level and the Federal Bureau for Programming Development)
- Bodies involved in coordination of regulatory impact assessment (the Ministry for Economic Relations in RS)
- Parliaments (with regard to their current role in planning legislation and current / future role in monitoring of implementation / impact assessment)



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CURRENT STATUS

Note: covers the situation as of December 2013 and includes only those activities most relevant for the Round Table Meeting

Area	Council of Ministers		FBiH		RS	
	Finalized	Next steps	Finalized	Next steps	Finalized	Next steps
Planning, monitoring, and reporting	- Gap Assessment - Methodology - Support to legal drafting and consultations (<i>CoM Decision</i>)	- Finalization of consultations (<i>Jan04</i>)	- Gap Assessment - Initial methodology - Comments and suggestions on the existing legal framework	- Methodology, support to changing the legal framework (amending current Decree), and consultations (<i>Feb-April04</i>)	- Gap Assessment - Initial methodology	- Methodology, support to changing the legal framework, and consultations (<i>Feb-April04</i>)
Policy making, legal drafting and impact assessment	- Gap Assessment - Methodology - Support to consultations	- Finalization of consultations and legal drafting (<i>CoM Decision</i>) (<i>Jan04</i>)	- Gap Assessment - Initial methodology	- Methodology, support to changing the legal framework (amending current Decree), and consultations (<i>Feb-April04</i>)	- Gap Assessment - Initial methodology - Comments and suggestions on the existing legal framework	- Methodology, support to changing the legal framework, and consultations (<i>Feb-April04</i>)
Training	- Initial TNA (projects)	- TNA (<i>Jan04</i>) - Training in both areas, including ToT (<i>from April04</i>)	- TNA completed	- Training in both areas, including ToT (<i>from April04</i>)	- Initial TNA (projects)	- TNA (<i>Jan04</i>) - Training in both areas, including ToT (<i>from April04</i>)

Brcko District of BiH: Gap Assessment, and two methodologies with proposals for legal framework expected by the end of January 2014



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FACTSHEET

Start date: 25/01/2013

Duration: 24 months.

Wider objective: To contribute to a reformed and efficient public administration in Bosnia and Herzegovina, capable of supporting the country's European Union (EU) integration process by enhancing capacities of the state and entity administrations in the areas of policy development, policy planning, and policy coordination.

Expected outputs/results

- Legal framework reviewed, recommendations for legislative amendments prepared; consultative meetings/workshops with beneficiaries organised; legal amendments drafted and their adoption promoted.
- Methodology for annual work planning, monitoring and reporting drafted; consultative meetings/workshops with beneficiaries organised; methodology adopted; tools and templates, manuals and guidance documents prepared; on-the job support for their implementation provided.
- Plan for regular meetings among 4 Secretariats prepared; meetings arranged; additional informal information sharing schemes developed; study tour for one week for 12-16 participants organised; procedures and activities for implementation of the Memorandum developed.
- Methodology for policy making and impact assessment drafted; consultative meetings/workshops with beneficiaries organised; methodology adopted; tools and templates, manuals and guidance documents prepared; on-the job support for their implementation provided.
- TNA prepared; training plans and programs developed; No of Staff in the Secretariats and in the Ministries trained to implement annual planning and monitoring, and policy development and impact assessment methodologies; evaluation report prepared.