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Technical Assistance Project Proposals for follow up to the Recommendations of the Voluntary Peer Review of Albania

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

Technical Assistance Project Proposal for Albania

Duration: 3 years

Starting Date: 2015

Project Objective: To assist the authorities to enhance enforcement capacities and to develop competition cultures.

The project proposal is prepared on the basis of the recommendations of Peer Reviews in consultation with the authorities.

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The overall goal is to create a well-functioning economic environment conducive to enterprise development, increased investment and improved consumer welfare.

Project Objectives

- To improve the competition legislation
- To strengthen enforcement capacities
- To raise awareness on the benefits of competition law and policy amongst all stakeholders
- To enhance coordination and cooperation with sector regulators
- To facilitate contacts and international networking

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Activities for Objective Fulfillment

- Legal Framework
- Capacity Building
- Advocacy



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Project Activities

2. Capacity-building

- Training course on investigative procedures, case handling and merger review for investigative officers and case handlers
- Establishing the Authority's library and resource centre
- Training course on competition law and policy, and case handling for Judges
- Training course on competition law and policy for Authority staff and Board members
- Short term expert missions
- Organize study visits

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Project Activities

3. Competition Advocacy

- Review of impact of advocacy and marketing done by ACA toward enhancing competition culture in Albania
- Organize seminars and/or other competition activities
- Advocacy, publications of booklets and publication of anti-cartel
- Organize an International Conference addressing, inter alia, the progress of the implementation of the Peer Review recommendations

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Project Activities

1. Legal Framework

- Development of rules on commitments decisions
- Revision of existing leniency policy

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Outcome

- Enhanced effectiveness and efficiency of the enforcement of the competition law by the authority, improvement of fair business conduct and to better the functioning of the market economy

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Outcome Indicators

- (i) Number of competition cases handled successfully by the authority per year
- (ii) Increased level of awareness of competition law amongst stakeholders,
- (iii) Increased role of competition policy in traditionally State controlled or regulated sectors, and in economic policy design

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The Way Forward

- **Budgeting TAPP activities**
- **Institutional and Implementation Arrangements**
- **Engaging donors, CAs and stakeholders**
- **Scheduling the programme of events**

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The OneUN programme

Joint funding of technical assistance and capacity building activities

- Delivering Results Together Fund (DRT-F)
- United Nations Development Group (UNDG) Multi-Partner Trust Fund office (MPTF-O) Gateway: <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/2DT00>

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