



# **The Regional Centre for Public Administration Reform**

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# Progress Report

## November 2006 – 2008

### **Brief chronology – key milestones:**

Nov 2006	1 <sup>st</sup> Steering Committee meeting (Alexandroupolis)
Nov 2006	Inaugural meeting of Regional network of PAR practitioners and experts
Jan-June 2007	Regional PAR Survey
2007 - ongoing	Controlled expansion of Focal Points Network
June 2007	Five-year Agreement signed by MoI and UNDP/BRC
Oct 2007	RCPAR web platform launched
Dec 2007	Five-year RCPAR project approved by UNDP
end Feb 2008	Five-year Agreement ratified by Parliament
end May 2008	First cost-sharing installment transferred to UNDP (2 <sup>nd</sup> in Oct 2008)

# Outputs / activities

## **Output 1: Regional cooperation and mutual learning, enhanced through demand-driven programmatic activities and targeted technical assistance**

*- guidelines and criteria for multi-country activities finalized and disseminated (May-Oct 2008)*

### **(i) policy-making and coordination**

- participation in the HIAS (ΕΙΔΕ) biannual Forum on “the advancement of transparency in enhancing the quality of public administration” (June 2008, Thessaloniki)

### **(ii) public finance management**

### **(iii) organization and staffing in public sector**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Western Balkans Workshop on Civil Service Reform (Oct 2007, Budva, Montenegro)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Western Balkans Workshop on Civil Service Reform (Nov 2008, Zagreb, Croatia)
- support to Western Balkans comparative study on ways to attract and retain talent in civil service (2008)

### **(iv) public service delivery**

- initiative on administrative simplification for SME incorporation (under discussion with BSEC/GIRG)

# Outputs / activities (cont'd)

## **Output 2: Regional network of PAR practitioners and experts expanded, its knowledge infrastructure enhanced, and its capacity to engage in regional PAR programming strengthened**

### **Network maintenance and expansion, capacity development**

currently ~30 confirmed FPs, expected by early 2009 ~70

working with UNDP COs and existing FPs on controlled expansion

possible absorption of other existing or prospective networks, who could be anchors of thematic CoPs – WeBa HRM CoP; ACPN; PIA practitioners; Public Finance Management network\*

*\* to be established under UNDP/BRC – SlovakAid partnership*

### **Roster of experts**

created using UNDP/BRC platform, 45 registered experts to date

### **RCPAR online platform**

operational – [www.rcpar.org](http://www.rcpar.org)

# Outputs / activities (cont'd)

## **Output 3: Establishment and enhancement of a regional facility to support the regional co-operation on PAR**

### **Project Office, library**

Project Office pending (on-going discussions with State Property Board, since July 2008 and with Ministry of Culture, since September 2008)

UNDP Joint Project Support Unit in Athens (for RCPAR and BSTIP) partly operational

### **Project staff**

Recruitment completed for core project staff (Team Leader Panos Liverakos; PAR Specialist Anne Caroline Tveoy; Finance and Admin Associate Renate Eppich)

Other part-time recruitments ongoing (CoP coordinators, webmaster)

### **Advisory Board**

12 members identified, attending 1<sup>st</sup> AB meeting on 11-12 Nov 2008

### **Ministerial Conference (political endorsement of RCPAR cooperation framework)**

Envisaged for Q4 2009



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