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Regional Cooperation for e-Leadership Capacity Building to strengthen Human Governance in Southeastern Europe (e-LEAD)

Brief description

The e-LEAD programme is a new joint regional e-Governance initiative of UNDP and the Government of Italy in Southeastern Europe (SEE). It aims at promoting a concept of Humane Governance through wider and deeper use of modern Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

e-LEAD is expected to bridge the region's knowledge gap in understanding and managing e-Governance. It will be done by educating local policy-makers, civil and municipal servants, as well as development practitioners and professional end-user groups to lead an ICT-enabled change within their respective organizations and areas of competency. Moreover, the programme will create new opportunities for intra-regional and international cooperation among current and future e-Leaders to exchange experience and help replicate available Best Practices through regionally coordinated actions in an attempt to ease the "digital divide" that still separates most of the SEE countries from the rest of the EU.

Public administration and management schools will directly benefit from e-LEAD through the acquisition of new competencies needed in teach e-Governance so as government executives and civil servants would be able to conceive, design and implement successful e-initiatives that improve government performance and responsiveness to citizens. Better public service, open government, participatory policy-making, government accountability will constitute the core of the educational, awareness-raising and networking activities.

e-LEAD will involve Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro. The planned duration is 2006-2007.

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Expected Outcome(s)/Indicator (s): (CP outcomes linked to the SRF/MYFF goal and service line)

More democratic, effective, and fair national and sub-national governance systems established in the countries of the region. Public administration improved, state corruption reduced, including in post-conflict countries.

Service Line 2.5 e-Governance and Access to Information

Expected Output(s)/Annual Targets: (CP outputs linked to the above CP outcome)

Support to governments participating in regional mechanisms, and in preparation of national plans (1/3 of governments make progress towards adopting procedures for improved interaction with the public)

Implementing partner:

UNDP, Direct Execution (DEX)

Responsible parties:

SEE regional and national institutions/bodies – public administration schools, eSEE Agenda Initiative

Programme Period: June 2006 - December 2007 Programme Component: Public Administration

reform and Anti-corruption

Project Title: Regional Cooperation for e-Leadership Capacity Building to strengthen Human Governance in Southeastern Europe (e-LEAD)

2 Project IDs: UNDP BRC and UNDP BIH CO

Project Duration: 19 months Management Arrangement: DEX

Responsible offices: UNDP BRC and UNDP BIH

Allocated resources: 619,000 USD

- Thematic Trust Fund (DG): 350,000 USD (2006)
- Thematic Trust Fund (DG): 224,000 USD (2007)
- Estonian Government contribution: 30,000 USD (2006)
- UNDP TRAC (2006): 15,000 USD

Agreed by (UNDP):

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