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### **1. Steering Committee Activities**

- Nothing to report.

### **2. ReSPA Publications**

- Compilation of ReSPA website updates to be produced under co-ordination of Bosnia and Herzegovina has not been fully completed due to incomplete contributions from the region.
- Delivery of the ReSPA electronic newsletter contribution (Summer 2007 issue) including the information on training and other relevant events in Bosnia and Herzegovina has been delayed and therefore not included in that issue of the Newsletter. It was however considered appropriate as a web site contribution.
- Preparation of contribution describing the B&H Civil Service training system in progress. To be completed and delivered in upcoming period.

### **3. ReSPA Events**

- Participants have been successfully recruited for the Second Annual Conference of ReSPA which will take place in Durrës, Albania on 3-4 October 07 ("Making Strategies Work" – Next Step for the Western Balkans) and for the training in Paris on 15-19 October 2007 ("The French budget process, financial laws and modernization of the public accounts management"); the contractor participated in the latter training.
- SC member for Bosnia and Herzegovina attended the training organized in September by ReSPA in Athens (*Management of Training Programmes*).
- SC Member together with the contractor supported on the ground and participated in the ReSPA training which took place in Sarajevo (*How to be a better policy advisor*); the BiH SC Member opened and closed the seminar proceedings, while the contractor assisted the ReSPA/NISPAcee team throughout the meeting.
- SC member for Bosnia and Herzegovina has launched the process of nomination of candidates to participate in the training event organized in October by ReSPA in Pristina (*Training of Trainers on Negotiation Techniques in a European Environment*).

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#### 4. Other Issues

- Co-ordination of the training event which took place in Sarajevo (*How to be a better policy advisor*) faced certain difficulties. First, initially scheduled to take place in B&H Assembly building, the event had to be moved at the last minute to another location (to be paid out of the ReSPA budget) due to cancellation of the reservation by the building administrator (precedence was given to important Parliament meetings). Second, it turned out impossible to arrange for a simplified visa procedure for an Albanian participant (visa to be obtained at the airport upon arrival), while the participant was sure to have been granted it. The refusal from the BiH MFA came last minute leaving the participant blocked at the Sarajevo airport and subsequently deported back to Albania.