

**CROATIA**

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

- Upon receiving the documentation relating to the issue of ReSPA's further institutionalisation in the region in Phase II, Croatian ReSPA SC Member timely forwarded the stated documentation to all relevant institutions in Croatia. Unfortunately, due to the Parliamentary elections in November 2007 and the formation of the new Government, although Croatia previously on two occasions announced its readiness to host ReSPA (in 2004 and in 2006) in the period for submission of proposals for hosting ReSPA there was no authority which could formally bring a decision in this matter. Croatian ReSPA SC Member warned ReSPA SC in advance (at the SC Meeting in Pristina) that could happen, but the deadline for submission of proposals wasn't extended.
- Croatian ReSPA SC Member participated at the sixth meeting of the ReSPA Steering Committee in Paris, France, which took place from 30-31 January 2008. At this meeting it was also decided on ReSPA's further institutionalisation; ReSPA's future headquarters will be in Danilovgrad, Montenegro. Croatia fully supports such decision.

### **2. ReSPA Publications**

- Since certain obstacles have emerged, preparation of **ReSPA regional publication on Civil Service Training Systems** will start as soon as the contract issues will be settled. Details were discussed with Mrs. Inga Stefanowicz during her stay in Zagreb.
- Completed and delivered contribution to the **ReSPA website** describing the ReSPA in-country event "Training for Policy Advisors", which took place in Zagreb, Croatia, from 26-29 February 08.

### **3. ReSPA Events**

- SC Member successfully co-ordinated the recruiting of 5 candidates from Croatia who participated in the training on Policy Advisors which took place in Zagreb, Croatia, from 26-29 February 08.
- Logistical support provided for the seminar "How to be a better policy advisor", held in Zagreb, 26-29 February 2008 (activities included: organisation of a conference venue, on-the-spot logistical support during the seminar, ensuring easier access to visas for Albanian participants, organisation of coffee breaks, making arrangements for lunches, etc).

### **4. Other Issues**

- Adela Golub participated at the meeting of Option B resources which took place in Paris, France, from 14-16 February 2008, where an overview of ReSPA related issues and discussion of tasks for 2008 took place.