

OSCE, UNODC and EAG conduct train-the-trainers course on countering terrorist financing for Kyrgyz government officials

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A two-day train-the-trainers course for Kyrgyz government officials on countering terrorist financing was organized in Vienna on 30 and 31 August by the OSCE's Transnational Threats Department, in co-operation with the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime's Global Programme against Money Laundering (UNODC/GPML) and the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism (EAG).

The aim of the course was to assist Kyrgyzstan in countering terrorism financing, in line with relevant FATF standards and OSCE commitments. The five participants in the course will deliver training courses for local government officials upon their return to Kyrgyzstan, together with OSCE, UNODC/GPML, EAG international experts, and a terrorist financing specialist from the Federal Financial Monitoring Service of the Russian Federation (ROSFINMONITORING).

The course, which took place on the premises of the OSCE Secretariat, was led by international experts and included sessions on inter-agency co-operation, investigation, case management, financial disruption and prevention of abuse of non-profit organizations for terrorist financing. The training process focused on localized scenarios based on real-life cases.

The course strengthened the participants' understanding of how improving inter-agency co-operation can help to identify and disrupt terrorist financial networks and highlighted specific instruments and techniques that could significantly improve the ability to counter terrorist financing. Part of a comprehensive capacity-building programme to support efforts to counter terrorism financing in Central Asia, the course follows similar train-the-trainer courses organized for Kyrgyz officials in June, July and September 2017.

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