

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: WESTERN BALKANS CSSF PROGRAMME					
HMG Partners (LEAD in bold)	Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO); Ministry of Defence (MoD); Home Office (HO); National Crime Agency (NCA); Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).				
COUNTRY/REGION:	Western Balkans – Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), Serbia, Kosovo, Macedonia; Montenegro and Albania				
TOTAL BUDGET:	ODA: £8,883,293		Non-ODA £2,262,000		
START DATE: 2017/18			END DATE: 2017/18		
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	BUDGET	START	END
Bosnia and Herzegovina – Rule of Law; Anti-corruption and Good Governance	FCO	Northern Ireland Co-operation Overseas; Agencia; seconded individuals.	£1,507,800	2017/18	2017/18
Kosovo – Social Inclusion; Rule of Law; Democratisation; Anti-Corruption and Good Governance; Security Sector Reform; Reconciliation	FCO	Kosovo Law Institute; Humanitarian Law Centre; The Ideas Partnership; Danish Refuge Council; Westminster Foundation for Democracy; Democracy 4 Development; Kosovo Democratic Institute; UNDP IOM; OSCE; The Ideas Partnership; Office of Community Affairs; seconded individuals.	£2,306,622	2017/18	2017/18
Serbia – Promote Reconciliation to Reduce the Threats from Violent Extremism	FCO	Organisation for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE)	£300,000	2017/18	2017/18
Macedonia – Reducing conflict risks by tackling state capture and building accountability	FCO	Centre for Legal Research and Analysis; Helsinki Committee on Human Rights; OXO; Sakam da Kazam; MKD.MK; MOST; Institute for communications Studies; EuroThink; WFD; Centre for Change Management; Analytica, Institute for Human Rights; MCMS	£848,245	2017/18	2017/18
Reducing threats from Violent Extremism	FCO	British Council; International Organisation for Migration (IOM)	£435,000	2017/18	2017/18
Defence Capacity Building and Peace Support Operations	MoD	Implemented by UK defence staff	£2,262,000	2017/18	2017/18

Capacity building to counter Organised Crime	HO;NCA; HMRC	Implemented by UK staff; secondment of UK staff	£2,151,000	2017/18	2017/18
Programme Delivery Costs	FCO		£1,335,000	2017/18	2017/18

WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?

The Western Balkans CSSF Programme delivers against the objectives in UK's National Security Council Strategy to support UK interests and stability in the region. Priority areas for programming are around reducing the threat from organised criminality, extremism and terrorism, strengthening governance and the rule of law capability, supporting reconciliation and the fight against corruption. The Programme consists of:

- Commercially procured expertise and project management
- Support to local non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- The secondment of experts to international and local institutions
- Funding for projects run by multilateral institutions
- Continuing support to the region's peacekeeping missions.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the programme will strengthen the capacity, integrity and efficiency of the Prosecutor's Office and the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council to improve the rule of law in combating corruption and terrorism. The Programme will deliver policing training to law enforcement agencies to build their capacity to deal with threats from organised crime and terrorism.

The programme in Kosovo will work on inter-ethnic reconciliation, supporting the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, promoting the rule of law (through EULEX and justice sector interventions), fighting corruption and promoting political reform to address clientelism and state capture, and to strengthen accountability. Working on Governance, Rule of Law and Reconciliation/Social Cohesion in Macedonia the programme will build transparency and accountability through projects with civil society aimed at strengthening public understanding of state structures, processes and decisions.

The Home Office, National Crime Agency and HM Revenue and Customs will deliver capacity building training to improve countries' fight against organised crime including fiscal crime, weapons trafficking and immigration crime.

The Ministry of Defence continues to mitigate the risk of renewed conflict in the Western Balkans through contribution to NATO's peace support mission in Kosovo (KFOR) and the EU's peace support mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (EUFOR). The MOD contributes to strengthening the capacity of the region's defence institutions and building greater resilience.

WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?

Seventeen years after the end of serious armed conflict in the Western Balkans, the region remains fragile with ongoing risks of instability and incidents of violence. There are several specific concerns that could exacerbate the potential for conflict including inter-ethnic division and a lack of reconciliation, endemic state capture, growing space for organised crime and third country meddling, the risk of radicalisation and extremism and of illegal migration.

A stable Western Balkans is central to UK interests at home (e.g. organised crime and extremism) and in the region. The UK wants to see a prosperous and resilient Western Balkans able to deal with threats to security, including transnational security threats. The UK's expertise in security, rule of law and justice is especially important in this regard.

WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

The Programme will strengthen the capacity of rule of law, good governance and security institutions to

build stability and resilience within the region. This includes reform of justice sector institutions, training for law enforcement agencies and building the capacity for public institutions, including the military, to be more open and transparent, especially on recruitment.

The Programme will also support the work of civil society actors and citizens to challenge corruption, influence their governments and foster cooperation between people, across communities and between countries in the region.