

# INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

## IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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### I. BASIC INFORMATION

#### A. Basic Project Data

<b>Country:</b>	Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of	<b>Project ID:</b>	P160951
<b>Project Name:</b>	Enhancing the implementation of Public Procurement in Macedonia		
<b>Team Leader(s):</b>	Antonia G. Viyachka, Joseph Huntington La Cascia		
<b>Estimated Date of Approval:</b>	30-Sep-2016		
<b>Managing Unit:</b>	GGO03	<b>Lending Instrument:</b>	IPF
<b>Financing (in USD Million)</b>			
Total Project Cost:	0.3	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
<b>Financing Source</b>			<b>Amount</b>
Strengthening Accountability and the Fiduciary Environment			0.3
<b>Environment Category:</b>	C - Not Required		

#### B. Project Development Objective(s)

The objective of the grant is to support the Government to enhance the performance of public procurement in FYR Macedonia by improving the existing e-procurement system functionalities and developing performance indicators for monitoring the performance of the public procurement system and building capacity of the Public Procurement Bureau (PPB). The grant will finance the following activities:

##### Performance Indicators

The Public Procurement Bureau (PPB) has comprehensive database of all procurement procedures. This is a result of the reporting requirements contracting authorities have according to the law. This data is also well presented in PPB's annual reports. However, further assistance is needed to develop public procurement performance indicators by making various cross-references of this data, so that future trends and patterns could be projected. Furthermore, this data has a strong anticorruption potential that is currently not being used, and therefore red flags need to be integrated in the e-procurement system.

E-procurement ➤ ( security & software updates (new functionality)

Currently, PPB owns and manages the national e-procurement system used by all public sector entities. Technical assistance is requested to include new functionalities to the existing system, such as (i) publication of procurement notices of international donors, in order to increase transparency given the fact that local economic operators know the e-GP system as a unique place to search for business opportunities with the public sector; (ii) e-Appeal functionality as currently it is paper-based between the Economic Operators and State Appeals Commission; and (iii) pre-view of the tender documents for Economic Operators without subscribing to the system.

#### Capacity Building

Assistance is needed for building capacity of PPB staff on using the new performance indicators that will be introduced as a result of project activities and red flags. This includes sharing experiences with other countries on these topics.

### C. Project Description

The Public Procurement Bureau in FYR Macedonia continues to expand its e-Procurement efforts. As part of the agency's draft strategy for the development of the e-Procurement system (2016-2020) it is planned to completely automate the procurement processes by 2018. This works well with the activities proposed in this proposal. Furthermore, many non-governmental organizations including the Center for Civil Communications sponsored by USAID have supported the similar initiatives. The concrete tools and capacity-building in this project will be sustainable. The enhancement of the e-procurement portal, and the performance indicators will be used on a daily basis in the forthcoming years which will result in improving significantly the efficiency and transparency of public procurement in FYR Macedonia on the long term and will permit a better collaboration both with other countries in the Region and with international organizations such as the European Union and the World Bank. The important aspect is better knowledge of the integrity threats in the procurement processes by being able to identify corruption and fraud which will lead to a constant improvement of procurement practices.

### D. Project location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)

### E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

### F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

## II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/ BP 4.01	No	
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	

Physical Cultural Resources OP/ BP 4.11	No	
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	

### III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

Appraisal stage ISDS required?: No

### IV. APPROVALS

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