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Proposal: **ALBANIA: COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM THROUGH COMMUNITY POLICING**
 Proposal #: **RSI-1693**
 Funding Requested: **\$370,720.00**
 Status: **Regional Review Pending**
 Age: **0 day(s)**
 Submit Date: **24 Apr 2015**

Project Owner(s):

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Project Purpose:

To empower the Albanian State Police (ASP) with a wide-ranging and community-based approach to deterring and preventing the influence of violent extremism among susceptible communities in Albania.

Description of Program Proposed:

The overall objective is to create a sustainable capacity within the ASP to engage actively with centers of Muslim religious and nationalist Albanian activity through a network of community-liaison officers (CLOs). The latter will be carefully selected against agreed criteria, trained and deployed from Commissariats that cover centers of known or suspected extremist activity. The CLOs will be trained to employ a range of strategies to deter and prevent citizens from engaging in activities that promote or engage in violent extremism. They will also source and channel intelligence regarding individuals and groups who facilitate or promote or organize such activities. Initial development of operational procedures will include training on assessing threats and identifying vulnerable audiences. The project will assist the ASP in creating linkages to other governmental and non-governmental entities currently representing or working among those identified populations. Operational strategies will be developed based on the particular threat and level of involvement by citizens. Execution of those strategies and evaluation of their effectiveness will be conducted on a continuing basis. Coordination with existing law enforcement actors will be emphasized to leverage existing community policing and criminal investigation capacities. ICITAP proposes that the project is rolled-out in incremental steps, starting with a pilot scheme. Phase One: Tirana Region - Pilot Scheme (Planning and Implementation) - 6 months. Phase Two: Southern Albania - 6 months. Phase Three: Northern Albania - 6 months. Part Time Law Enforcement Advisor (18 months) \$120,000 External Trainers including travel (6 1-week classes) \$96,000 Community Outreach Events (18 events) \$90,000 Office Supplies, Printing, Media Support \$25,000 Administrative Support \$39,720 Total \$370,720

Specify explicitly how this proposal advances US national security and foreign policy interests:

The proposed project is designed to target the CT regional security objective to build capacity in the Western Balkans to conduct localized counter-messaging and community engagement.

Specify explicitly how this activity supports law enforcement's ability to counter terrorism:

The project will result in an important security and public safety competence that does not currently exist within ASP: namely, an ability to actively engage with citizens at the local level, and use a range of community-based strategies to deter and prevent links to violent extremism. These strategies will include fostering and enhancing trust partnerships, engaging local residents to address public safety matters, leveraging public and private stakeholders, and employing local partnerships to counter violent extremism. This approach will help ASP to create counter-narratives, build resilience, and empower local communities to manage the root causes of religious radicalization that promotes violence.

What have the sponsors of the project done to coordinate this program with this interagency or multilateral partners? (What offices/agencies have been consulted. How did you ensure this is not duplicative?)

ICITAP Albania has consulted with both the primary beneficiary group (Ministry of Internal Affairs and ASP leadership), and conducted an initial environmental scan of current and future actors in this field (international organizations and NGOs). The Beneficiary group has warmly welcomed the proposal as an important measure to build the capacity within the ASP and to advance the GoA's desire to take concrete and practical measures to tackle the recruitment of Albanians as radical extremist fighters in the Middle East, involvement in Albanian nationalist violence in neighboring countries with Albanian populations, or in conflict zones where anti-Slavic themes could attract extremist Albanian involvement. The proposed project does not overlap or duplicate any other program activities of other international organizations.

Project Monitoring:

ICITAP has personnel assigned to ASP headquarters who will monitor program progress on a nearly daily basis. Using a detailed project plan, it will be possible to monitor the list of key objectives with associated activities, outputs, target dates, and performance indicators. Monthly update reports will provide information on the achievement of outputs and details of intervening/obviating factors.

Time Frame for Implementation:

From: 09/01/2015 **To:** 03/31/2017

Place of Implementation:

- Albania

Implementer Information:

Implementer	Partner	POC Name	POC Email	POC Phone
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Program Audience:

The primary audience will be the Albanian State Police; secondary audience will be state schools, religious schools, religious and political leaders, and local communities.

Funding Breakdown:

Country	Budget Item	Amount
Albania	Program implementation	\$370,720.00

Funding/Implementation Mechanism Type:

- MOU/IAA

Objectives & Indicators:

Objective	Indicator
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Funding Sources:

- CVE
- RSI/CTE

Fiscal Year:

2015

Comments: