



Hungary – Serbia IPA Cross-border Co-operation Programme

HUSRB/1203/214/025 Novi Sad – Szeged cross-border cooperation in development of harmonized methods and production of common database for the analysis of designer drugs

Project acronym: NCTCNSHIFSSZ12

The project entitled **"Novi Sad – Szeged cross-border cooperation in development of harmonized methods and production of common database for the analysis of designer drugs**" submitted by the Hungarian Institute for Forensic Sciences along with the National Forensic Center, Regional Division in Novi Sad in Action 2.1.4. Product oriented research, development and innovation under Priority 2 ECONOMY, EDUCATION and CULTURE for the 3rd Call for Proposals of the Hungary – Serbia IPA Cross-border Co-operation Programme (HUSRB/1203) was selected for co-financing in amount of 461.748.50 euros. The Project receives funding from the European Union, co-financing (85% of the awarded amount) is provided from Community contribution available under the Hungary – Serbia IPA Cross-border Co-operation Programme. 85% of 234 788, 50 euros allocated for Hungarian Institute for Forensic Sciences is from the Community contribution, while 15% of this amount is covered from the Hungarian state funding.

The project started on 1st of March, 2013 by co-operation of Department of Organic Analytical Chemistry, Szeged Regional Laboratory with Republic of Serbia, Criminalistic Police Department, National Forensic Center, Regional Division in Novi Sad.

The main objective of this Project is to strengthen the capacity of the police forensic laboratory and criminalistic police officers for chemical analysis of drugs in the border areas of the two countries, in order to combat illicit drug trafficking and organized crime. Efficient illicit drugs combat (identification and quantification of various designer drugs and their concomitant components) is possible only by applying the state of the art analytical instruments. Therefore, within the Project, purchase of devices (IR, GC-MS, HPLC) and relevant reference materials of designer drugs in the Szeged Regional Laboratory and in the Regional Division in Novi Sad will be achieved. By the purchased instruments and standard materials, development of new analytical designer drugs procedures, improvement of existing analytical drug database in Hungary and creation of analytical designer drugs database in Novi Sad lab will be possible. The second segment of the project will be organized through equipping and training of the criminalistic police officers for the spot test utilisation in order to introduce them to necessity and practical use of the preliminary drug tests in ordinary practise.

Hungarian Institute for Forensic Sciences takes an active part in both the research and in the education tasks of the project.

This Project represents the development of already created collaboration between the Ministries of Interior of the two countries and contributes to an active prevention of organized crime and border safety strengthening.

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The project is closed on 31th of August, 2014.

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