**PROJECT: „ENHANCED CAPACITIES OF BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES TO RECOVER AND MANAGE CRIMINAL ASSETS“**

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| **Beneficiary** | Commission For Anti-Corruption And Illegal Assets Forfeiture (CACIAF) |
| **Financial mechanism** | Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 |
| **Program,**  **Program area** | Internal Affairs,  PA16 - Good Governance, Responsible Institutions, Transparency |
| **Program Operator** | Ministry of Interior,  “International Projects” Directorate |
| **Budget** | 1 466 411 BGN |
| **Grant Amount** | 100% |
| **Date of Contract signature** | 22.07.2020 |
| **Duration** | 36 months |

The overall objectives of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 are to contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to strengthen bilateral relations between Norway and the beneficiary states through financial contributions in the priority sectors.

Specific goals of the project are related to:

* continue upgrading the efficiency and effectiveness of the system for assets recovery from criminal activity in Bulgaria;
* strengthen the systems for countering corruption, tracing, detection and seizure of criminal assets, which is a key step towards the implementation of the priorities set forth by Bulgaria for countering and combating organized crime and corruption;
* enhance the capabilities of the CACIAF staff in conducting anti-corruption investigations and for tracing assets from criminal activity;
* contribute to the development of the CACIAF contacts with international networks of partner services in order to carry out seizures abroad and to participate in joint teams for investigation of cross-border cases;
* give CACIAF the opportunity to effectively carry out bilateral cooperation with foreign authorities, by seizing assets on the behalf of the partner services;
* improve the information infrastructure of the CACIAF.

The expected result from the implementation of the Project is the enhancement of the capacity of the Bulgarian authorities in combating economic crime and corruption, through carrying out specialized trainings for the authorities in Bulgaria in recovery and management of assets from criminal activity and countering corruption, as well as modernization of the informational infrastructure of the CACIAF.