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Project: Scaling Up Microfinance to Increase Access to Financial Services in the Republic of Serbia

**Project Timetable from March 2004 to March 2005**

Program activities	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Attending Fellow Seminars in Budapest	X							X					X
Meeting with OSI and IPF Resource person	X							X					
Meeting/consultations with individual and group mentors, project related discussions	X							X					
Agreement with mentors on the final shape of the project proposal and project plan	X												
<b>I. Field Research</b>													
Interviews with NGOs, MFIs, in Serbia – MikroFins, Micro Development Fund, Help		X	X										
Interview with Opportunity International Bank in Novi Sad – the only scaled up MFI in Serbia			X										
Interview with Opportunity Bank and Agro-Invest in Podgorica, Montenegro									X				
Interviews with potential donors, World Vision, ILO, KfW, DRC, SDC, seco		X		X									
Interviews with Serbian authorities, National Bank of Serbia & Ministry of Finance			X						X				
Interviews with MFIs, networking & collecting experiences from another transition country – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina		X											
Attending the 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at the Microfinance Center in Warsaw, Poland			X										
Further networking & collecting experiences from the Region					X								

<b>II. Mapping of policy process</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
Visit to external mentors and resource persons: 1)Boston (Day, Berry & Howard Foundation); 2)New York (MFI Pro Mujer) and capitalizing on US experiences							X						
Networking with legal experts in the Kopaonik School of Natural Law - Serbia & sharing of experience and research (This annual conference is attended by 4.000 local and international lawyers)										X			
<b>III. Advocacy</b>													
Continuous activity in the Serbian Microfinance Policy Working group & lobbying for the new law on MFIs	X		X		X		X		X		X		X
Lobbying with the Serbian authorities, National Bank of Serbia & Ministry of finance			X					X		X		X	
Contacts with local and international experts on microfinance and networking for knowledge sharing purposes and advocacy	X						X			X			
Final output and advocacy										X	X	X	X
Dissemination of Policy Recommendations										X	X	X	X
Organizing a round table on Scaling up Microfinance in Serbia for 30 participants													X
Final report writing										X	X		
Submitting final report												X	
Publishing final report													X
Submitting interim project report								X					
Submitting final project report													X
Debriefing with Finances													X

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