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BPK, KPS And UNMIK Police Organised a Joined Workshop On The Detection Of Euro Counterfeits And The Fight Against Fraud

The Banking and Payments Authority of Kosovo (BPK) today organised a workshop on **The Detection Of Euro Counterfeits And The Fight Against Fraud**. This workshop is organised in close cooperation with **UNMIK Police** (Economic Crime and Corruption Investigation Section-Major Crime Directorate/MHQ) and **Kosovo Police Service (KPS)** in order to provide the various stakeholders with the necessary tools to improve the detection of counterfeits and the fight against fraud.

The seminar was designed for professional cash handlers and those with security responsibilities including mainly tellers, head tellers and those who supervise or train cash handlers. The first part of the workshop covered the security features of the euro banknotes and coins with a demonstration session on tools and methods for detection of euro counterfeits.

The second part of the workshop provided information about security features of US dollars and a demonstration session on tools and methods for detection of its counterfeits. In addition, the workshop highlights the state-of-the-art on counterfeit euro banknotes and coins in Kosovo and currency reporting regulatory issues.

Managing Director of the BPK- Mr. Michel Svetchine opened the workshop with the welcoming remarks and iterated the importance of such training jointly organised by the stakeholders.

This workshop provided an important forum for a wide financial sector and the presenters from BPK, Kosovo Police Service and UNMIK Police (Economic Crime and Corruption Investigation Section-Major Crime Directorate) presented on the Security features of the euro banknotes and coins and Demonstrated the tools and methods for detection of the counterfeits.

More than 100 participants from various financial institutions such as Commercial Banks, Insurance Companies, Micro Finance Institutions, Exchange Bureaus, Western Union Kosovo, Chamber of Commerce, World Bank, Kosovo Business Alliance, Kosovo Bankers Association, Insurance Association of Kosovo, UNMIK Police, PTK, Whole Sale Retailers etc, attended the one-day workshop.

The workshop was lectured in Albanian with simultaneous translation into English.

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