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First “Dealmakers” Certified in Macedonia

Sixteen Macedonian professional consultants were awarded certificates in Mergers and Acquisitions from the Grenoble Graduate School of Business, a leading global business school in France. This certification acknowledges that these consultants are “dealmakers” who can facilitate strategic partnerships and joint ventures for Macedonia’s businesses. With the support of the USAID Competitiveness Project, these are the first Mergers and Acquisitions consultants to receive international certificates through a training organized in Macedonia.

“We at USAID are pleased that Macedonia’s companies now have access to high-quality professional Mergers & Acquisitions consultation services which will make it possible for them to attract new equity investment, expand and grow, and successfully compete in regional and global markets. ” said USAID Mission director, Michael Fritz.

“The M&A certification training was a valuable experience for expanding knowledge of M&A and complementing our interests in the area of corporate finance,” said Simon Avramovski, consultant and Managing Director of Point Pro Consulting. “We are better equipped to facilitate different types of equity investments, including equity financing and mergers and acquisitions.”

The Mergers and Acquisition training program was taught by lecturers and associates from the Grenoble Graduate School of Business, and by an experienced financial analyst from Euro-Phoenix Financial Advisors who focuses on Central and Eastern Europe. Grenoble Graduate School of Business, the international division of Grenoble Ecole de Management, delivers management education programs in English around the world.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia’s transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.