Cost Accounting
April 28–30, 2015

Workshop Report

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This workshop aimed to help participants to understand how cost accounting can be developed and used to assist management and to distinguish between various cost concepts and methodologies of measurement. The focus was on how cost accounting adds value through understanding cost behaviours and cost drivers, thus providing management with meaningful cost measurement that they can use in the search for value for money.

International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) is a global organization for the accountancy profession. IFAC (2000, 5) reports that cost accounting is nowadays viewed as “an activity that provides information on costs and related data to satisfy a variety of management needs for decision-making.”

Cost accounting can in this context be a useful management tool. It does not really matter whether a country is using accrual or cash accounting, cost accounting is of value in either situation. This workshop examined how cost accounting can be used in government activities. Further it discusses how costs can be identified and classified as well as which concepts of costs to use.

Topics covered:

- Introducing effective cost accounting and the importance of cost accounting
- Absorption costing
- Unit costing, job costing
- Marginal costing
- Relevant costing technique.

Lecturers:

- Noel Hepworth and Gary Gilbert

Participants:

There were 26 participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Latvia, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, and Turkey.
Evaluation:

- No. of all responses: 24, Average mark: 4.63

Selected Participants’ Comments:

- The knowledge will contribute to our work on improving our budgeting system to show the outputs and outcomes of public services.
- The lectures had excellent and clear style of presenting the material and they made easy understanding of the examples. Very good and friendly communication.
- Despite the specific activity of my institution I could claim that knowledge gained helped me personally understand better what is happening in my county and discuss more professionally with state officials.
- Everything was perfect.