

COUNCIL OF EUROPE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN ANKARA RESULTS IN 2025



The Council of Europe Programme Office in Ankara together with national institutions turns European standards into sustainable national practices towards stronger human rights, democracy, and rule of law. Through European Union and Council of Europe joint programmes and projects funded through voluntary contributions, we engage with ministries, judicial bodies, bar associations, universities, local authorities, and civil society organisations. **Together, we deliver practical solutions and build capacity, strengthening institutions and empowering people.**

Current priorities include supporting reforms in human rights and justice sectors, with a particular focus on the protection of migrants and vulnerable groups, including the Roma community, expanding gender-responsive legal aid, enhancing prison management, improving the implementation of Constitutional Court judgments, promoting inclusive and quality education, and strengthening the fight against economic crime.

BY THE NUMBERS: A PLATFORM FOR ACTION | AS OF JANUARY 2026



31 DEDICATED STAFF MEMBERS INCLUDING 22 PROJECT STAFF.



2 REGIONAL AND 6 COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS INCLUDING:

- 1 FLAGSHIP JOINT EU AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE "HORIZONTAL FACILITY FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TÜRKIYE" ACTION.
- 4 EU AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROGRAMMES.
- 1 PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

WHY YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

Every reform begins with collaboration. By participating in the Council of Europe's work in Türkiye donors and partners help sustain shared European standards, rooted in human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.

Side by side: A Mother and Daughter's Digital Journey. Read the testimonial of a parent on the impact of our work on digital citizenship education. Scan the QR code for more information.



IMPACT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE WORK IN TÜRKIYE



ADVANCING RULE OF LAW AND JUSTICE

Justice that delivers. Over 4 000 legal professionals and 3 000 law students advanced their understanding of Constitutional Court and European Court of Human Rights case law. A modernised case law database now ensures faster, more consistent execution and monitoring of Constitutional Court judgments.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE AND PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS

Women's rights in practice. More than 1 800 lawyers and 300 law students have strengthened their ability to provide gender-sensitive legal aid in cases of discrimination and violence. In eight pilot provinces (Adiyaman, Bilecik, Bursa, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Sinop, and Tunceli) new partnerships between municipalities, bar associations, and civil society ensure that more women can access justice and protection.

Defending migrants and the vulnerable. Over 500 lawyers, public officials, and human rights experts are now better equipped to safeguard migrants' rights, monitor detention conditions, and protect migrant children, contributing to a more humane, rights-based migration system.

Human dignity behind bars. Six pilot prisons now operate under standardised disciplinary and reward systems, creating a fairer, more transparent environment for detainees and staff alike.

INCLUSIVE AND QUALITY EDUCATION

Digital citizens for a digital future. In seven pilot provinces (Sinop, Yozgat, Mardin, Kars, Aydın, Çanakkale, Burdur), teachers, parents, and students are embracing new digital learning tools for safer, more responsible online engagement, from interactive e-learning to a web-based educational game promoting digital literacy and ethics.

Progress towards more effective foreign language education. A national baseline study, developed in consultation with more than 600 partners, now guides future education reforms aligned with the Common European Framework Reference (CEFR) for languages, promoting plurilingualism and intercultural understanding.

ADVANCING GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

Tackling economic crime and corruption. Over 350 professionals from financial supervision and inspection bodies improved their expertise in financial intelligence, inter-institutional co-operation, and asset recovery, boosting Türkiye's compliance with international anti-money laundering standards.

LEADING INCLUSIVE SOLUTIONS

Roma voices shaping change. National Roadmaps for Roma Employment and Awareness Raising were developed based on Roma people feedback. These Roadmaps translate community insights into practical and measurable actions that address community needs.