

Project to Support Independent Bodies in Tunisia



PROJECT SUMMARY

Title of the umbrella project	Projet Conjoint Union européenne - Conseil de l'Europe, Appui aux Instances Indépendantes en Tunisie (PAII-T)
PAII-T Financing	EUR 5 556 000 funded 90% by the European Union and 10% by the CoE
Donor	European Union
Title of the Project	Tunisia Anti-corruption Project (TAC)
Project Budget	EUR 1 790 814
Duration	36 months (1 January 2019 – 31 December 2021)

1. BACKGROUND AND PRIOR COOPERATION

1.1 Context

The new Tunisian Constitution, which was adopted on 27 January 2014, foresees the establishment of five independent bodies, including the Good Governance and Anti - Corruption Commission. Accordingly, the currently active Tunisian anti-corruption agency (*Instance Nationale de Lutte Contre la Corruption*, INLUCC), which was set up in 2011, will be replaced by an independent anti-corruption authority, *Instance de la Bonne Gouvernance et de la Lutte Contre la Corruption* (IBOGLUCC). The Tunisian parliament has adopted the legal basis establishing IBOGOLUCC on 27 August 2018; however, the law hasn't been implemented yet.

1.2 Prior cooperation

The CoE has been in close cooperation with Tunisia since 2011 through various cooperation activities, especially the South Programme, with a view to support democratic and political reforms in the country.

In this context and under the umbrella of the first two phases of the aforementioned South Programme, the "South Neighbourhood Anti-corruption Project (SNAC)" supported Tunisian authorities in implementing anti-corruption reforms and promoting good governance. The first phase of the SNAC Project (December 2011 - December 2014) mainly focused on enhancing the capacities of the Tunisian anti-corruption agency *Instance nationale de lutte contre la corruption* (INLUCC) in a number of key areas, including general awareness-raising on basic anti-corruption concepts, as well as targeted seminars on corruption proofing of legislation, criminal law investigations, political party financing and the financing of non-profit organisations.

During the second phase of the SNAC Project (January 2015 – February 2018), an important component of the Project has been the comprehensive assessment of the Tunisian anti-corruption framework based on the Council of Europe GRECO methodology which was finalised in 2017.

On 21 March 2018 the CoE's Committee of Ministers renewed its commitment to enhanced cooperation with Tunisia and adopted the Neighbourhood Partnership Priorities for 2018-2021, which were developed based on close consultations between Tunisian authorities and the CoE. Within this context, the Project for Supporting the Independent Institutions in Tunisia (PAII-T) was developed, which covers the period 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2021 and forms an integral part of the Support Program for Civil Society and Independent Authorities.

The main objective of PAII-T is to provide support to Tunisian authorities in setting up independent constitutional bodies and to assist those bodies to exercise their mandate fully and independently.

2. TUNISIA ANTI-CORRUPTION PROJECT (TAC)

The aim of the Tunisia Anti-Corruption Project under the umbrella of PAII-T is to provide technical assistance and organisational support for INLUCC in its transition to the new constitutional status. The Project will also follow up the legislative reforms in Tunisia and provide expertise in the drafting and amending of laws and regulations in the field of criminal procedure and anti-money laundering. Establishing and strengthening networks and facilitating exchange of information between IBOGOLUCC and other national and international actors involved in the fight against corruption is also a priority of the Project.

The expected results of the project have been adopted within the framework of the neighbourhood cooperation objectives between the CoE and Tunisia and are listed in the table below:

Project's General Objective	The independent body for good governance and the fight against corruption (INLUCC/IBOGOLUCC), endowed with the necessary financial, human and logistical resources to carry out its mandate, exercises its statutory powers fully and independently.
Expected result 1	The internal organisation and effectiveness of INLUCC/IBOGOLUCC are strengthened by the development and implementation of appropriate administrative rules and procedures, as well as by the use of appropriate management tools (ORGANISATION).
Expected result 2	Communication strategies and tools enable INLUCC/IBOGOLUCC to increase its visibility and understanding of its role by media and public throughout the country and the transparency of its action (VISIBILITY).
Expected result 3	Capacities of INLUCC/IBOGOLUCC members and staff are strengthened through general and specialised training and knowledge of peer institutions' methods and approaches allowing it to successfully carry out its mandate (COMPETENCE).
Expected result 4	INLUCC/IBOGOLUCC has consolidated its influence through regular relations with the main national actors – governmental and non-governmental – and with its counterparts, particularly in Europe and the MENA region (INFLUENCE).

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