



## PROJECT SUMMARY

<b>Title of the Programme</b>	European Union/Council of Europe Joint Programme “Towards Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean (South Programme II)”
<b>Programme Financing</b>	7,37 mil EURO
<b>Donor</b>	European Union (95%) Council of Europe (5%)
<b>Title of the Project:</b>	<b>Promotion of good governance: fight against corruption, money-laundering and terrorism (SNAC II-Tunisia)</b>
<b>Project Budget</b>	Approx. 0.5 mil EURO
<b>Duration</b>	36 months (1 January 2015 – 31 December 2017)

### 1. BACKGROUND

#### 1.1 Neighbourhood cooperation priorities

On 4 February 2015 the Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers adopted the Neighbourhood cooperation objectives with Tunisia for 2015-2017, which were developed based on close consultations between the Tunisian authorities and the CoE. These objectives establish the overarching framework of bilateral cooperation between the CoE and Tunisia and include the following:

1. To consolidate the achievements of the co-operation implemented since 2012 through the “Neighbourhood Co-operation Priorities with Tunisia 2012-2014” and to initiate new areas of co-operation in line with national reform priorities, based on the demand-driven approach, in the fields of expertise of the CoE.
2. To continue the efforts made to facilitate the creation of a common legal area between Europe and Tunisia, encouraging the authorities to bring Tunisian legislation into line with European and international standards and to ratify the CoE conventions open to non-member States, with due regard for the procedures set out in the relevant conventions.
3. To provide support to the development and to the effective implementation of new legislation in accordance with European and other international standards, according to the identified needs;
4. To provide support to the setting-up and to the effective functioning of human rights institutions and new governance structures;
5. To consolidate Tunisia’s presence in CoE’s instances of which it is already a member or observer (Venice Commission, the European Pharmacopoeia, the Pompidou Group’s MedNet network) and to encourage country’s participation in other CoE structures, according to the identified needs.



## 1.2 South Programme II: “Towards Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean

In order to implement the abovementioned objectives the Council of Europe has commenced the implementation of the Programme “Towards Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean (South Programme II)”, building on the outcomes and achievements of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the South Programme implemented in 2012-2014. The geographical scope of the Programme covers cooperation with countries of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, but in particular Tunisia, Morocco and Jordan, who will act as the main beneficiaries.

The Programme serves as the overarching framework for CoE cooperation with Tunisia in the following three priority areas: i) human rights; ii) rule of law and iii) democracy. The “rule of law” area includes a significant component on “Combating corruption, money laundering and terrorism”, which will be implemented as one of the Programme’s components in the form of a separate Project.

## 2. PROJECT ON PROMOTION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE: FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION AND MONEY-LAUNDERING (SNAC II-TUNISIA)

The SNAC II Project aims to build and expand on the activities and results obtained in the framework of the previous Project - SNAC I (2012-2014). In Tunisia, a comprehensive cooperation package will accompany national authorities in implementing anti-corruption, anti-money laundering and counterterrorism policies as well as in strengthening the legal and institutional framework to fight corruption and economic crimes.

Assistance will be provided with the drafting of the law on new Anti-Corruption Authority foreseen by the Tunisian Constitution (IBOGOLUCC) and with its internal organisational methods. Furthermore, the capacities of the Financial Judiciary Pole to deal with economic related offenses and of the new Judicial Pole to fight terrorism will be reinforced through targeted training activities on financial analysis, judicial techniques and the use of new technologies to investigate cases and gather evidences.

An overall review of the Tunisian legislative and institutional anti-corruption framework, on the basis of GRECO methodologies, will also allow to establish a “state of play” of the different institutional actors involved in anti-corruption activities as well as to identify recommendations for a more effective prevention of corruption. The programme will also contribute to strengthening inter-agency cooperation. Finally, training of trainers’ activities will target, among others, administrative inquiries, international mutual legal assistance, forensic accounting and corruption proofing methodology.

The Expected results of SNAC II have been adopted as part of the CoE-Tunisia Neighbourhood Cooperation Objectives and are listed in the table below:

<b>Project Objective</b>	To promote good governance and the prevention of corruption, money laundering and terrorism on the basis of the relevant CoE standards, mechanisms and instruments by enhancing the policy framework and the stakeholders’ capacities and co-ordination.
<b>Expected Result 1</b>	The Tunisian national authorities, members of the Assembly of the Representatives of the People, relevant institutions and civil society have a good understanding of the CoE standards on the prevention and combating of corruption, money laundering and terrorism with a view to possible accession by Tunisia to those instruments and to GRECO.



<b>Expected Result 2</b>	The legislative and institutional anti-corruption framework is assessed on the basis of GRECO methodologies.
<b>Expected Result 3</b>	Technical assistance is provided to support Tunisia in developing and implementing anti-corruption/anti-money laundering and counterterrorism policies.
<b>Expected Result 4</b>	Tunisia cooperates more with other countries of the region in order to share good practices and set up networks, enabling the fight against corruption, money laundering and terrorism to be extended beyond the national framework.
<b>Expected Result 5</b>	The setting up of an economic and financial court is supported by the CoE, and the capacities of the different institutional stakeholders concerned are strengthened.
<b>Expected Result 6</b>	The setting up of the court specialising in the combating of terrorism is supported by the CoE and the capacities of the different institutional stakeholders are strengthened.

### 3. TARGET GROUPS / BENEFICIARIES

The target groups for the project include representatives of anti-corruption, anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism authorities of Tunisia and in particular, but not limited to, the following categories and institutions:

- Policy-level authorities;
- Legislature (parliamentarians);
- Specialized anti-corruption authorities (in particular the *Instance nationale de lutte contre la corruption - INLUCC*);
- Good governance units established within Tunisian public authorities;
- Law enforcement and judicial authorities (Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, Financial Judiciary Police);
- Anti-money laundering authorities (the Tunisian FIU - CTAF);
- General Controllers for public services, state properties and finances;
- Counterterrorism authorities (Counterterrorism police under joint auspices of the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Justice);
- Private sector associations (e.g. National Association of Chartered accountants, National Bar Association of Tunisia).

### 4. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

The SNAC II Project is implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Unit (ECCU) of the Action against Crime Department, Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime, Directorate General I of the Council of Europe. Support to implementation is provided by the Council of Europe Office in Tunis.

### 5. CONTACTS

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