

## Training of military judges and prosecutors on human rights issues

### *Project summary*

<b>Project title</b>	Training of military judges and prosecutors on human rights issues
<b>Country</b>	Turkey
<b>Budget</b>	2 000 000 €
<b>Funding</b>	EU/CoE Joint Programme
<b>Duration</b>	26 months (3 November 2010 – 2 January 2013)
<b>Partners and beneficiaries</b>	Ministry of National Defence and military judges, prosecutors and legal counselors.
<b>Main objective</b>	to provide tailor-made support to the Ministry of National Defence by strengthening its training capacity with regards to European human rights standards and raising awareness on the challenges for the Turkish military justice system in the light of these standards.
<b>Outputs and results</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A training system on human rights issues was developed for members of the Turkish military justice system and knowledge and skills of military judges and prosecutors were strengthened: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a detailed training programme and related training materials on the ECHR and other relevant international instruments were developed, taking into account the cases against Turkey before the ECtHR and other problematic issues related to military judicial systems in general,</li> <li>- a pool of 50 trainers (military judges, prosecutors and legal counsellors) was trained on the ECHR and relevant international instruments through 2 Training-of-trainers (ToT) and a one-day round table,</li> <li>- a 370 members of the Turkish military justice system were trained by trainers from the pool on the application of European human rights standards in their daily work through a series of 14 cascade seminars,</li> <li>- 24 members of the Military Court of Cassation and 24 members of the High Military Administrative Court increased their knowledge of European human rights standards and discussed problematic areas with international consultants during an international seminar,</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

- 100 members of the Turkish military justice system participated in 7 study visits to the CoE, including the ECtHR and to CoE member states to observe the compatibility of other systems with European human rights standards and exchanges best practices with their counterparts.
2. The access of all military judges, prosecutors and legal counsellors at the MoND and the TAF to translations of the ECHR, other relevant international instruments and the judgments of the ECtHR was improved:
- 20 judgments of the ECtHR concerning the military judiciary in the CoE member states were translated into Turkish and published on the intranet of the MoND and on the HUDOC database of the ECtHR,
  - training material used in the respective seminars were published on the HELP website and put on a CD-ROM, together with the Turkish translation of ECtHR decisions, that was distributed to all participants in every Project activity.
  - a Turkish translation of the full set of CoE handbooks on the ECHR, as well as the text of the ECHR itself was given to all participants in every Project activity.
  - recommendation (2010)4 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on human rights of members of the armed forces was translated into Turkish, published online and distributed to the participants of the final conference.
3. Awareness was raised on the challenges for military justice systems in Europe in the light of European human rights standards and recommendations to improve the Turkish military justice system have been discussed and published.
- 2 studies, entitled “Comparative Analysis of Military Judicial Systems in the Council of Europe Member States” and “Study of the Turkish Military Justice System in the Light of the Case Law of the ECtHR”, have been prepared by a Working Group composed of 15 international and national members, published in 1000 copies and distributed to members of the Turkish military justice system and representatives of international organisations,
  - more than 200 members of the Turkish military justice system, academics, experts, representatives from other European justice systems and international organisations, attended the presentation of the main elements of the studies and debated on challenges of military justice

	<p>systems in Europe during the international conference on “Military Justice Systems in the light of the ECHR: practice in Turkey and other European Countries”.</p>
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