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Project summary

Project title	Strengthening the Capacity of the Turkish Judiciary on Freedom of Expression
Country	Turkey
Budget	2 800 000 €
Funding	EU/CoE Joint Project (EU (%85), CoE (%10) and Republic of Turkey (%5))
Duration	27 months (September 2014 -November 2016)
Partners and beneficiaries	Main: Justice Academy of Turkey. Others: High Council for Judges and Prosecutors, Court of Cassation, Council of State, Constitutional Court, Ministry of Justice.
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• to contribute to a better protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, especially the right to freedom of expression, in Turkey.• to enhance the application of the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights case law in the field of freedom of expression in the daily work of the judiciary.
Expected outputs and results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• training curricula (in-person and online training courses) on freedom of expression and media is developed to improve capacity of Justice Academy;• awareness-raising campaigns on freedom of expression and the media aimed at enhancing capacity of judges and prosecutors;• capacity building activities on freedom of expression and media – training seminars, workshops, round tables etc.;• effective cooperation among relevant actors (civil society, faculties of law, communication, bar associations, media etc.)



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	and awareness of the public on freedom of expression.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• developed need assessment report on training programmes on freedom of expression and the media in Turkey;• developed pre-service and in-service training modules and materials on “freedom of expression” and “freedom of the media”;• developed HELP on-line course on freedom of expression (Comprehensive general course on freedom of expression and course on Defamation)• conducted several study visits to the EU member states and Council of Europe, including placements;• created pool of trainers for the pre-service and in-service training course;• conducted numerous capacity building activities: training seminars, roundtables, workshops;• purchased many academic books for the Human Rights Centre at the Justice Academy;• developed many training materials and publications on freedom of expression and media;