

# GLOBAL CHALLENGES

## The Council of Europe's response

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# STRATEGIC CO-OPERATION

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# SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE

In 2016-2017, the Council of Europe has continued to provide timely and relevant support to member and non-member states in implementing institutional reforms in line with the Organisation's standards. The Organisation stepped up strategic co-operation with beneficiary countries based on country-specific and thematic action plans and co-operation documents, endorsed by the Committee of Ministers.

This document updates the information provided in chapter 4 "Strategic co-operation" of the Council of Europe's Appeal 2016-2017 "Global challenges – the Council of Europe's response". It provides a snapshot of the priorities for co-operation by country-specific action plan or co-operation document, including examples of on-going projects and funding needs. It also includes references to thematic action plans. The appendices provide up-dated financial details and statistics on the Council of Europe's extra-budgetary resources.

## ALBANIA: PROGRAMMATIC CO-OPERATION DOCUMENT 2015-2017

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Independence and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Application of the Convention and the Court's case law
- ▶ Fight against corruption, cybercrime and organised crime
- ▶ Anti-discrimination, respect for human rights and social inclusion – focus on minorities and LGBTI persons
- ▶ Media freedom and information society
- ▶ Education and children's rights
- ▶ Democratic governance and participation

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Supporting effective domestic remedies for the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
- ▶ Supporting developments to protect human rights of detained and sentenced persons
- ▶ Supporting actions against economic crime
- ▶ Preventing and combating discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity
- ▶ Fighting bullying and extremism in schools
- ▶ Assistance with the territorial and public administration reforms

1. Figures are valid as of 1 June 2017.

→ TOTAL COST<sup>1</sup>: €16 810 839  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €7 911 675  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €8 899 164

## ACTION PLAN FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 2015-2017

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Independence and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Anti-discrimination and social inclusion
- ▶ Fight against corruption and cybercrime
- ▶ Media freedom and information society
- ▶ Democratic governance and participation
- ▶ Local democracy
- ▶ Youth, education

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Supporting justice reform and harmonised judicial practices in administrative, criminal and civil proceedings
- ▶ Enhancing human rights protection for detained and sentenced persons
- ▶ Support to the institution of human rights ombudsman
- ▶ Development of the capacities of local public administrations (leadership academy)
- ▶ Support to the international monitoring operation in the assessment of the census process

→ TOTAL COST: €10 694 122  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €5 807 805  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €4 886 317

## OVERVIEW OF CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES IN KOSOVO\*

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Promoting human rights, anti-discrimination and diversity
- ▶ Ensuring justice
- ▶ Fights against corruption, economic crime and organised crime
- ▶ Freedom of expression and freedom of the media
- ▶ Democratic governance and participation

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Support to the implementation of European human rights standards and reform of the Ombudsman institution
- ▶ Reinforcing the fight against violence against women and domestic violence
- ▶ Enhancing the protection of human rights of prisoners
- ▶ Strengthening the quality and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Project against economic crime in Kosovo\*
- ▶ Fostering a democratic school culture and diversity in schools

\* All reference to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nation's Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

→ TOTAL COST: €15 587 072  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €8 124 827  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €7 462 245



## ACTION PLAN FOR ARMENIA 2015-2018

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Independence and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Criminal justice reform and fight against ill treatment and impunity
- ▶ Constitutional justice
- ▶ Application of the Convention and the Court's case law
- ▶ Combating corruption, money laundering and cybercrime
- ▶ Police and penitentiary reform
- ▶ Local democracy
- ▶ Gender equality
- ▶ Elections

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Supporting justice reform – legal assistance with the drafting of the Judicial Code and other legal acts
- ▶ Technical assistance for the establishment of an effective system of judicial accountability
- ▶ Support to harmonised application of human rights standards by the Armenian courts
- ▶ Strengthening prevention of and fight against ill-treatment in the Armenian armed forces and police
- ▶ Support to the establishment of a probation service
- ▶ Legal assistance and policy development in support of local government reform

→ TOTAL COST : €16 447 533  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €10 704 454  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €5 743 079

## ACTION PLAN FOR AZERBAIJAN 2014-2016<sup>2</sup>

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Independence and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Application of the Convention and the Court's case law
- ▶ Prisoners' rights and the fight against impunity and ill treatment
- ▶ Fight against corruption and cybercrime
- ▶ Media freedom and information society
- ▶ Freedom of association and assembly
- ▶ Local government and electoral assistance
- ▶ Intercultural dialogue

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Strengthening the capacity of the Justice Academy to train legal professionals
- ▶ Development of judicial tools to increase efficiency and quality of judicial services
- ▶ Institutional capacity-building for relevant authorities to prevent and fight corruption, in line with GRECO recommendations
- ▶ Capacity-building for journalists and legal professionals to support freedom of expression and independence of the media
- ▶ Support to civil society dialogue
- ▶ Penitentiary reform: capacity-building for prison medical staff and prison managers

2. With a decision by the Committee of Ministers, the duration of the Action Plan for Azerbaijan was extended until the end of 2017.

→ TOTAL COST: €13 800 000  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €7 890 592  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €5 909 408

## ACTION PLAN FOR BELARUS 2016-2017

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Support to judicial reform
- ▶ Support to dialogue on the death penalty issue
- ▶ Promote and protect human rights
- ▶ Democratic governance and higher education reforms
- ▶ Youth participation and human rights education
- ▶ Good governance and effective management at local level

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Support to the Information Point in Minsk to help raise awareness on fundamental values, legal instruments, policy and activities of the Council of Europe
- ▶ Capacity building for civil society and youth organisations and independent media to promote progress in the fields of democracy, rule of law and human rights
- ▶ Co-operation in the fields of cultural co-operation, education, judiciary, gender equality, combatting drug abuse and trafficking, fight against corruption and cybercrime

→ TOTAL COST: € 7 037 121  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €2 978 907  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: € 4 058 214

## ACTION PLAN FOR GEORGIA 2016-2019

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Protecting and promoting human rights and dignity
- ▶ Ensuring social rights
- ▶ Independence and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Fight against corruption, money laundering, cybercrime and manipulation of sport competitions
- ▶ Democratic governance
- ▶ Confidence-building measures

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Strengthen judiciary independence and improve training of legal professionals
- ▶ Prison reform: improve prisoner well-being and provide a national human rights approach to mental health care
- ▶ Electoral assistance to improve election reporting and election dispute resolution
- ▶ Support to multicultural education, language learning and architectural heritage management

→ TOTAL COST: €25 377 269  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €7 009 507  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €18 367 762

## ACTION PLAN FOR THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA 2017-2020

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Anti-discrimination and combating trafficking in human beings
- ▶ Fight against corruption, money laundering, financing of terrorism and cybercrime
- ▶ Independence and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Freedom of expression, public broadcasting and information society
- ▶ Human rights education
- ▶ Local democracy and elections
- ▶ Promoting and protecting Council of Europe standards in unresolved conflict zones

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Continued support to criminal justice reforms in the Republic of Moldova
- ▶ Controlling corruption through law enforcement and prevention
- ▶ Supporting the creation of standards and benchmarks on human resources management and their transposition into legislation and practice
- ▶ Confidence-building measures: engage representatives from both banks of the river Nistru/Dniestr

→ TOTAL COST: €17 799 000  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €5 022 694  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €12 776 306

## ACTION PLAN FOR UKRAINE 2015-2017

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Constitutional reform
- ▶ Independence and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Democratic institutions; ombudsman
- ▶ Local democracy
- ▶ Fight against economic crime
- ▶ Police and prison reform
- ▶ Prevention of torture and ill treatment and fight against impunity
- ▶ Media freedom and information society
- ▶ Anti-discrimination and protection of minorities
- ▶ Combating violence against vulnerable groups – focus on women and children

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Legislative assistance with decentralisation reform
- ▶ Support to territorial reform and capacity building for local government officials and elected representatives
- ▶ Support to the National Human Rights Strategy and Action Plan for Ukraine
- ▶ Strengthening human rights protection of Internally Displaced Persons
- ▶ Assistance with drafting judicial legislation
- ▶ Legal assistance to prevent and counter political corruption
- ▶ Support for the establishment of a public broadcaster

→ TOTAL COST: €45 000 000  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €26 587 190  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €18 412 810



## NEIGHBOURHOOD CO-OPERATION PRIORITIES FOR KAZAKHSTAN 2014-2017

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Reform of the criminal justice system
- ▶ Capacity-building of judges and lawyers
- ▶ Promotion of Council of Europe convention

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Support to the Kazakh authorities in improving the quality and efficiency of the Kazakh justice system

→ TOTAL COST: €1 667 000  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €1 667 000  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €0

## NEIGHBOURHOOD CO-OPERATION PRIORITIES FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC 2015-2017

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Independence and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Co-operation on Council of Europe conventions
- ▶ Quality and efficiency of the constitutional justice system, electoral administration and access to justice
- ▶ Fight against corruption
- ▶ Democratic governance and human rights education
- ▶ Co-operation with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- ▶ Local and regional democracy

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Strengthening prevention and combating of corruption
- ▶ Strengthening democracy through electoral reform
- ▶ Setting up a School of Political Studies in the Kyrgyz Republic
- ▶ The Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic enjoys a Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly

→ TOTAL COST: €3 400 000  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €1 480 806  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €1 919 194

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN 2015-2017

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Constitutional reform, new legislation and new governance bodies
- ▶ Independence and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Co-operation on Council of Europe conventions to create a common legal space
- ▶ Fight against corruption, money laundering and cybercrime
- ▶ Rights of women and children
- ▶ Democratic governance and human rights education
- ▶ Inter-parliamentary co-operation

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Establishment of the Constitutional Court, with support from the Venice Commission
- ▶ Awareness raising of European standards in the field of judiciary
- ▶ Awareness raising of the benefits of accessing Council of Europe conventions
- ▶ Assistance with a comprehensive sectorial analysis of terrorism financing risks with a view of tackling terrorism
- ▶ The Parliament of Jordan enjoys a partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

→ TOTAL COST : €2 000 000  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €1 575 000  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €425 000

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP WITH MOROCCO 2015-2017

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Independence and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Constitutional reform, new legislation and new governance bodies
- ▶ Co-operation on Council of Europe conventions to create a common legal space
- ▶ Prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- ▶ Fight against corruption, money laundering and cybercrime
- ▶ Inter-parliamentary co-operation
- ▶ Freedom of expression and independence of the media
- ▶ Participatory democracy and civil society
- ▶ Democratic governance and human rights education

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Assistance in the constitutional reform process, led by the Venice Commission
- ▶ The Parliament of Morocco enjoys a partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- ▶ Morocco has been granted an observer status to the CEPEJ
- ▶ Organisational development support to the anti-corruption authority of Morocco and assistance with corruption-related risks analysis in selected areas
- ▶ Support to the establishment and functioning of a National Prevention Mechanism against Torture

→ TOTAL COST: €6 250 000  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €5 850 000  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €395 000

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP WITH TUNISIA 2015-2017

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Independence and efficiency of justice
- ▶ Constitutional reform, new legislation and new governance bodies
- ▶ Council of Europe conventions and common legal space
- ▶ Fight against human trafficking
- ▶ Prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- ▶ Fight against corruption, money laundering and terrorism
- ▶ Freedom of expression and independence of the media
- ▶ Inter-parliamentary co-operation
- ▶ Democratic governance and human rights education

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ▶ Provision of support to the implementation of the new Constitution, by the Venice Commission;
- ▶ Supporting implementation of new legislation on fight against trafficking in human beings
- ▶ Tunisia has been granted an observer status to the CEPEJ
- ▶ Legal assistance to the national instance of good governance and fight against corruption evaluation of the anti-corruption framework and recommendations
- ▶ Support to the setting-up and functioning of a National Prevention Mechanism against torture

→ TOTAL COST: €5 443 000  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €4 993 000  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €450 000

## NEIGHBOURHOOD COOPERATION PRIORITIES WITH PALESTINE\*\* 2016-2017

### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Preventing domestic violence
- ▶ Justice reform
- ▶ Preventing and combating corruption
- ▶ Inter-parliamentary co-operation

\*\* This designation should not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of Council of Europe member States on this issue.

→ TOTAL COST: €355 000  
 → AVAILABLE FUNDING: €355 000  
 → RESOURCES NEEDED: €0

## THEMATIC ACTION PLANS

The **Action Plan on Building Inclusive Societies** (2016-2019) provides for activity in the fields of education, anti-discrimination and effective integration. It will help member states manage diversity through policies fostering mutual understanding and respect.

The **Action Plan on the fight against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism** includes action to help reinforce legal frameworks against terrorism and violent extremism, and prevent and fight violent radicalisation through concrete measures in public sectors, in particular schools and prisons, and on the Internet.

The **Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers** (2016-2019) supports the establishment of inclusive policies and local solutions for the most vulnerable in Europe.

The **Plan of Action on Strengthening Judicial Independence and Impartiality (2016-2021)** supports the development of formal legal guarantees of judicial independence and impartiality, as well as structures, policies and practice for the proper functioning of the judicial branch in a democratic society.

The Action Plan on protecting refugee and migrant children in Europe will help step-up co-operation with national authorities to improve the situation, safety and treatment of migrant and asylum-seeking children.



## APPENDICES

## APPENDIX 1: EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES – GLOBAL NEEDS 2017<sup>3</sup>

	Total secured (€)	Unsecured needs (€)
<b>HUMAN RIGHTS</b>	<b>33 346 200</b>	<b>34 599 300</b>
<b>PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS</b>	24 002 100	13 912 700
Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention system at national and European level	21 874 800	10 102 400
Execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights	0	1 500 000
European Court of Human Rights	2 127 200	2 310 300
<b>PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY</b>	6 064 900	11 178 200
Children's rights	35 200	1 314 800
Commissioner for Human Rights	23 800	76 200
Equality and diversity (GREVIO)	1 808 000	6 201 100
Minorities – National minorities, regional or minority languages	1 292 200	750 000
Promoting social inclusion and respect for human rights – Roma, migrants	2 905 600	2 336 200
Racism and intolerance (ECRI)	0	500 000
<b>ENSURING SOCIAL RIGHTS</b>	3 279 200	9 508 300
Bioethics – Drug abuse and illicit trafficking (Pompidou Group)	1 110 700	2 053 900
European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM, Pharmacopoeia)	2 168 500	3 979 300
European Social Charter and European Code of Social Security		3 475 000
<b>RULE OF LAW</b>	<b>46 979 300</b>	<b>27 717 600</b>
<b>ENSURING JUSTICE</b>	22 236 900	13 198 100
Independence and efficiency of justice	16 100 400	7 021 900
Prisons and police	6 136 500	6 176 200
<b>STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW</b>	7 032 100	6 444 300
Development and Implementation of common standards and policies	446 400	194 500
European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)	2 389 900	1 135 200
Information society and Internet governance	4 195 800	5 114 600
<b>COUNTERING THREATS TO THE RULE OF LAW</b>	17 710 300	8 075 300
Corruption and threats to the rule of law (MONEYVAL/GRETA/ GRECO)	16 865 700	7 508 800
Sport and integrity – Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)	844 600	566 500

	Total secured (€)	Unsecured needs (€)
<b>DEMOCRACY</b>	<b>19 885 100</b>	<b>23 889 400</b>
<b>STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND FOSTERING INNOVATION</b>	14 234 000	13 041 700
Building Inclusive Societies (Secretariat of the Council of Europe Development Bank)	215 100	338 700
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities	2 783 700	850 000
Democratic governance	8 582 200	4 827 400
Parliamentary Assembly	1 120 900	1 577 700
Strengthening democratic dialogue	1 532 000	5 447 900
<b>PROMOTING PARTICIPATION &amp; DIVERSITY</b>	5 651 100	10 847 700
Education for democratic citizenship (European Centre for Modern Languages/North-South Centre)	3 752 800	6 738 400
Valuing culture, nature and heritage (Eurimages/Cultural Routes/ Natural disasters (EUR-OPA)/European Audiovisual Observatory)	1 268 600	1 504 700
Youth for democracy (European Youth Foundation/ Youth Mobility through the Youth Card)	629 700	2 604 600
<b>GOVERNING BODIES AND GENERAL SERVICES</b>	<b>363 000</b>	<b>430 800</b>
External presence	353 000	0
Political affairs, policy planning and external relations	10 000	430 800
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>100 573 600</b>	<b>86 637 100</b>

3. As per the Council of Europe Programme and Budget 2016-2017 (2017 ADJUSTED).

## APPENDIX 2: EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES – RECEIPTS IN 2016

Member states		
1	Norway	5 884 900.74
2	Sweden	2 598 196.21
3	Human Rights Trust Fund <sup>4</sup>	1 924 454.44
4	Switzerland	1 229 641.33
5	United Kingdom	1 041 539.34
6	France	668 912.42
7	Luxembourg	492 369.12
8	Germany	449 388.50
9	Italy	398 639.58
10	Finland	334 987.80
11	Romania	255 505.43
12	Netherlands	237 500.00
13	European Economic Area <sup>5</sup> (EEA)	218 550.00
14	Turkey	215 098.23
15	Poland	190 501.38
16	Ireland	165 021.10
17	Belgium	130 228.42
18	Liechtenstein	122 609.60
19	Denmark	121 212.88
20	Portugal	115 000.00
21	Monaco	83 252.46
22	Czech Republic	71 100.51
23	Estonia	66 717.48
24	Austria	66 683.98
25	Russian Federation	54 739.23
26	Bulgaria	48 423.92
27	Hungary	40 344.45
28	Croatia	23 563.49
29	Andorra	23 356.28
30	Malta	22 735.49
31	Lithuania	20 000.00
32	Slovenia	19 079.00
33	Serbia	18 829.54
34	Cyprus	14 944.08
35	Spain	14 000.00
36	Slovak Republic	12 798.61
37	Latvia	11 172.47
38	Iceland	9 250.18
39	Azerbaijan	6 192.31
40	Republic of Moldova	724.08
<b>Total member states</b>		<b>17 422 164.08</b>

Observers		
1	United States of America	222 750.00
2	Japan	41 410.00
<b>Total Observers</b>		<b>264 160</b>

European Union		
1	Joint Programmes	40 508 479.34
2	Voluntary Contributions	2 703 155.00
<b>Total European Union</b>		<b>43 211 634.34</b>

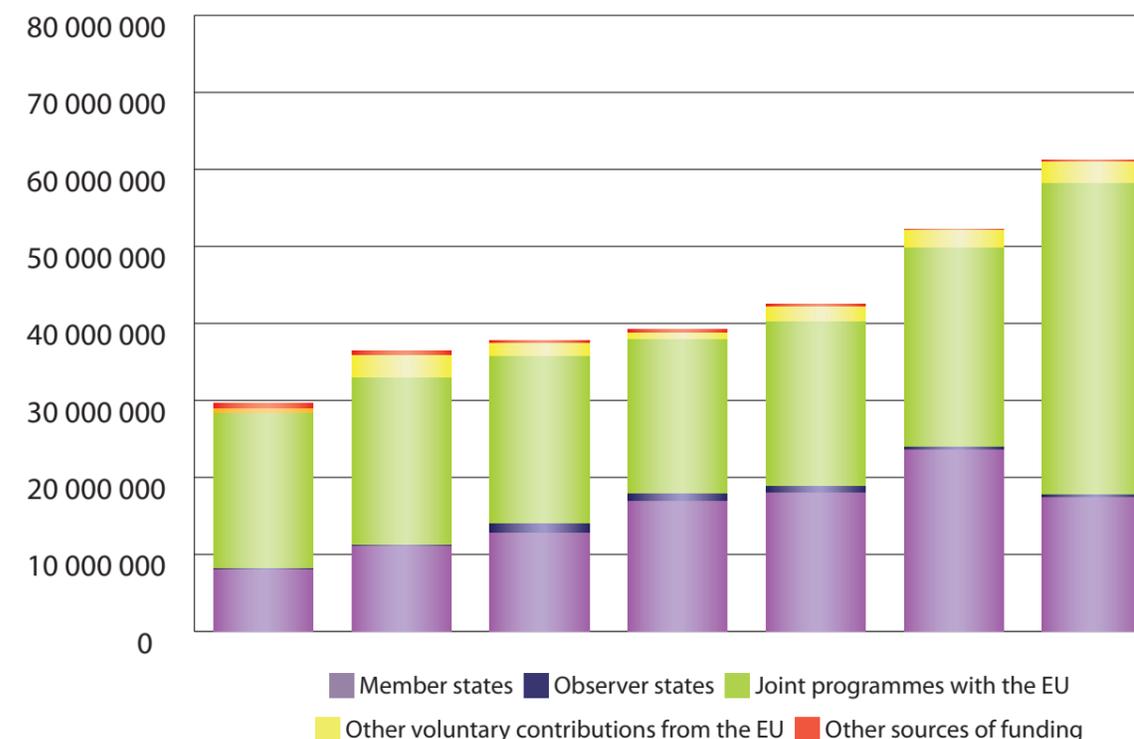
Others		
1	Aga Khan Development Network	50 000.00
2	United Nations	43 492.00
3	Israel	39 945.00
4	Isle of Man	36 730.00
5	States of Guernsey	36 730.00
6	States of Jersey	36 730.00
7	A.G. Leventis Foundation	34 872.00
8	Gibraltar	24 000.00
9	Japan Foundation	13 665.75
10	University of Nottingham	12 639.32
11	Charta 77 Foundation	7 500.00
12	Vaclav Havel Library	7 500.00
13	Cooperative Internationale de Recherche et d'Action en matière de Communication	6 000.00
14	European Cultural Foundation	4 000.00
15	Organisation internationale de la Francophonie	2 206.97
16	International Association of Former Council of Europe Staff Members	2 000.00
<b>Total Others</b>		<b>358 011.04</b>

**GRAND TOTAL 2016 61 255 969.46**

4. Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

5. Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway.

## APPENDIX 3: EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES – RECEIPTS 2010-16



This appeal outlines the objectives, priorities and funding needs agreed in the Council of Europe Programme and Budget 2016-2017. It describes Council of Europe sectors of activity that need additional funding.

Extra-budgetary contributions are an essential resource for the Council of Europe and provide the main source of funding for the Organisation's technical assistance and co-operation activities.

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