

Strengthening the Capacity of Bar Associations and Lawyers on European Human Rights Standards

Project summary

Project title	Strengthening the Capacity of Bar Associations and Lawyers on European Human Rights Standards
Country	Turkey
Budget	3 890 000 €
Funding	European Union, Republic of Turkey and Council of Europe
Duration	36 months (01 April 2018 – 31 March 2021)
Partners and beneficiaries	Union of Turkish Bar Associations (UTBA)
Main objectives	<p>The overall objective is to contribute to effective implementation of European human rights standards in Turkey.</p> <p>The specific objective is to strengthen the capacities of Turkish bar associations and lawyers in the implementation of the European human rights standards.</p>
Expected outputs and results	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The institutional capacity of the Human Rights Centres of the Bar Associations in 7 pilot provinces is strengthened. 2. The capacity of lawyers to apply European human rights standards in their daily work is enhanced. 3. The cooperation between the Union of Turkish Bar Associations and Human Rights Centres of local bar associations is fostered.
Implemented or planned activities	<p>Expected result 1: The institutional capacity of the Human Rights Centres (HRC) of the Bar Associations in 7 pilot provinces is strengthened and coordination between themselves is improved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Needs Assessment Report will be prepared for the institutional capacity of the local bars and it will consist of assessment of the institutional capacities to operate the HRCs in pilot bars, but also to assess the framework of the human rights materials, with recommendations in that context. - An Action Plan to strengthen the functioning of HRCs will be prepared and agreed by local bars and the UTBA. - A draft regulation for the HRCs deriving from the reported findings of the need assessment visits will be proposed and incorporated in the Action Plan above. - Five study visits of 3-days each to European countries (which are identified in the needs assessment visits and agreed by the UTBA), will be organised with a view to examining the best

practices for HRCs of the bar associations.

- Approx. 24 placements for the representatives from the pilot bar associations and the UTBA will be organized in various departments of the Council of Europe/European Court of Human Rights and HRCs of bar associations in various European countries, including international lawyer organisations for approx. two months.

Expected result 2: The capacity of lawyers to apply European human rights standards in their daily work is enhanced.

- A Needs Assessment Report for human rights training will be drafted to be used in drafting training modules and organising training sessions in local bar associations.
- Training modules (pre-service, in-service training curricula and online course) and materials, including manuals for the trainers will be developed for the HRCs of the bar associations and lawyers under the HELP umbrella.
- Training-of-trainers sessions will be delivered for a total of 50 lawyers.
- 200 training sessions for 5.000 lawyers (25 participants for each training session) will be organised at different levels which will be followed by the online trainings for a number of participants (around 200 lawyers), who will complete the course online, guided by trainers.
- The major reference documents and resources needed for training programmes, the documents on human rights commissions in other EU member states and those provided by international consultants participating in activities will be translated into Turkish. The Action will also support the publication and dissemination of resources necessary to improve the capacity of bar associations and lawyers.

Expected result 3: The cooperation between the Union of Turkish Bar Associations and human rights centres of local bar associations is fostered.

- 2-day coordination meetings will be organised in order to monitor the implementation process of the Action, exchange information and experience in various bar associations.
- A project website will be established under the webpage of the UTBA. A web-based communication network between the UTBA and HRCs of bar associations will be developed in order to facilitate the communication among the lawyers working in HRCs.
- Four one day awareness-raising/outreaching meetings will be

	<p>held in order to share findings of HRCs with other stakeholders, such as judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers and civil society representatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Two one-day international conferences will be held at the beginning and end of the Action.
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