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# Council of Europe's Anti-corruption standards & monitoring

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#### Council of Europe

Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms European Convention on Extradition

**European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters** 

**European Convention on the International Validity of Criminal Judgments** 

**European Convention on the Transfer of Proceedings in Criminal Matters** 

**Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition** 

**European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism** 

Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law

Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data

**Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons** 

# Setting A European Standards

**Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters** 

**Convention on Insider Trading** 

<u>Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime</u> Convention on the Protection of Environment through Criminal Law

**Criminal Law Convention on Corruption** 

**Civil Law Convention on Corruption** 

Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters

**Convention on Cybercrime** 

**Protocol No. 13 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, concerning the abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances** 

#### The 20 Guiding Principles for the Fight against Corruption Resolution (97) 24

- A catalogue of measures to be included in comprehensive national strategies against corruption:
- Awareness of corruption, transparency in public administration, independence and specialisation of authorities, criminalisation of corruption, proceeds of corruption, legal persons, immunity, media, research etc.



#### Model Code of Conduct for Public Officials

- Ethical climate in public administration
- Ethical conduct expected from public officials
- Information to the public on conduct to be expected



#### Criminal Law Convention on Corruption

- Wide scope to combat corrupt practices through criminal law
- Provides for:
  - co-ordinated criminalisation of a wide range of corruption related offences; including private corruption, trading in influence and accounting offences
  - complementary criminal law measures, including corporate liability

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- international co-operation
- Monitoring:



#### Civil Law Convention on Corruption

- Civil remedies, compensation for damage resulting from corruption
- Validity of contracts
- Civil law measures
- Protection of whistleblowers



### **Funding of Political Parties**

- General principles of donations
- Limitations to tax deductibility
- Donations by legal persons
- Limits on foreign donations
- Limits on campaign expenditure
- Transparency
- Supervision
  - Monitoring:





#### Monitoring compliance







# Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)

Partial and Enlarged Agreement of the Council of Europe



- International monitoring mechanism
- Established in 1999 by the Council of Europe
- 35 members
- Open to member and non-member States of the Council of Europe

#### **TASK:**

Monitoring the observance of Council of Europe's international legal instruments on corruption 11



### GRECO Working methods

- Mutual evaluation and peer pressure
- Follow-up mechanism



### **GRECO Evaluations**

#### Procedure:

- Evaluation rounds
- Specific provisions selected
- Questionnaire
- Evaluation teams
- Country visits
- Evaluation reports
- Recommendations
- Compliance procedure
- Publication



#### GRECO First Evaluation Round

1 January 2000 - 31 December 2002
Evaluation themes:

- *Principle 3* : independence and autonomy of persons in charge of the prevention, investigation, prosecution and adjudication of corruption offences

- *Principle* 6 : to limit immunity from investigation, prosecution or adjudication of corruption offences

- *Principle 7* : promotion of the specialisation of persons or bodies in charge of fighting corruption

("20 Guiding Principles")



### GRECO Second Evaluation Round

1 January 2003 - 1 July 2005
Evaluation themes:

- Proceeds of Corruption
- Public Administration and Corruption
- Legal Persons and Corruption

("20 Guiding Principles" and Criminal Law Convention on Corruption)