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Anti-corruption standards & monitoring

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Setting European standards
The 20 Guiding Principles for the Fight against Corruption
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- 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.

Monitoring: GRECO
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

- **Monitoring:** GRECO
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
  - international co-operation

- Monitoring: GRECO
Civil Law Convention on Corruption

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

Monitoring: GRECO
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:** GRECO
Setting European standards

Corruption
Organised crime
Money laundering
Cyber-crime
Other forms of economic crime

Strengthening capacities through technical cooperation

Monitoring compliance with European standards
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
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)