

In the framework of the Neighbourhood Partnership with Morocco 2022-2025, the Council of Europe continues to support Morocco for democratic reforms and to address challenges related to human rights, rule of law and democracy. The partnership builds on the previous achievements and provides a framework for consolidated political dialogue and technical co-operation with Morocco.

The current priorities include: the fight against human trafficking and prison overcrowding, women's and children's rights, and enhanced legal standards as part of the new programme to support the justice reform in Morocco: "Towards a more protective, accessible and efficient justice system in Morocco" (MA-JUST), co-financed by the European Union.



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PARTNERSHIP WITH MOROCCO
2022-2025

KEY FIGURES

AS OF 1 JANUARY 2025



13 STAFF MEMBERS

- 4 Core Staff
- 9 Project Staff



REGIONAL PROJECT: 1

COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS: 4

- 2 projects funded through voluntary contributions
- 2 EU/Council of Europe joint programmes



NEIGHBOURHOOD
PARTNERSHIP
BUDGET
10 million euros



IN FOCUS: EU / COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROGRAMME

Towards a more protective,
accessible and efficient justice
system in Morocco



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Enhanced anti-trafficking measures



- The Council of Europe supports Morocco's National Commission for Combatting and Preventing Human Trafficking (CNCLT), assisting in the development of key documents, including a glossary, a case law compendium, a victim identification guide, and a victim interview guide and helped raise public awareness about human trafficking by launching a new website for the National anti-trafficking Commission.
- Capacity-building efforts and training sessions have resulted in enhanced anti-trafficking measures, through the Council of Europe HELP programme that is now mandatory for the attachés of justice.
- Strengthened professionals' skills and established a regional anti-trafficking task force of law enforcement officials, social workers, legal professionals, and other frontline practitioners.

Upgraded measures to prevent torture

- The National prevention mechanism (NPM) improved prison visit methods and ethical standards to prevent torture and maltreatment in places of detention, ensure compliance with human rights standards and improved the living conditions of people deprived of their liberty.
- Inspired by European models, Morocco assisted to establish the African National prevention mechanism network of torture and maltreatment in places of detention.



Advances in combatting violence against women

600 future judges and magistrates gained knowledge on laws and standards to combat violence against women, including cyberviolence which is now mandatory for future judges.

Combatting violence against children

- 20 trainee judges followed the HELP course on child-friendly justice and children's rights, translated into Arabic and contextualized to Moroccan legal system.
- The Moroccan Center for Polytechnic Research and Innovation (CMRPI) has launched, with the support of the Council of Europe, online portals to report child sexual abuse and cyberbullying, receiving hundreds of reports and providing deletion services in partnership with Meta and TikTok.
- Awareness campaigns, Safer Internet Day activities and youth centered workshops strengthened child protection efforts.



Strengthened parliamentary capacity



The Parliament improved communication with citizens deploying new tools including the Mediabox, a media center for storing audiovisual data (news, videos, photos, etc.) and producing media supports (interviews, for example), redesigning the Chamber of Councillors' website and developing a new platform to receive and process citizens' petitions and motions.

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