

COUNCIL OF EUROPE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN ANKARA

2024 AT A GLANCE

Through 45 programmes implemented in the last 20 years in co-operation with relevant national institutions, the Council of Europe Programme Office in Ankara continues to play a pivotal role in improving the application of European standards at national level, in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law. In 2024, the Programme Office celebrated both its 20th anniversary and the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe through a series of project events organised throughout the country.

KEY FIGURES

AS OF 1 JANUARY 2025



31 STAFF MEMBERS

- 9 Core Staff
- 22 Project Staff



COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS: 8

- 1 project funded through voluntary contributions
- 4 actions as part of the EU/Council of Europe Horizontal Facility programme
- 3 European Union- Council of Europe joint programmes



REGIONAL PROJECTS: 2



IN FOCUS: EU / COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROGRAMME

- Strengthening justice
- Fight against corruption
- Combating discrimination
- Freedom of expression
- Expertise co-ordination mechanism



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Improved women's access to justice

Empowering women through tailored support and legal literacy trainings in close collaboration with local bar associations and civil society strengthened their ability to assert rights, with a particular focus on earthquake survivors and victims of violence and discrimination. Legal aid services became more accessible and victim-centered, allowing for better access to justice.

Better protection of migrants

Capacity building and awareness raising activities helped improve the protection of persons in the context of migration, supporting better access to information and legal aid. In this context, public and human rights institutions, local bar associations and civil society actors were provided with direct grants.



Effective implementation of Constitutional Court judgments in the field of human rights

Over 4 000 judges, prosecutors and lawyers, as well as 2 000 law school students increased their knowledge and practical experience regarding individual application proceedings and fundamental rights. During the 2018-2023 period, the percentage of fully executed Constitutional Court judgments in the field of fundamental rights increased from 53 to 98.44%.

Enhanced digital citizenship education in schools

Teachers, students, parents and school communities in 14 pilot schools gained knowledge and acquired tools to responsibly navigate the digital world, with new skills to eventually promote human rights, inclusivity, and tolerance in line with democratic values.



Enhanced prisoners' rights and opportunities for rehabilitation

A strengthened regulatory framework and advanced tools and trainings targeting prison staff throughout the country helped foster the unified application of a disciplinary and reward system in penitentiaries in line with Council of Europe standards. It includes standard complaint forms for prisoners and effective monitoring of disciplinary sanctions and rewards.

Foreign language education advanced

Developed and implemented in line with Council of Europe standards and methodologies, a new education reform is to be initiated, to advance foreign language education policies and practices.



International judicial co-operation promoted

Large scale capacity building activities for judges and prosecutors on international judicial cooperation in criminal matters and a strengthened central monitoring system and filtering mechanisms in the field contributed to improving judicial co-operation across Europe.

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