

Esteemed Deputy Minister,

Esteemed Ambassador of the European Union,

Honourable guests from the country and abroad,

I welcome you to the opening conference of the European Union Project on Strengthening the Coordination of Anti-corruption Policies and Practices, where the Prime Ministry Investigation Board is the main beneficiary and the Ministries of Justice; Labour and Social Security; Food Agriculture and Livestock; Internal Affairs; Finance and Transportation, Maritime Affairs and Communication and the Undersecretary of Treasury and Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency are co-beneficiaries.

Within the Project, various studies, trainings and activities shall be carried out especially with our Presidency and other audit units during the next two years. The main target of the aforementioned project is to contribute to the establishment of an efficient and effective structure on anti-corruption. To begin with, I would like to express my thanks to all friends who have contributed to and supported the project.

During the project, by analysing current legal infrastructure on corruption, reporting the required legal and other changes with regard to harmonizing with national and international regulations like the European Council Criminal and Civil Law Contract, the OECD Contract on Preventing Bribe Given to Foreign Public Officials and the United Nations Convention against Corruption by reviewing legal and administrative infrastructure of our country, reviewing international standards and regulations, especially European Union, preparing gap analysis report and implementation report, by preparing questioning, investigation and audit guides and audit standards, distributing to all relevant units, developing collecting information and intelligence with regard to corruption and analysing them, developing anti-corruption strategies and implementing them successfully, coordination of investigations, carrying out various activities regarding ensuring training of audit personnel in European Union institutions on modern investigation and reporting techniques and advanced co-operation and information sharing are set forth.

Our friends shall present detailed information with regard to activities that shall be realized within the project shortly. I would like to express my thanks to you again for your participation and support and to all friends, who shall give support and help to the projects, which shall start with regard to our conference, during works and I would like to express my regards to all of you.

**Esteemed Yunus ARINCI**

*President of Prime Ministry Investigation Board*