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EU SUPPORTS FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN TURKEY

A project funded by the European Union to fight against corruption in Turkey will be launched on 12 June in Ankara. The objective is to strengthen investigation capacity against corruption and to improve the coordination and implementation of policies and strategies. The opening event will be attended by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (tbc), Minister of Interior Muammer Güler, Minister of Labour and Social Security Faruk Çelik, Minister of Environment and Urban Development Erdoğan Bayraktar, Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock Mehdi Eker, Minister of Customs and Trade Hayati Yazıcı, the Head of the Department of Information Society and Action against Crime of the Council of Europe, Ivan Koedjikov, and the Head of the EU Delegation to Turkey, Ambassador Jean-Maurice Ripert, as well as other representatives and stakeholders.

The €1.6 million EU-funded project will be carried out in cooperation with the Council of Europe. It will provide technical expertise and training for the staff of the Prime Ministry Inspection Board as well as inspectors and auditors of other institutions.

In February 2012 Turkey adopted a National Strategy for Increasing Transparency and Strengthening the Struggle against Corruption 2010-2014. Administrative coordination and technical support are provided by the Prime Ministry Inspection Board, also tasked to coordinate, lead and initiate investigations conducted by other institutions involved as side beneficiaries.

The project will assess the current legislative framework and conduct a comparative study of international tools, providing the basis for developing an investigation guide with reporting standards. Data concerning investigations on corruption will be gathered and analysed. A corruption map indicating areas of risk will be developed. Extensive training will be provided on how to develop sector-specific strategies and coordinate them, on anti-corruption investigations, modern investigation techniques and information sharing. The project will develop a better understanding of investigation techniques and standards, data collection and analysis as well as capacities to design and coordinate specific strategies. It will support the fulfilment of the recommendations of the [Group of States against corruption \(GRECO\)](#).

This project will complement past EU-funded projects that focused on preventing corruption through raising awareness of professional ethics. It will allow a sustained improvement of the skills and capacity to design, coordinate and implement strategies in this field.

Date/Time: Wednesday, 12 June 2013 at 10:00

Venue: Rixos Hotel, Ankara

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