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Project on Consolidating Ethics in the Public Sector in Turkey (TYEC 2) TYEC2 – Summary –

Project title	Project on Consolidating Ethics in the Public Sector in Turkey (TYEC 2)
Project area	Turkey
Budget	EURO 1 310,000.00
Funding	The European Union (80%), Council of Europe (10%) and Turkish authorities (10%)
Implementation	Council of Europe: Economic Crime Unit, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI)
Duration	24 months (30 March 2012-30 March 2014)

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

The Project on Consolidating Ethics in the Public Sector in Turkey (TYEC 2) a joint EU/CoE co-funded project, implemented by Council of Europe is a follow-up project to TYEC 1 (Project on Ethics for the Prevention of Corruption in Turkey) which was implemented between December 2007 and November 2009. The TYEC 1 project was the first joint project of the Council of Europe (CoE) and the European Union (EU) in the field of good governance and consolidation of ethical standards in order to prevent corruption. The final report of the TYEC 1 project identified a number of issues that still need be addressed in the field of ethics and prevention of corruption - *inter alia*, the report recommended further training of trainers in the Turkish public sector, strengthening and developing the capacities of the Ethics Commissions to implement the Regulation on the Principles of Ethics Behaviour of the Public Officials and Application Procedures and Essentials (no. 25785, 04/13/2005), and enhancing public awareness not only on the role of ethics in the public sector but also on the implementation of ethical standards in daily contacts with public officials. In other words, further action was deemed necessary to continue providing technical assistance to the Council of Ethics for the Public Service (primary beneficiary of the both projects), Ethics Commissions and specific ministries.

The TYEC 2 project also aims to support the implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (“The Strategy of Increasing Transparency and Strengthening the Anti-Corruption Efforts (2010-2014)”) which was adopted by the Council of Ministers in February 2010 and which provides for the Council of Ethics a role to determine the principles of ethical behaviour for each and every profession within the public sector.

In view of that, and through its expected results, the TYEC 2 project will build upon the achievements of TYEC 1 and will seek further improvements in the field of ethics and anti-corruption taking into account relevant GRECO recommendations and of other international mechanisms.

OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Overall objective	To contribute to the prevention of corruption in Turkey in accordance with European and other international standards
Project Purpose	To ensure the effective dissemination and implementation of the Code of Ethics across the public sector and support the work of the Council of Ethics for the Public Service and Ministries Ethics Commissions in developing ethical frameworks within ministries
Result 1	Enhanced capacities of the Council of Ethics for Public Service to promote awareness of the Regulation and support the integration of ethics’ principles and requirements of the Code of Ethics in the daily work of the Turkish administration
Result 2	Enhanced capacities of Ministries to promote the integration of ethics principles and requirements of the Code of Ethics in the daily work of the Turkish administration
Result 3	Embedded knowledge on ethics’ principles and the Regulation in the Turkish administration and increased public and institutional awareness on these issues
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The staff of the Council of Ethics for Public Service are trained and have the necessary working tools and procedures to manage, oversee and measure the dissemination and implementation

	<p>of the Training Strategy;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At least 100 trainers from central and local government are trained and able to deliver ethics training; ▪ Ethics Coordination Committee will be established to coordinate measures to promote ethics and the Training Strategy in Turkey; ▪ The development of a code of conduct for state universities and professional associations is supported and the capacity of their ethics commissions is improved to enable training in the Code; ▪ Recommendations of the Research Studies (TYEC 1) in institutions previously involved are implemented; ▪ Ethics Commissions are supported in devising and delivering the training strategy and monitoring its implementation; ▪ The training strategy on ethics is implemented and materials for its application at governorate and local government levels are developed in coordination with the Ministry of the Interior; ▪ The General Directorate of the Land Registry is supported as an 'Island of Integrity' so that it becomes an effective ethical environment and can be used as the basis for the development of a wider cross-public sector future prevention strategy; ▪ Awareness campaigns developed for prevention of corruption in ministries, schools and universities, and the general public through dissemination of audio-visual materials and networking relations with media and NGOs are established.
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PARTNERS/BENEFICIARIES

The main project partners from the Turkish side will be **the Council of Ethics for the Public Service (CEPS), the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Finance, and the General Directorate of Land Registry**. Project beneficiaries/target groups will also include:

- Ethics Commissions from the Ministries and central and local governments
- Ministry of Education
- Tax and Custom Authorities
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Professional Associations
- Non-governmental Organisations (NGO's)

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

The Council of Europe’s project team in Ankara (Turkey) is composed of a Long-term Consultant (LTC) and a Local Project Officer (LPO). The team based in Ankara will work directly with the beneficiaries, and will be guided and supported by a half-time Project Manager in Strasbourg, France. The entire team will be responsible for project management and implementation of project activities in Turkey on behalf of the Council of Europe. The Council of Ethics for the Public Service will appoint a National Project Coordinator who will function as the main counterpart in designing and organising the project activities on behalf of the Turkish authorities.

Overall project management supervision will be ensured by the Economic Crime Unit at the Action against Crime Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), of the Council of Europe. A Workplan of Activities detailing all project actions, timing, engagement of long-term and short-term consultants/experts and of responsible national institutions will be available after the inception phase. The Council of Europe will ensure proper engagement of international and national experts in the project activities. In view of this the CoE will undertake necessary measures to guarantee their independence and exclusion from conflicts of interests.

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