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PROGRESS REPORT 06/24

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1. Programme implementation

Summary of the current status of the programme (outputs and activities)

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 implementation of the Code of Ethics for public officials and the adoption of such codes by other categories of officials.

Indicators of Achievement:

- Level of compliance with the Code of Ethics for Public officials in terms of:
 - Number of complaints received and investigated
 - Number of training activities carried out in different institutions
 - Activities carried out by Ethics Commissions
- Adoption of a Code of Ethics by the Judiciary
- Adoption of a Code of Ethics by the Parliament

Summary of the current status of the project against indicators for project immediate objectives and results (outputs and activities)

- Output 1 (Number of meetings held by the Council of Ethics; Number of complaints treated
 and investigations completed; Quality of work plan; Quality of reports prepared by the
 Council of Ethics): Four working papers completed on: the future strategic direction of the
 Council, a review of the Code and potential capacity requirements for Council staffing.
 Consolidated into a single report. Preparation of a report on management of complaints and
 investigations.
- Output 2 (The draft training package is available by month 6; the final package is available by month 10 and the training CD by month 12; Quality of the training package): Completion of ethics training package, apart from the case studies. Completion of report on training strategy for possible submission to Steering Group.
- Output 3 (Quantity and quality of training activities carried out by trainers): work on training material completed as part of training package, names of possible trainers submitted.
- Output 6 (Quantity and quality of research studies; Number of public workshops and feedback received): draft specification for bids and draft contents of themes completed. Proposals submitted to CoE Strasbourg for confirmation and advertising.
- Output 7 (The development of codes of conduct for elected office holders and the judiciary will have been supported). Two working papers on codes of conduct for the Legislature and Judiciary.

Major activities undertaken during the period of the report as compared to the implementation schedule

ACTIVITIES

Activity 1.1 – consolidation of all reports on Council and submitted to CoE Strasbourg.

Activity 1.2 and 1.3 – completion of complaints handling report and preparation of RTD with Council of Ethics Secretariat.

Activity 1.4 – final preparation for study visit to Ireland.

Activity 2.1 – consolidation of review of ethics training material

Activity 2.2 – completion of training material apart from case studies

Activity 3.1 – receipt of applications from possible trainers

Activity 6.1 – completion of, and advertisement of, research studies

Activity 7.2 – completion of reviews of codes of conduct for Legislature and Judiciary

Activity 8.1 – preparation of STE specification

EVENTS

Under Activity 6.2, the first 6 research studies were advertised on 15 May on the CoE project website.

Under Activity 1.1 the international STE presented to the Council of Ethics his report on the capacity requirements for the future work of the Council.

Under Activity 1.2 an international conference was held on 27 May in Ankara on "International Standards on the Principles of Ethics" with Turkish and international experts.

Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions

None generally.

Delay in advertising research studies but unlikely to affect timetable.

Delay to completion of case studies but unlikely to affect timetable.

Planned major activities and schedule for the next period

EVENTS

- On 5 June 2008 a Round Table Discussion will take place with members of the Secretariat on complaints handling and investigations.
- On 08-13 June 2008, a study visit will be undertaken to Ireland, where members of the Council of Ethics, and the Council's Secretariat, will meet with staff from the UK Standards Board for England, University of Cork, Transparency International Ireland, the UK Committee on Standards in Public Life, and the Irish Standards in Public Office Commission.
- On 23 June 2008 the first Steering Committee meeting will take place in Ankara.

ACTIVITIES

- Choosing trainers for training programme.
- Discussing with the Steering Group the expansion of the training activities in accordance with the proposals of the international STE.
- Completion of case studies and sending training package for translation.
- The research studies will also be advertised in Turkey.
- Work will commence on the systems studies on the effectiveness of anti-corruption measures and terms of reference for STE.

2. Conclusions:

The Project activities are ongoing.