



## PROJECT SUMMARY

<b>Title of the Programme</b>	European Union/Council of Europe Joint Programme “Towards Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean (South Programme II)”
<b>Programme Financing</b>	7.37 mil EURO
<b>Donor</b>	European Union (95%) Council of Europe (5%)
<b>Title of the Project:</b>	<b>Promotion of good governance: fight against corruption and money-laundering (SNAC II-Morocco)</b>
<b>Project Budget</b>	Approx. 0.5 mil EURO
<b>Duration</b>	36 months (1 January 2015 – 31 December 2017)

### 1. BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

#### 1.1 Neighbourhood cooperation priorities

On 4 February 2015 the Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers adopted the Neighbourhood cooperation objectives with Morocco for 2015-2017, which were developed based on close consultations between the Moroccan authorities and the CoE. These objectives establish the overarching framework of bilateral cooperation between the CoE and Morocco and include the following:

1. To consolidate the results of the co-operation implemented since 2012 through the “Neighbourhood Co-operation Priorities with Morocco 2012-2014” and to initiate new areas of co-operation in line with national reform priorities, based on a demand-driven approach, in the fields of expertise of the CoE.
2. To continue the efforts made to facilitate the creation of a common legal area between Europe and Morocco, encouraging the authorities to bring Moroccan legislation into line with European and international standards and to ratify the CoE conventions open to non-member States, with due regard for the procedures set out in the relevant conventions.
3. To provide support to the development and to the effective implementation of new legislation in accordance with European and other international standards, according to the identified needs.
4. To provide support to the setting-up and functioning of human rights institutions and new governance structures.
5. To enhance Morocco’s presence in the CoE structures of which it is already a member or observer (Venice Commission, the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice, the European Pharmacopoeia, the Pompidou Group’s MedNet network) and to encourage country’s participation in other CoE structures, according to the identified needs.



## 1.2 South Programme II: “Towards Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean

In order to implement the abovementioned objectives the Council of Europe has commenced the implementation of the Programme “Towards Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean (South Programme II)”, building on the outcomes and achievements of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the South Programme implemented in 2012-2014. The geographical scope of the Programme covers cooperation with countries of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, but in particular Tunisia, Morocco and Jordan, who will act as the main beneficiaries.

The Programme serves as the overarching framework for CoE cooperation with Morocco in the following three priority areas: i) human rights; ii) rule of law and iii) democracy. The “rule of law” area includes a significant component on “Combating corruption and money laundering”, which will be implemented as one of the Programme’s components in the form of a separate Project.

## 2. PROJECT ON PROMOTION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE: FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION AND MONEY-LAUNDERING (SNAC II-MORROCCO)

The SNAC II Project aims to build and expand on the activities and results obtained in the framework of the previous Project - SNAC I (2012-2014). The CoE will accompany national authorities in the implementation of the recommendations included in the [Assessment of the national anti-corruption framework](#). Furthermore, support will be provided in strengthening the capacities of the new anti-corruption agency foreseen by the Constitution of 2011- the National Probity and Anti-Corruption Authority. Training sessions, including training of trainers’ activities, will contribute to strengthening the capacities of relevant actors on key issues, such as basic anti-corruption concepts, administrative inquiries, forensic accounting, corruption-proofing methodologies, investigation techniques and illicit enrichment. Finally, the CoE stands ready to provide assistance to the authorities in the implementation of the Moroccan national anti-corruption strategy, currently under preparation.

The Expected results of SNAC II have been adopted as part of the CoE - Morocco Neighbourhood Cooperation Objectives and are listed in the table below:

<b>Project Objective</b>	To promote good governance and the prevention of corruption, money laundering on the basis of the relevant CoE standards, mechanisms and instruments by enhancing the policy framework and the stakeholders’ capacities and co-ordination.
<b>Expected Result 1</b>	The Moroccan national authorities, members of parliament and civil society have a good understanding of CoE standards in the prevention and fight against corruption with a view to Morocco’s possible accession to the relevant instruments and the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO).
<b>Expected Result 2</b>	The recommendations deriving from the CoE’s analysis of the Moroccan anti-corruption framework are implemented as part of the national anti-corruption strategy; the new internal operating rules of the National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight against Corruption (INPPLC) are in line with the standards and practices promoted by the CoE; the CoE evaluates the implementation of the recommendations contained in the analysis of the Moroccan anti-corruption framework.



<b>Expected Result 3</b>	Training and capacity-building activities are proposed on the basis of the recommendations contained in the analysis of the anti-corruption framework.
<b>Expected Result 4</b>	Capacities regarding investigation techniques in the field of serious economic crime, and in particular money-laundering, are enhanced.
<b>Expected Result 5</b>	Regional co-operation through the creation of /support to formal and informal networks focusing on the exchange of best practices in the field of prevention of corruption and money-laundering is established.

### 3. TARGET GROUPS / BENEFICIARIES

The target groups for the project include representatives of anti-corruption and anti-money laundering authorities of Morocco and in particular, but not limited to, the following categories and institutions:

- Policy-level authorities;
- Legislature (parliamentarians);
- Specialised anti-corruption authorities (in particular the *Instance Centrale de Prévention de la Corruption- ICPC* and the future *Instance Nationale de la Probité, de la Prévention et de la Lutte contre la Corruption – INPPLC*)
- Law enforcement and judicial authorities (Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice);
- Ministry of Finances;
- Ministry of Public Administration;
- Anti-money laundering authorities (Financial Intelligence Unit);
- Association of national controllers of the Moroccan Administration;
- Private sector associations (e.g. Moroccan Bar Associations, Federation of Moroccan Entrepreneurs).

### 4. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

The SNAC II Project Morocco is implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Unit (ECCU) of the Action against Crime Department, Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime, Directorate General I of the Council of Europe. The national coordination among Moroccan institutions and authorities is ensured by the *Instance Centrale de Prévention de la Corruption* (ICPC). Support to implementation is provided by the Council of Europe office in Morocco.

### 5. COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONTACTS

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