



PROJECT SUMMARY

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

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Neighbourhood cooperation priorities

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

1. To consolidate the achievements of the co-operation implemented since 2012 through the “Neighbourhood Co-operation Priorities with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan 2012-2014” and to initiate new areas of co-operation in line with national reform priorities, based on the demand-driven approach, in fields of expertise of the CoE.
2. To facilitate the creation of a common legal space between Europe and Jordan, by encouraging Jordan to request accession to key CoE conventions open to non-member States in conformity with the procedures described in the relevant conventions and by promoting the legal harmonisation of Jordan’s legislation with European and other international standards.
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 to the effective functioning of human rights institutions and new governance structures.
5. To consolidate Jordan’s presence in CoE’s instances (Parliamentary Assembly of the CoE (PACE)) and to encourage country’s participation in other CoE structures as relevant.



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 1st 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 Jordan 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 “Fight against 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, MONEY-LAUNDERING AND THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM (SNAC II - JORDAN)

A first scoping mission carried out in October 2014 in the framework of the SNAC 1 Project set the basis for cooperation between Jordan and the Council of Europe in the fight against corruption and money-laundering. Cooperation activities with Jordan will mainly tackle specific needs identified in the Jordanian National anti-corruption Strategy (2013- 2017). Support to national authorities for the setting-up of an asset recovery unit within the Jordanian Anti-corruption Commission and for improving the protection of witnesses and whistleblowers will be provided. A series of trainings will enhance the capacities of relevant counterparts in dealing, among others, with economic-related offenses and developing corruption proofing and risk assessment methodologies. The project will also promote the development of capacities to cooperate in the field of preventing terrorism financing in the non-governmental organizations’ sector. Finally, information material on how to counter corruption, including the tools available for citizens to report an acts of corruption, will be disseminated, in order to promote a more active role of civil society in the fight against corruption and economic crimes.

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

Expected Result 1	The capacities for a better international and regional (MENA) cooperation concerning anti-corruption and money laundering are increased.
Expected Result 2	Institutional Building Capacities and Legislation Framework reforms are in line with European standards.
Expected Result 3	The capacities of Judiciary and Law Enforcement through specialized training on economic crime related offences are strengthened.
Expected Result 4	Information dissemination and the role of civil society (youth and women) in prevention and fight against corruption are enhanced.



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