

Activity Report (Synopsis)

<u>Field of activity:</u>	Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Action against Crime Department
<u>Name of Activity:</u>	Conference on “The Role of Education in Developing Ethics Culture”
<u>Country:</u>	Turkey
<u>Activity Date/Venue:</u>	25 May 2012, Hotel Dedeman, Ankara
<u>CoE Secretariat:</u>	Mr Adrian Butler, Head of the Council of Europe Programme Office in Ankara Mr Serhan Alemdar, CoE Local Project Officer
<u>Partner Institutions:</u>	The Council of Ethics for Public Service
<u>Participants:</u>	Representatives of Council of Ethics for Public Service, Ministry of Education and other 20 ministries.
<u>Total No. of participants:</u>	145 participants (% 70 male, % 30 female)

Objectives:

To emphasise the importance of the role of education in developing and promoting Ethics Culture.

Comments/Results:

The Conference was organized to mark the “Ethics Week” (25-31 May 2012) and “Ethics Day” (25 May 2012) in Turkey. This year’s emphasis was made on the importance of the role of education in developing the Ethics Culture. The event was addressed by high level public officials such as the Minister of Education, Mr Omer Dincer, the Chair of the Council of Ethics for Public Service, Mr Bilal Eryilmaz and the Head of the Council of Europe Programme Office in Ankara, Mr Adrian Butler. During his speech, the Minister, Mr Dincer underlined the importance of regenerating the ethics culture every day for the effective implementation of the principles of transparency and accountability. The Chair of the Council of Ethics for Public Service, Mr Eryilmaz pointed out that since 2008 they provided Ethics training for approximately 24,000 public officials. Mr Butler, the Head of the Council of Europe Programme Office stated that effective promotion of ethical principles/behaviour and fight against corruption at all levels is essential to long-term social and economic development. He emphasised that the corruption is most prejudicial to the less well off, the marginalised and disenfranchised, especially at the local level and that it is the marginalised who fear repercussions for speaking out against corrupt tendencies or unethical behaviour.

The Council of Ethics for Public Service has been the main beneficiary of an EU/CoE Joint Programme implemented during 2007-2009 and is the main beneficiary for a follow-up EU/CoE Joint Programme on “Consolidating Ethics in the Public Sector in Turkey” (2012-2014).