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IMPROVING ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE BY FIGHTING CORRUPTION IN TUNISIA

PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	Improving Economic Governance by Fighting Corruption in Tunisia
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	Tunisia
BUDGET	1,112,000 EUR
FUNDING	European Union (90%) and Council of Europe (10%)
IMPLEMENTATION	Economic Crime and Cooperation Division Economic Crime and Corruption Department Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
DURATION	36 months (1 July 2024 – 30 June 2027)

1. BACKGROUND

Cooperation between the Council of Europe and Tunisia has since 2012 been part of the [neighbourhood policy of the Council of Europe](#), and it has been governed by the neighbourhood partnership agreements. The [2022-2025 Neighbourhood partnership agreement with Tunisia](#) aims at continuing supporting the country's democratic transition and constitutes the framework of this Project.

The project is a 2024-2027 joint initiative between the European Union and the Council of Europe and is part of the *Economic governance support programme (Programme d'Appui à la Gouvernance Économique, PAGE)* which seeks to support economic transition by strengthening the economic governance and improving the business and investment climate in Tunisia.

The Project *Improving economic governance by fighting corruption in Tunisia* builds on the 2019 - 2023 [Tunisia anti-corruption project](#), a component of the larger initiative [Project to support the independent bodies in Tunisia \(PAII-T\)](#), which provided targeted technical assistance to Tunisian authorities active in the fight and prevention of corruption.

The project also aims to seek synergies at regional level with the [Project on promotion of good governance: Fight against corruption, money laundering and financing of terrorism in the Southern Mediterranean \(SNAC V\)](#) which is implemented by the Council of Europe in the framework of the joint EU and Council of Europe regional programme [Protecting human rights, rule of law and democracy through shared standards in the Southern Mediterranean \(South Programme V\)](#).

2. PROJECT IMPACT, OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

The overall expected impact of the Project is that **key Tunisian institutions involved in the fight against corruption, as well as both houses of Parliament, will have the best capacities to develop, effectively implement and monitor anti-corruption policies and measures.**

The Project's focus is on the following areas of support:

- **Institutional:** enhancing the integrity tools of Parliament through improved codes of conduct and other anti-corruption instruments.
- **Legislation:** advancing the capacities of the relevant Tunisian entities to apply anti-corruption proofing of legislation.
- **Prevention:** supporting the improvement of the assets and interests' disclosure system, of the conflict of interest framework and promoting the protection of whistleblowers.
- **Enforcement:** strengthening the capacities of supervisory bodies in executing anti-corruption policies.

By working on the focus areas above, the project aims at achieving the following outcomes:

Outcome 1 Parliament is supported in introducing an effective and sustainable framework for managing corruption and integrity risks for its members.

Outcome 2 The capacity of anti-corruption stakeholders as well as of public officials and managers in the public and private sectors to design and implement effective anti-corruption policies are strengthened.

3. PROJECT COUNTERPARTS AND BENEFICIARIES

The Project aims at engaging and working with all Tunisian entities active in the fight against corruption including both chambers of the Parliament and a number of key central institutions.

The coordination of the Project is led by a Steering Committee where all Tunisian Project beneficiaries, the EU and Council of Europe are represented.

4. PROJECT EXECUTION

The Council of Europe's Economic Crime and Corruption Department, through the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division (ECCD) is in charge of implementing the activities under this Project. The ECCD draws on two decades of experience supporting countries in the implementation of the Council of Europe's and other international standards against corruption and other economic crimes.

The intervention provides tailored advice to support the authorities in building sound capacities to effectively implement anti-corruption measures. Assistance activities include the assessment of draft regulations; the provision of expert advice; workshops, trainings, and roundtables; and the exchange of good practices with other jurisdictions. Activities result in technical papers, handbooks, or other written outputs which are made available to the authorities and supported for their further follow-up.

For the purpose of the implementation of the Project's activities, the ECCD calls on international long and short-term experts with proven expertise and practitioner experience in the field of fighting against economic crime, as well as on local experts from the MENA region, who together deliver high quality and relevant assistance to the beneficiary institutions.

5. CONTACT

For any further information, please visit the [Economic Crime and Cooperation Division's website](#), the Project's website, or use the contact information below.

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