Launch
of the Council of Europe course on

INTRODUCTION TO CORRUPTION PREVENTION

26 April 2022, online event

Background and aim

The Council of Europe online course on Introduction to Corruption Prevention was developed in 2021 and is intended for anyone interested in following and understanding the basics of preventing corruption. It is suitable for "beginners" as well as for those who already have knowledge about the prevention of corruption but are curious to find new and specific perspectives.

The course provides overview of forms of corruption and prevention tools, ethics and how codes of conduct promote ethical behavior, conflicts of interest and ways of managing such situations, purpose and enforcement of post-employment restrictions, regulating management of gifts, aims of asset declarations systems, role of free access to information in corruption prevention, regulating lobbying activities, transparency of political financing, protecting whistleblowers, corruption risks in public procurement and measures to mitigate them, and the role of auditing in anti-corruption.

Through reflection exercises, quizzes and scenarios, the course puts on the spotlight ethical dilemmas and challenges in implementing anti-corruption measures. It engages the learners into exploring how to deal with them, for example when it comes to acceptance of gifts or properly managing conflict of interest situation. It also brings clarity to the approach taken by the Council of Europe with respect to these issues, as contained in the standards set by the Council of Europe conventions, resolutions and other instruments, and provided in the recommendations of GRECO, the Council of Europe's anti-corruption monitoring body.

Course Structure

The training course on Introduction to Corruption Prevention consists of **13 modules**. All 13 modules can be followed in their entirety and in the order listed below. Each section module builds up step-by-step, so it makes sense to start from the beginning. However, participants can also jump to any module that is of particular interest for them.

The course includes not just text but also numerous **interactive elements**. In case participants would like to study some topics more in-depth, they will have the opportunity to do so, for example, by exploring the linked documents and resources. All of these are an integral part of the course and are aimed at enhancing the learning experience.

Module 0: **Introduction**
Module 1: **Meaning of corruption**
Module 2: **Corruption prevention tools**
Module 3: **Ethical principles and codes of conduct**
Module 4: **Conflict of interest and incompatibilities**
Module 5: **Post-employment restrictions**
Module 6: **Gifts and other benefits**
Module 7: **Asset declarations**
Module 8: **Free access to information**
Module 9: **Lobbying**
Module 10: **Political financing**
Module 11: **Whistleblowing**
Module 12: **Public procurement**
Module 13: **Auditing of public functions**

Access the free online course

The course can be accessed by visiting the Council of Europe HELP online platform at http://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/. First you need to set up a HELP Platform account if you have not yet done so. Then you can follow this link to directly access the online course in English: https://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/course/view.php?id=5490

AGENDA

Moderator: Edmond DUNGA – *Head of Unit, Economic Crime and Cooperation Division*

10:00 – 10:15	**Welcoming address** *Hanne JUNCHER, Head of Action against Crime Department, Executive Secretary of GRECO, DG I – Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe*
10:15 – 10:35	**Presentation of the course on Introduction to Corruption Prevention** – Course structure and content – Interactive elements – Reference materials *Mustafa FERATI, Head of Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Department of Action against Crime, DG I – Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe*
10:35 – 10:50	**Updates and developments in HELP and walkthrough the HELP platform** - Registration and navigation to the Council of Europe HELP platform *Eva Pastrana, Head of Division, HELP*
10:50 – 11:15	**Questions & Answers**
11:15	**Closing Remarks**