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103rd GRECO Plenary Meeting
Strasbourg, 8-12 June 2026

DECISIONS

At its 103rd Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 8-12 June 2026) which was chaired by David Meyer (President of GRECO, United Kingdom), and by António Delicado (Vice-President of GRECO, Portugal) for parts of the meeting, the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. noted the President's welcome message to Heads of delegation and representatives, thanking them for their valuable contribution to GRECO's work, in particular for their active role at national level, and for the expertise they bring to the mutual evaluation process in the plenary for the examination of reports addressed to other member States;
2. adopted the agenda of the meeting;

Information

3. took note of the items discussed and decisions taken by the Bureau at its 111th meeting (Greco(2026)11);
4. took note of information provided as follows:

David Meyer, President of GRECO

- his participation in the conference "*Ethics in Contemporary Parliamentarism*" (Riga, 21 April 2026) organised by the Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee of the Parliament of the Republic of Latvia, including a panel discussion on strengthening ethical standards and practices in Baltic parliaments;
- his meeting on 19 May with Ms Maia Sandu, President of the Republic of Moldova, to discuss ongoing anti-corruption reforms, including in the context of Moldova's European Union accession process, and progress in the implementation of GRECO's recommendations;
- his forthcoming participation to deliver an address to the "*GovHR Forum 2026, People. Prospect. Public Value in the Age of Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence*" (Astana, Khazakstan, 19 June) and take part in a roundtable, and to contribute as a moderator to the Council of Europe conference "*Anticipating Democratic Security*" (Strasbourg, 29-30 June 2026) in the context of the 2026 edition of the annual meeting of Directors of Policy Planning of Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Council of Europe member States and Observers;
- the revised timetable concerning GRECO's General Activity Report 2025, including the taking note of the report by the Ministers' Deputies at their 1534th meeting on 17 June 2026 and the exchange of views between GRECO's President and the Committee of Ministers at their 1568th meeting on 9 September 2026;

António Delicado, Vice-President of GRECO

- the Vice-President spoke at the II Anti-Corruption International Congress, "*Shaping an Anti-Corruption Environment: Education and Partnerships to Create a Positive Impact*", organised by Lusíada University in Lisbon (27 April 2026); and at the International Colloquium "*Directive on Combating Corruption: Breakthrough or Step Sideways*", organised by the University of Coimbra (21 May 2026);

Livia Stoica Becht, Executive Secretary of GRECO

- developments within the Council of Europe relevant to GRECO's work, including the Secretary General's Annual Report 2026, [*The New Democratic Pact for Europe in Times of Rupture*](#), and the [*Council of Europe Strategy on External Action*](#), and of opportunities arising therefrom to

further promote GRECO's standards, findings and expertise in broader discussions on democratic security and resilience;

- the adoption by the Committee of Ministers on 15 May 2026 at its 135th Session in Chişinău, of [the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism](#), and invitation to GRECO members to draw it to the attention of the competent authorities with a view to its signature when it opens for signature in Strasbourg on 14 October 2026;
 - information concerning the preparation of GRECO's 2027 Programme of Activities and Budget, including uncertainties arising from outstanding contributions and the forthcoming consideration of related matters by the Statutory Committee;
 - several outreach activities undertaken by the Secretariat since the last plenary meeting, including exchanges with civil society, academic institutions and international partner organisations, participation in Council of Europe events and study visits programmes organised at the Council of Europe, as well as coordination meetings with counterparts in the OECD, OAS and UNODC;
5. welcomed the withdrawal by Andorra of its reservations to Articles 7 and 8 of the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption, effective from 1 September 2026;

Evaluation procedures

6th Round - Preventing corruption and promoting integrity at the sub-national level

6. noted that nine on-site visits had been scheduled in 2026, four of which had already been completed, namely to the United Kingdom (the Greater London Authority and Kent County Council, 12–16 January), Poland (Warsaw and Wolomin, 2–6 March), Latvia (Riga and Cēsis, 13–17 April), and the Netherlands (Amsterdam and Flevoland, 18–22 May). The remaining visits were scheduled to Finland (Helsinki and Oulu, 21–25 September), Iceland (Reykjavik and Akureyri, 28 September–2 October), Cyprus (Nicosia and Larnaca, 12–16 October), North Macedonia (Skopje and Kumanovo, 2–6 November), and Sweden (Stockholm and Sigtuna, 23–27 November);
7. recalled that member States are provided with a predetermined advance schedule for the 6th Round in order to facilitate the identification of the appropriate sub-national authorities to be evaluated, and underlined the importance of meeting the deadlines set for communicating to the Secretariat the proposed sub-national authorities, the dates for the evaluation visit, and comprehensive responses to the questionnaire from all relevant authorities;
8. adopted the 6th Round Evaluation Reports on:
- Luxembourg (GrecoEval6Rep(2025)4)
 - Slovenia (GrecoEval6Rep(2025)3)
 - the United Kingdom (GrecoEval6Rep(2026)1)

and set the deadline of 31 December 2027 for the submission of situation reports on the measures taken to implement GRECO's recommendations;

9. invited the authorities of Slovenia, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom to disseminate the good practices identified in their respective reports among sub-national authorities and, where relevant, to bring the recommendations contained therein to their attention, including, where appropriate, through their associations, in order to address similar gaps in regulations and practices;

10. invited the authorities of Slovenia, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 8 above;
11. approved the list of rapporteur countries for the 6th Evaluation Round (GrecoEval6(2026)2);

Compliance procedures

12. noted the President's call on all Heads of delegation to strictly respect the submission deadlines fixed by GRECO in each adopted report, which was essential to ensure the proper conduct of compliance procedures;

Fourth Round – Corruption prevention in respect of members of parliament, judges and prosecutors

13. adopted the 4th *Interim* Fourth Round Compliance Report on:
 - Austria (GrecoRC4(2026)8)and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations remains “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31 revised, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure; and decided to apply
14. decided to apply Rule 32 in the case of this member and, in accordance with paragraph 2(ii)(b) thereof, invited the President of the Statutory Committee to send a letter to the Permanent Representative of Austria to the Council of Europe, drawing attention to the need for determined action with a view to achieving tangible progress as soon as possible;
15. adopted the 4th *Interim* Fourth Round Compliance Report on:
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina (GrecoRC4(2026)7)and decided not to continue applying Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure in the case of this member;
16. adopted the 4th *Interim* Fourth Round Compliance Report - including follow-up to the Ad hoc (Rule 34) on:
 - Poland (GrecoRC4(2026)6)and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations remains “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31 revised, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure in the case of this member;
17. in accordance with Rule 32 revised, paragraph 2 (ii) c), invited once again the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to send a letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland - with a copy to the Head of delegation – on the need for all relevant authorities to reach a political compromise to achieve tangible progress as soon as possible;
18. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (i), asked the Heads of delegation of Austria and Poland, and, pursuant to Rule 31 revised, paragraph 8.2, the Head of delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to provide a report on progress in implementing the outstanding recommendations by 30 June 2027 at the latest;
19. invited the authorities of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Poland to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decisions 13, 15 and 16 above;

Fifth Round – Preventing corruption and promoting integrity in central governments (top executive functions) and law enforcement agencies

20. adopted, in the framework of Rule 31 revised bis, paragraph 8.2, the Fifth Round Compliance Reports on:

- Armenia (GrecoRC5(2026)10)
- Georgia (GrecoRC5(2026)8)
- Italy (GrecoRC5(2026)5)

and noted that further progress was necessary to achieve an adequate level of compliance within the next 18 months; set 31 December 2027 as the deadline for the submission by the respective Heads of delegation of a situation report on additional measures taken to implement the Fifth Round recommendations;

21. adopted the 2nd Fifth Round Compliance Reports on:

- Ireland (GrecoRC5(2026)9)
- Montenegro (GrecoRC5(2026)6)
- Serbia (GrecoRC5(2026)7)

and within the meaning of Rule 31 revised bis, paragraph 10, concluded that these members are not in sufficient compliance with the Fifth Round recommendations;

22. pursuant to Rule 32 revised, paragraph 2 (i), asked the respective Heads of delegation to provide a report on progress in implementing the outstanding recommendations by 30 June 2027 at the latest;

23. in accordance with Rule 32 revised, paragraph 2, sub-paragraph (ii.b), invited the President of the Statutory Committee to send letters to the Permanent Representatives of Ireland, Montenegro and Serbia to the Council of Europe – with a copy to the respective heads of delegation - , drawing attention to the need to take determined action with a view to achieving further tangible progress as soon as possible;

24. invited the authorities of Armenia, Georgia, Ireland, Italy, Montenegro and Serbia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decisions 20 and 21 above;

Topical anti-corruption developments/events in member States (Item 4)

25. noted, as the delegations of Albania¹, and Hungary² were not represented at the present meeting, they would be invited, together with the delegation of Azerbaijan³ at its request, to provide information at GRECO's next plenary meeting;

¹ On a draft amendment to the criminal procedure code on the measure of suspension of public office.

² On the announced setting up of two new anti-corruption institutions, a new Anti-Corruption Office with a mandate focused on prevention, education, and shielding law enforcement from partisan interference, and a National Asset Recovery and Protection Office, that will coordinate deep-dive financial investigations.

³ On the monitoring of the anti-corruption strategy.

26. took note of the information provided at the meeting by Bulgaria⁴, Norway⁵, Slovenia⁶ and by Greece⁷ in writing;
27. invited delegations that wished their presentations to be distributed to all GRECO members to send them to the Secretariat by the end of the week;

EU Anti-Corruption Strategy - Invitation to GRECO to contribute to the open public consultation and call for evidence

28. decided to take part in the European Commission's call for evidence on the forthcoming EU Anti-Corruption Strategy; instructed the Secretariat to prepare a draft contribution, reflecting GRECO's standards, findings and experience and building on the issues expressed during the exchange of views; agreed to circulate the draft under a short written procedure and, subject to any comments received, to finalise and submit it on behalf of GRECO within the consultation deadline;

Information from observer organisations and Council of Europe bodies

29. took note of the information provided by the representative of the European Union and of the OSCE/ODIHR on topical developments in the anti-corruption area;

Transparency and Publication of Reports⁸

30. welcomed the publication, since the last plenary meeting, of 9 evaluation and compliance reports, as well as of 7 summaries of reports whose publication in full remains subject to the authorities' consent;
31. held a Tour de Table on possible options concerning GRECO's Statute on the basis of a Secretariat paper and invited the President to continue consultations with a view to the preparation by the Bureau of a revised proposal for future consideration by GRECO;
32. called on the authorities of the member States concerned to authorise, without further delay and in line with GRECO's long-standing practice, the publication of previously adopted reports by GRECO;⁹ noting in this context that the President particularly urged the following delegations to authorise

⁴ On the adoption on 29 May 2026 of a new Law on Counteracting Corruption among Persons Holding Public Office re-establishing the Anti-Corruption Commission as a five-member collegial body appointed by Parliament, the President, the two supreme courts and the Supreme Bar Council, with non-renewable five-year mandates and a rotating chairmanship.

⁵ On the adoption of a Parliamentary proposal for initiating consideration of a possible lobbying register.

⁶ On media reports indicate that the newly appointed Government is considering the establishment of a new anti-corruption and organised crime framework ("SKOK"), which could affect the institutional position and independence of the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption by integrating it into a broader enforcement structure alongside investigative and prosecutorial authorities. This may raise questions in light of international anti-corruption standards, including GRECO standards and Article 22 of the EU Anti-Corruption Directive.

⁷ On February 2026 Law 5282/2026 February 2026) which provides for the establishment and operation of a Unified Digital Registry for monitoring corruption cases, at the Ministry of Justice.

⁸ *Action to be taken when publishing adopted reports* (decision 26, GRECO 58):

- agree a same-day publication date with the Secretariat
- clearly mark both the date of adoption and date of publication on the cover page
- make the national language version available and easily accessible on a domestic website
- notify the Secretariat of the location of the report by communicating the internet link to it
- include a link on the domestic website to the official language versions on GRECO's website.

⁹ Adopted in March 2023: Fifth Round Evaluation Report on Azerbaijan; adopted in December 2023: Fifth Round Evaluation Report on Türkiye; adopted in June 2024: Fifth Round Compliance Report on Hungary; adopted in November 2024: Fourth Round 2nd Compliance Report on Hungary, Fourth Round 5th *Interim* Compliance Report on Türkiye; adopted in March 2025: Fifth Round Compliance Report on Azerbaijan; adopted in June 2025: Fifth Round Compliance Report on Czechia; adopted in March 2026: Joint First and Second Round Second Compliance Report on Kazakhstan, Fourth Round Second Addendum to the 2nd Compliance Report on Ukraine; Fourth Round Addendum to the 2nd Compliance Report on Hungary; Fourth Round 6th *Interim* Compliance Report on Türkiye Fifth Round *Interim* Compliance Report on Denmark, Fifth Round Second Compliance Report on Lithuania, Fifth Round Compliance Report on Türkiye.

publication rapidly: Azerbaijan and Türkiye (reports from 2023); Czechia, Hungary and Türkiye (reports from 2024); Azerbaijan (report from 2025);

33. pursuant to its decision that a summary of an evaluation or compliance report shall be published on GRECO's website six months after the report's adoption unless the member State concerned authorises publication of the full report before that date, noted that summaries of reports currently falling under this arrangement will be published on 28 September 2026;
34. reaffirmed that the publication of a summary does not substitute for publication of the full report, which remains the objective pursued by GRECO.

Any other business

35. note of the information provided by the President on his recent exchange with the President of the Council of Europe Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), Mr Lorenzo Salazar, and the respective Secretaries, concerning possible future work on updating the 1999 Criminal Law Convention on Corruption of 1999.

Future meetings

36. took note of the following dates:
 - 112th Bureau meeting: 18 September 2026 – online
 - 104th Plenary Meeting: Strasbourg, 16-20 November 2026– in person only.
 - 105th Plenary meeting: Strasbourg, 8-12 March 2027 – in person only.