

AT A GLANCE

Council of Europe Office in Tunis



In line with the Council of Europe policy towards its neighbouring regions, the Council of Europe continues to support Tunisia for democratic reforms and to address challenges related to human rights, rule of law and democracy.

The Neighbourhood Partnership 2022-2025 provides a framework for the identified technical co-operation between the Council of Europe and Tunisia through a strategic dialogue with Tunisian authorities and other national stakeholders.

Since July 2021, the Office in Tunis oversees and co-ordinates the co-operation with the Southern Mediterranean region, in close co-ordination with the North-South Centre in Lisbon.

22 STAFF MEMBERS

4 Core staff

18 Project staff

7 COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS

Funded through voluntary contributions

1 REGIONAL PROGRAMME

Joint EU/Council of Europe "South Programme V"

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS - TUNISIA

Enlarging the common legal space between Tunisia and Europe

Aligned national legal framework with international standards, awareness raised for effective implementation of rights and freedoms.

Better prevention and combat of human trafficking

Reinforced multi-agency co-operation through the establishment of the National Referral Mechanism for victims of human trafficking. National legal framework aligned with international standards. Measures of prevention, assistance and protection for victims in place.

Improving quality and efficiency of the justice system

Reinforced technical capacities of justice sector actors (judges, prosecutors, clerks, lawyers and other legal professionals). Improved digital platforms. Better access to justice for vulnerable persons, such as migrants and, women victims of violence.

Improved capacity to fight violence against women and children

Harmonised legal framework and policies. Strengthened capacities of professionals and representatives of institutions on assistance and protection for women and children victims of violence. Enhanced awareness of general public, organisations, professionals, civil society and media on combating sexual violence against children.

Reinforcing protection of personal data and access to information

Aligned national regulatory framework with international standards. Increased knowledge on compatibility of data protection requirements of public and private institutions and businesses. Strengthened capacities of authorities and professionals.

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS – SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN

NEIGHBOURHOOD
PARTNERSHIP
BUDGET
16 740 000 Euros

Enlarging the common legal space between Europe and the region

21 accessions to 14 Council of Europe Conventions by 5 partner countries in the region since 2012, Quick Response Mechanism in place to provide legislative expertise on the request of Southern Mediterranean partner authorities.

Improving understanding of human rights standards

Increased knowledge, awareness and skills of legal professionals, public institutions and representatives of civil society to apply human rights standards in their daily work.

Combating cybercrime

Strengthened dialogue with criminal justice actors, increased capacities on cybercrime and on handling electronic evidence, aligned national regulatory frameworks with the Budapest Convention.

Fostering dialogue on human rights, rule of law and democracy

Strengthened skills and knowledge of core human rights values with focus on the youth and civil society to ensure ownership of democratic reforms in the Southern Mediterranean, enhanced networking at the local, national, and international levels.

HIGHLIGHTS

21 accessions to Council of Europe Conventions by countries in the region

1st National Referral Mechanism for victims of human trafficking in the region (www.mno.tn)

190 HELP tutors certified; + 3 200 users of the HELP platform in the region

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MORE INFORMATION

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