ECONOMIC CRIME AND COOPERATION DIVISION
OUR APPROACH

The Council of Europe has adopted a three-pronged approach when it comes to measures against economic crimes, including anti-corruption (AC), anti-money laundering (AML), countering financing of terrorism (CFT) and horizontal issues such as asset recovery (AR) and international cooperation in criminal matters.

The three key elements of this approach are the setting of standards in the form of treaty law and “soft law” instruments (recommendations and resolutions); monitoring of the compliance by member States with the Council of Europe and global standards, which is conducted through the monitoring mechanisms, in particular the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL).

This approach is complemented through cooperation and assistance related activities and programmes implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division (ECCD).
OUR MISSION

The ECCD is responsible for the Council of Europe’s cooperation and technical assistance related activities concerning measures against economic crime.

In the past two decades the ECCD has made important contributions to reform processes relating to introduction of anti-corruption, anti-money laundering and countering of financing of terrorism, asset recovery etc. To date the Division has implemented technical assistance interventions and supported reform processes in over 30 jurisdictions including Council of Europe member states, EU member states, and non-member states and jurisdictions.

These interventions have contributed to:

- Enhancing the legislative and strengthening the institutional frameworks to fight corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing as well as on other matters relating to fight against economic crime;
- Developing policies and strategic documents;
- Strengthening of capacities of state institutions, specialised anti-corruption and anti-money laundering bodies, law enforcement, prosecution services and the judiciary.

**KEY STATISTICS**

- 39 beneficiary countries
- 547 million citizens
- 28,5 million EUR of funds
OUR THEMATIC AREAS OF WORK

**AML/CFT**

The ECCD through its interventions supports beneficiary countries in their efforts to identify and adopt appropriate measures to combat money laundering and terrorism financing. The intervention includes support in development of legislative, policy and institutional reforms as well as supporting countries to develop better understanding of risk of ML/TF and to subsequently introduce appropriate risk mitigation measures.

**Anti-corruption**

The ECCD through its technical assistance is supporting the beneficiary countries to identify and develop appropriate measures to prevent and fight corruption more effectively by improving national legislative, policy and institutional frameworks and supporting the institutional capacity building.

**Asset recovery**

ECCD supports its partners in developing legislative and policy frameworks and strengthening institutional structures for the recovery and management of assets generated through criminal activities.
WHERE DO WE WORK?

29 Council of Europe Member States
18 EU Member States
11 Non-EU Member States

10 Non-Council of Europe Member States
OUR METHODS

1. **Expert advice**
   Provided by in-house advisers and international consultants.

2. **Expert opinions and technical papers**
   Provided in writing by independent consultants from Council of Europe member states.

3. **Roundtables and seminars**
   To ensure that all stakeholders concerned are consulted and participate in substantive discussions and proposals on legal and policy issues.

4. **Workshops**
   To facilitate the exchange of information and experience on a practical and technical level, usually delivered with the assistance of subject-matter experts.

5. **Trainings**
   To allow participants to acquire new knowledge and develop skills through interaction or hands-on experience with highly qualified trainers.

6. **Training of Trainers (ToT)**
   To enhance the sustainability of a project’s results after its completion by creating a pool of national or local trainers to continue providing training activities.

7. **Research and studies**
   To inform project activities and beneficiary institutions with in-depth knowledge and analysis.

8. **Publications and visibility material**
   To make the results of the project known and available to both the professional audience and the larger public.
SOME OF OUR TOOLS

AML/CFT National Risk Assessment Methodology

Proliferation Financing National Risk Assessment Methodology

AML/CFT Sectoral Risk Assessment Methodologies:
- Virtual Assets and Virtual Asset Service Providers
- Non-Profit Organisations
- Online gambling
- Legal persons
- Organised crime
- Cross-border threats

National Corruption Risk Assessment Methodology
Horizontal Facility – Phase 3

European Union and Council of Europe signed Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey (hereafter referred to as “Horizontal Facility”) in December 2022. The Horizontal Facility builds on the Council of Europe and EU Policy priorities in the context of the Western Balkans and Turkiye and on the Council of Europe expertise in standard-setting, monitoring and cooperation methodologies.

5 countries – € 4 000 000 | period of implementation 2023-2026

Partnership for Good Governance III

Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) is a regional programme for the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries with an implementation period of 2023-2026. The programme is organised around interventions to support the alignment of the national legislation and practice with European standards according to the individual needs of the EaP countries, with an ambition to increase the region’s stabilisation and resilience and, more specifically to achieve the 2020 targets set in the EaP deliverables.

5 countries – € 3 900 000 | period of implementation 2023-2026
Central Asia Rule of Law Programme 2020–2023

The Joint Programme Agreement for the “Central Asia Rule of Law Programme” was signed in November 2019 between the Council of Europe and the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Kazakhstan. The Programme aims at reinforcing the human rights, rule of law and democracy in the countries of Central Asia in accordance with European and other applicable international standards.

5 countries – € 4,189,886 | period of implementation 2023–2026

Technical Support Instrument

The Technical Support Instrument Programme (TSI) is an EU programme, launched in 2021, that provides tailor-made technical expertise to EU Member States to design and implement reforms. The TSI support covers the entire reform process, from preparation and design to implementation of the reforms. It is demand driven and does not require co-financing from EU Member States.

18 countries – € 5,550,002 | period of implementation 2021–2025

South Programme V

The programme “Protecting human rights, the rule of law and democracy through shared standards in the Southern Mediterranean” (South Programme V) is a joint initiative between the European Union and the Council of Europe over the period 2022–2025 with the objective to continue the support to democratic reforms in the Southern Mediterranean through the establishment of a common legal space between Europe and this region.

4 countries – € 675,000 | period of implementation 2022–2025
Joint projects and voluntary contributions

- **Action against corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing in Bosnia and Herzegovina**  
  € 600 000  |  period of implementation 2023–2021

- **Action against Corruption in the Republic of Moldova – Phase 2**  
  $ 354 000  |  period of implementation 2022–2024

- **Preventing Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Serbia**  
  € 2 233 850  |  period of implementation 2019–2021

- **Project to Support Independent Bodies in Tunisia (PAII-TAC)**  
  € 1 560 000  |  period of implementation 2019–2021

- **Project against Economic Crime in Kosovo (PECK III)**  
  € 2 460 400  |  period of implementation 2020–2023

- **Project “Improving International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in Türkiye”**  
  € 3 000 000  |  period of implementation 2020–2023
**OUR IMPACT IN 2022**

**Technical assistance provided by ECCD in 2022 (by type of activities)**

- **Technical Papers**: 142
- **Trainings**: 88
- **Workshops**: 132
- **Roundtables**: 46
- **Training of Trainers**: 15

**Policies influenced**: 14

**Legislative changes**: 15
10-YEAR STATISTICS

Participants in ECCD activities

- Due to the COVID-19 related restrictions which results in limited monitoring capacity of participants attending online events, the numbers for 2020 and 2021 have been merged together and cannot be considered fully accurate. Moreover, disaggregation by gender is not available.

ECCD funds

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