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http://www.coe.int/econcrime
The Council of Europe’s approach against corruption (AC), money laundering (AML) and the financing of terrorism (CFT) continues to be: setting standards in the form of treaty law and through recommendations and resolutions; and monitoring compliance with standards through its 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).

The standard setting and monitoring is supported through cooperation and assistance activities and programmes implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division (ECCD) at the Action against Crime Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law.

Through the Action against Economic Crime and Corruption, the Council of Europe supports countries in the implementation of European and international anti-corruption and anti-money laundering and countering terrorist financing standards by cooperating with them in addressing their priority reforms linked to these areas.

This support takes place on the basis of country bilateral and multilateral interventions and cooperation programmes: funded by the Council of Europe, contributions of its own Member States, European Union as well as other international aid organisations.

The Economic Crime and Cooperation Division (ECCD) is responsible for the cooperation and assistance activities and programmes concerning reforms related to: good governance, anti-corruption, ethics, conflict of interests, money laundering, asset recovery, terrorist financing, organised crime and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters as well as related criminal law and judicial reforms pertaining those areas.

These activities comprise a wide variety of intervention tools: legislative reviews; policy guidance on implementation of standards and recommendations; risk assessment methodologies, institutional and capacity building interventions carried out through in house knowledge and expertise by using a broad Council of Europe expert database.

Yearly, more than 3000 individuals of different profiles benefit from 120 activities organised and implemented by ECCD through its cooperation programmes and technical assistance projects in 20 different countries as an annual average.

During 2015-2016, Action against Economic Crime and Corruption influenced 23 legislative processes, 11 policy/strategy reforms and supported countries in addressing and implementing an overall 16 GRECO/MONEYVAL recommendations.