

# FOURTH EVALUATION ROUND

Corruption prevention in respect of members of  
parliament, judges and prosecutors

## SIXTH INTERIM COMPLIANCE REPORT

TÜRKIYE

Summary

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The publication of Evaluation and Compliance Reports shortly after their adoption is a long-standing practice among GRECO member States. This serves two important purposes: ensuring overall transparency of the GRECO process and facilitating the implementation of recommendations at domestic level by raising awareness of GRECO's findings across society.

The Fourth Round Sixth Interim Compliance Report on Türkiye was adopted by GRECO at its 102nd plenary meeting (23-27 March 2026) and the authorities were invited to authorise, as soon as possible, its publication, to translate it into the national language and make the translation public. Since then, confidentiality of the report has not been lifted.

At its 102nd plenary meeting (27 March 2026), GRECO decided that, pursuant to Rule 35, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure, and in the absence of authorisation from the authorities to publish the entire report, a summary of the report be made public within six months from its adoption. Accordingly, this summary is made public on 28 September 2026.

The following are the conclusions from the Fourth Round Sixth Interim Compliance Report on Türkiye<sup>1</sup>.

105. In view of the foregoing, GRECO concludes that Türkiye has implemented satisfactorily or dealt with in a satisfactory manner six of the twenty-two recommendations contained in the Fourth Round Evaluation Report. Of the remaining recommendations, nine have been partly implemented and seven have not been implemented.
106. More specifically, recommendations xiii, xiv, xviii, xix, xx and xxi have been implemented satisfactorily or dealt with in a satisfactory manner, recommendations i, iii, iv, vii, x, xi, xv, xvii and xxii have been partly implemented and recommendations ii, v, vi, viii, ix, xii and xvi have not been implemented.
107. With respect to members of parliament, none of the seven recommendations have been fully implemented. GRECO appreciates the authorities' efforts to provide more detailed information regarding the implementation of some of the recommendations. In particular, the rules on holding public consultations have been clarified. Although some steps have been taken to increase the transparency of the legislative process, public consultations remain largely discretionary. It is essential to ensure that the process enables effective participation and meaningful input from different stakeholders. More needs to be done to strengthen the ethics framework in parliament, including by adopting a code of conduct for MPs, providing operational induction and in-service training, and establishing a dedicated confidential counselling mechanism. There is no requirement for MPs to make ad hoc disclosures of personal or

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<sup>1</sup> GrecoRC4(2026)4.

financial conflicts of interest arising during parliamentary proceedings. The framework governing incompatible secondary activities of MPs has not been reviewed or strengthened. As regards asset declarations, there is still no regular verification system in place, and declarations are confidential as a rule, with only a few MPs publishing them on a voluntary basis. The system of parliamentary immunity remains in need of review. The authorities are urged to take action on all of these important issues.

108. As to judges and prosecutors, there has been some progress since the high-level mission, and three more recommendations have now been implemented satisfactorily or dealt with in a satisfactory manner. A Guide to the Judicial Ethics Declaration was adopted in October 2025. It provides guidance to judges and prosecutors on a number of integrity issues and contains examples relevant to each profession. Pre-service training for candidate judges and prosecutors as well as in-service training on judicial ethics and anti-corruption issues regularly take place. Integrity rules and decisions regarding ethical violations are taken into account when evaluating judges and prosecutors. A law on the Justice Academy was adopted in February 2025. However, the influence of the executive over the management and leadership of the Justice Academy remains a cause of concern. GRECO again emphasises the importance of making tangible progress in implementing the outstanding recommendations, given their implications for several key aspects of judicial governance, such as strengthening the independence of the Council of Judges and Prosecutors, ensuring security of tenure for judicial office-holders, abolishing certain powers of the Ministry of Justice as regards selecting and recruiting future judges and prosecutors, temporary assignments, and disciplinary proceedings, as well as lifting their functional immunity.
109. In light of the foregoing, GRECO concludes that the current level of compliance with the recommendations is no longer “globally unsatisfactory” within the meaning of Rule 31 revised, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure. GRECO therefore decides not to continue applying Rule 32 concerning members found not to be in compliance with the recommendations contained in the Evaluation Report.
110. In application of paragraph 8.2 of Article 31 of the Rules of Procedure, GRECO asks the head of the Turkish delegation to provide a report on measures taken to implement the outstanding recommendations (i.e. recommendations i to xii, xv to xvii and xxii) by 31 March 2027 at the latest.
111. Finally, GRECO invites the authorities of Türkiye to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report, to translate it into the national language and to make this translation public.
112. GRECO also calls upon the authorities of Türkiye to authorise, without further delay, the publication of the Fifth Interim Compliance Report, adopted by GRECO at its 98th plenary meeting (22 November 2024).

The adoption of the present summary does not in any way substitute for the publication of the full Fourth Round Sixth Interim Compliance Report Compliance Report. GRECO therefore invites the authorities of Türkiye to authorise its publication as soon as possible.