

FOURTH EVALUATION ROUND

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

SECOND COMPLIANCE REPORT

TÜRKIYE

Summary

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SUMMARY

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 Fifth *Interim* Compliance Report on Türkiye was adopted by GRECO at its 98th plenary meeting (18-22 November 2024) 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 1 June 2026.

The following are the conclusions from the Fourth Round Fifth *Interim* Compliance Report on Türkiye¹.

77. **In view of the foregoing, GRECO concludes that the level of implementation remains the same as in the previous compliance report. Türkiye has implemented satisfactorily or dealt with in a satisfactory manner three of the twenty-two recommendations contained in the Fourth Round Evaluation Report.** Of the remaining recommendations, nine have been partly implemented and ten have not been implemented.

78. More specifically, recommendations xiv, xix and xx have been implemented satisfactorily, recommendations iii, iv, vii, x, xiii, xv, xviii, xxi and xxii have been partly implemented and recommendations i, ii, v, vi, viii, ix, xi, xii, xvi and xvii have not been implemented.

79. With respect to members of parliament, no progress has been made during the reporting period on any of the recommendations. GRECO is seriously concerned over the absence of any new information as regards the implementation of these recommendations, including as regards the draft Law on Ethical Conduct for Members of Parliament and the verification of asset declarations by MPs. The most prominent outstanding issues include the need to enhance the transparency of the legislative process and measures to promote and ensure integrity among members of Parliament (e.g. confidential counselling and operational induction and in-service training on parliamentary ethics).

80. As to judges and prosecutors, the situation remains similar to the previous compliance report, as no new developments have occurred to suggest tangible progress regarding the implementation of any of the recommendations. Even though a guiding document on the implementation of the Declaration of Judicial Ethics appears to be in the final stages of adoption, it is not known to what extent it takes into account the

¹ GrecoRC4(2024)17.

specificities of the distinct functions of judges and prosecutors, and whether it contains concrete examples relevant to each profession. Further, precise and objective evaluation criteria for the ethical conduct and integrity of judges and prosecutors have still not been developed. Some encouraging steps are in the making to adopt new legislation regarding the establishment, duties and powers of the Justice Academy, which could be a useful opportunity to limit the role and influence of the executive on this institution and the tasks within its mandate, but the process is at an early stage. GRECO remains concerned over the absence of any tangible steps to amend the composition of the Council of Judges and Prosecutors (CJP) so as to ensure that at least half of its judicial members are elected by their peers. Finally, the matter of transfers of judicial officeholders against their will remains to be addressed.

81. In the light of the foregoing, GRECO concludes that the current level of compliance with the recommendations remains “globally unsatisfactory” within the meaning of Rule 31 revised, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure. GRECO trusts that the high-level mission, requested by GRECO at the time of the adoption of the Fourth Interim Compliance Report, in accordance with Rule 32, paragraph 2, sub-paragraph (iii), will give impetus to the authorities’ commitment to take resolute steps with a view to achieving tangible progress.

82. In application of paragraph 2.i) of Rule 32 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 (namely recommendations i to xiii, xv to xviii, xxi and xxii) by 30 November 2025 at the latest.

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