

Supporting the Implementation and Reporting on the Action Plan on Human Rights in Turkey

What is the goal?

- ▶ To strengthen the protection of human rights in Turkey by increasing the institutional capacity of Turkish authorities, primarily the Department of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice, to support the implementation and reporting on the *Action Plan on Human Rights* in Turkey with a focus on three thematic areas (*the right to liberty and security, the right to a fair trial and freedom of expression*).

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ The main beneficiary is the Department of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice of Turkey.

Other Beneficiaries/Stakeholders include:

- ▶ Ministry of Justice
- ▶ Ministry of Interior
- ▶ Justice Academy of Turkey
- ▶ Turkish judiciary and the relevant public authorities
- ▶ Equality institutions
- ▶ Lawyers
- ▶ Academics
- ▶ Journalists
- ▶ Civil society organizations
- ▶ Citizens of Turkey

How will the project work?

- ▶ Through tailor-made actions including assessment studies, round table meetings and workshops with relevant stakeholders and experts, study visits, technical support and trainings, awareness raising actions and publications, particularly in three thematic areas: *the right to liberty and security, the right to a fair trial and freedom of expression*.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Preparation and implementation of the Action Plan on Human Rights in Turkey is supported by the assessment results, findings and outputs of the Action in three thematic areas: the right to liberty and security, the right to a fair trial and freedom of expression.
- ▶ Technical knowledge and skills of the staff of the Department of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice is strengthened on effective evaluation methods and reporting on the implementation of the Action Plan.
- ▶ The co-operation and communication among the relevant stakeholders, authorities, lawyers, academics, journalists and civil society organisations involved in the Action is enhanced.

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How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of the Action is 1.200.000 Euros.
- ▶ The budget allocated to the overall Horizontal Facility programme amounts to ca. 41 Million EUR (85% funded by the European Union, 15% by the Council of Europe).

How to get more information?

- ▶ CoE Ankara Program Office website: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/ankara/home>
- ▶ Horizontal Facility website: <https://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/horizontal-facility/home>
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- ▶ Department of Human Rights website : <http://www.inhak.adalet.gov.tr/projeler/proje.html>

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