

Strengthening the human rights protection of migrants and victims of human trafficking in Turkey

What is the goal?

- ▶ To enhance protection of human rights in the context of migration and to strengthen the application of European standards in this field;
- ▶ To improve the prevention and fight against trafficking in human beings through the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings in Turkey.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Ministry of Interior, including Directorate General of the Migration Management, Directorate General of Security, General Command of Gendarmerie and Coast Guard Command;
- ▶ Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services;
- ▶ Ministry of Justice;
- ▶ Justice Academy of Turkey;
- ▶ Union of Turkish Bar Associations;
- ▶ Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey;
- ▶ Judges, prosecutors, lawyers and law enforcement officers;
- ▶ Civil society organisations;
- ▶ Migrants, victims of trafficking and smuggling and persons in vulnerable situations, in particular, women and children.

How will the project work?

- ▶ Through a multisectoral partnership approach ensuring dialogue between different stakeholders;
- ▶ Capacity building activities will include interdisciplinary working groups, case studies, round table meetings, tailor-made workshops and HELP trainings with relevant stakeholders and experts, peer-to-peer exchanges, and mini grants.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ A comprehensive and integrated institutional approach addressing trafficking in human beings in Turkey, in line with recommendations of the Group of Experts on Action against Human Trafficking (GRETA);
- ▶ Progress in the implementation of human trafficking prevention and victim protection strategies, in particular in the context of migration;
- ▶ Enhanced understanding of relevant stakeholders on human rights standards in the context of migration, particularly concerning women and vulnerable groups;
- ▶ A strengthened human-rights' based approach to smuggling of migrants.

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How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of the Action is 2.500.000 EUR.
- ▶ 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 Programme Office website: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/ankara/home>
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