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# High-Level Conference

marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GRECO

“GRECO: past, present & future”

## Programme

**17 June 2019**

Strasbourg, Council of Europe  
Palais de l'Europe, Room 1



*organised by the  
Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)  
in cooperation with the French Presidency of the Committee of  
Ministers of the Council of Europe*



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# CONTEXT

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**T**he Council of Europe views corruption as a serious threat to the preservation and promotion of its core values: pluralist democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Europe. It takes a multidisciplinary approach to the fight against corruption and has adopted multifaceted legal instruments to address it. These instruments are designed to strengthen member States' democratic, legal and institutional capacity to prevent corruption, as well as to detect and sanction it effectively when it occurs.

Since **1999**, the **Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)** has monitored the implementation of these standards and promoted effective measures to prevent corruption and promote integrity in member States. Over the years, GRECO has become the main multilateral anti-corruption review and monitoring mechanism in Europe. Its membership has grown in parallel with its prestige: today GRECO brings together 49 member states (48 European states and the United States of America) and its membership is still growing.

GRECO has completed four thematic evaluation rounds and is currently implementing its fifth round. In all these areas, it has acted as a catalyst for major policy, legislative or constitutional changes. This progress in the fight against corruption is relevant for all our member states and all sectors (public and private).

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GRECO provides a privileged moment to take stock of GRECO's achievements, to assess member States' additional needs, to anticipate emerging corruption challenges and risks and to propose a forward-looking anti-corruption agenda of the Council of Europe and of GRECO to consolidate and strengthen the progress made.

# CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

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**T**he high level conference organised under the auspices of the **French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers**, will be an exercise of stock-taking, strategy planning and consultation with governments, anti-corruption authorities, key international organisations and civil society representatives. It will pursue the following objectives:

1. to **share progress achieved** since the launching of GRECO in 1999 -
2. to **support the implementation of GRECO's current Fifth Evaluation Round** and to conduct an evaluation of its key findings and trends -
3. to **consult governments** on their needs and, in partnership with the international community, **identify challenging modern-day corruption risks** -
4. to **propose a vision for future GRECO and Council of Europe anti-corruption efforts.**

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09.25-10.10

**Opening of the conference**

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Nicole Belloubet, Minister of Justice of France

Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

The Rt Hon David Gauke MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, United Kingdom

Thea Tsulukiani, Minister of Justice of Georgia

Etilda Gjonaj, Minister of Justice of Albania

Laurent Anselmi, Minister of Justice, Principality of Monaco

Marin Mrčela, President of GRECO

**Moderator:** Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society - Action against Crime Directorate

10.15-11.30

**Session I: "Prevention of Corruption and Promotion of Integrity of top executive functions – a systemic challenge"**

**Introduction and moderation** by Emile van der Does de Willebois, Coordinator StAR Initiative, World Bank

**Panelist 1:** Elena Koncevičiūtė, Senior Anti-Corruption Adviser, GRECO Evaluator and former member of the Lithuanian delegation in GRECO: "State of play" of GRECO's 5th evaluation round

**Panelist 2:** Lisa Gamgani, Secretary General of the High-Authority for Transparency in Public Life of France: "Which contribution is the HATVP making? Presentation of the role of a national specialised body"

Discussion

11.30-11.40

**Coffee Break**

11.40-11.50

**Intervention** by Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the European Commission

11.50-13.15

**Session II: "Where to next? Vision for the future"**

**Introduction and moderation** by Agnès Maitrepierre, Vice-President of GRECO

**Panelist 1:** Michele Nicoletti, Professor, former PACE president: "A renewed public policy perspective"

**Panelist 2:** Charles Duchaine, Director of the French Anti-corruption agency (AFA- Agence française anticorruption): "A reinforced cooperative approach?"

Discussion

13.15

**Closing remarks:** Gianluca Esposito, Executive Secretary of GRECO

13.30-14.30

**Reception** hosted by the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (Lobby of the Hemicycle, Palais de l'Europe)