

The role of GRECO's Secretariat

- Support **logistics** (travel arrangements) and **content** (preparation of materials, coordinating and assisting in drafting, providing advice – for example, regarding GRECO's jurisprudence and practice, etc.).
- **Interlocutor** between GRECO and the country, **facilitates** discussions and **steers** different phases
- **Form a team from diverse experts in no time.** Experience of members of Secretariat and composition of GET – we aim at assembling an evaluation team (GET) of both experienced and new evaluators bringing complementary expertise

Expertise and preparation of evaluators

- **Evaluators play a crucial role** in the GRECO machinery. GRECO is very much dependent on the **knowledge and professionalism** of evaluators. **Essential interventions (oral)** on-site/adoption in plenary and **written** when drafting report.
- **Evaluation is an opportunity** for interlocutors to seize reform and learn from experiences in other jurisdictions.
- **Come with an open mind.** Aim is not to translate your jurisdiction model – give leverage to reviewed country to achieve scope of recommendation in a workable and effective manner.
 - **PREPARATION IS KEY**: IT FACILITATES THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ON-SITE VISIT AND HELPS BUILD TRUST AND RESPECT AMONG INTERLOCUTORS INTERVIEWED

The importance of the on-site visit

- Role of evaluator comprises **four different stages**:
 - (1) before the on-site visit;
 - (2) the on-site visit;
 - (3) follow-up to the on-site visit, drafting of the report;
 - (4) the adoption process in the plenary in Strasbourg.
- REMEMBER THAT THE **ON-SITE VISIT IS THE RIGHT TIME TO COLLECT ALL RELEVANT AND ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**, TRY TO GATHER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE DURING EVAL VISIT AND **KEEP TO THE POINT, BE REASONABLE**

Meeting guidelines

- ✓ Respect the collective approach of the GET;
- ✓ Be actively involved in the discussions, but respect the timing of each meeting and make sure there is enough space for all evaluators to ask questions;
- ✓ Questions should be complementary (following up on information) to the DDP/reply to the questionnaire and cover both theory and practice;
- ✓ Stay neutral – avoid issuing personal opinions during meetings;
- ✓ Keep in mind the confidentiality of the information provided by the country authorities, and the meetings held with civil society.

Thank you!



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