

Improving the Effectiveness of Investigation of Allegations of Ill-Treatment and Combating Impunity

Project summary

Project title	Improving the Effectiveness of Investigation of Allegations of Ill-Treatment and Combating Impunity
Country	Turkey
Budget	500 000 €
Funding	Human Rights Trust Fund
Duration	18 months (1 January 2018 – 30 June 2019)
Partners and beneficiaries	Ministry of Justice (Department of Human Rights)
Main objective	To contribute to the improvement and strengthening of the judges and prosecutors' capacity to effectively conduct investigations to combat ill-treatment and impunity.
Expected results	<p>Expected result 1: Capacities of the Academy concerning new module on effective investigation is enhanced, its pool of trainers in reinforced and awareness and knowledge of judges and prosecutors and other stakeholders on effective investigation against ill-treatment is improved.</p> <p><i>Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revision and further adjusting of training modules and materials on effective investigation against allegations of ill-treatment developed under other EU-CoE projects in Turkey and other countries and based on the methodology of the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP), including components of conducting effective investigation in case when minors, women and other vulnerable groups are victims; - Reinforcing and increasing of the pool of trainers established under previous EU-CoE Joint Project on Improving the Efficiency of the Turkish Criminal Justice System" to train each beneficiary group on effective investigation against ill-treatment; - Making available the existing CoE guides and materials on effective investigation in Turkish. <p>Expected result 2: Potential legal amendments and necessary change of practice are identified and solutions proposed.</p> <p><i>Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing a comprehensive recommendation paper of Turkish

	<p>legal and operational framework for combating alleged ill-treatment with a view to identify gaps and make proposals to improve the legislation and in particular practice of judicial bodies in that context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising Turkish judiciary's awareness of challenges and new procedures concerning effective investigation against ill treatment, as regards with the ECtHR- case-law and distribute specific information to a broader audience on this issue; - Facilitating exchange of information between the Turkish judiciary and the relevant CoE institutions and member States on effective investigation against ill-treatment.
<p>Implemented or planned activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducting conferences, round tables and international workshops to raise awareness about challenges, new procedures, distribute specific information to a broader audience on effective investigation against ill treatment, respective ECtHR- case-law, and contribute to the visibility of the outputs. - Revision and further adjusting of training modules and materials on effective investigation against allegations of ill-treatment developed under other EU-CoE projects in Turkey and other countries and based on the methodology of the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP), including components of conducting effective investigation in case when minors, women and other vulnerable groups are victims. - Reinforcing and increasing of the pool of trainers established under previous EU-CoE Joint Project on Improving the Efficiency of the Turkish Criminal Justice System" to train each beneficiary group on effective investigation against ill-treatment. - Translating existing guides and materials on effective investigation. - Developing comprehensive recommendation paper of Turkish legal and operational framework for combating alleged ill-treatment with a view to identify gaps and make proposals to improve the legislation and in particular practice of judicial bodies in that context. - Conducting study visits to CoE and other participant countries which have experienced this issue providing first-hand experience, complement theoretical knowledge, facilitate exchange of information and help individuals to establish inter-personal relations with colleagues from other countries.