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## PROJECT SUMMARY

### South Neighbourhood Anti-Corruption Project (SNAC 3) – Morocco

<b>Title of the Programme</b>	European Union/Council of Europe Joint Programme “Ensuring Sustainable Democratic Governance and Human Rights in the Southern Mediterranean (South Programme III)”
<b>Overall Programme Financing</b>	EUR 3 334 000 funded 90% by the European Union and 10% by the Council of Europe
<b>Title of the Project</b>	<b>South Neighbourhood Anti-Corruption Project (SNAC 3) – Morocco</b>
<b>Duration</b>	24 months (1 March 2018 – 29 February 2020)

## 1. BACKGROUND AND PRIOR COOPERATION

### 1.1 *Brief history of cooperation*

Cooperation between the CoE and Morocco in the field of combating corruption and economic crime commenced in 2011 in the framework of the South Neighbourhood Anti-Corruption Project (Phase 1). Under SNAC 1 and the subsequent SNAC 2 Project, the ECCD accompanied and provided assistance to Moroccan authorities in strengthening the capacities of the anti-corruption authorities through assessments, legislative reviews and institutional capacity building. In 2014-2015 a comprehensive assessment of the Moroccan anti-corruption framework was carried out by SNAC, modelled on the methodology of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO). The implementation of the recommendations stemming from the Assessment has been the objective of SNAC 2 and the current SNAC 3 Project.

On 21 March 2018 the Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers adopted the Neighbourhood Partnership with Morocco for 2018-2021, establishing the overarching framework of bilateral cooperation between the CoE and Morocco. In the field of anti-corruption, the partnership establishes the following priorities:

**Overall objective:** to promote good governance and the prevention of corruption, money laundering and terrorism

#### **Expected outcomes**

- **Expected outcome 1:** Morocco pursues implementation of the recommendations resulting from the diagnostic report on the anti-corruption framework;
- **Expected outcome 2:** Additional anti-corruption legislation is brought into line with the recommendations of the diagnostic report and European and international standards in this sphere;
- **Expected outcome 3:** The stakeholders in efforts to prevent and combat corruption receive support and have their capacities built, notably the future INPPLC and its main partners; these stakeholders participate actively in the Council of Europe networks linked with preventing and combating corruption;

- **Expected outcome 4:** Specific players, including in the areas of the environment and sport, benefit from modules to build their knowledge and capacities in anti-corruption efforts, on the basis of tools developed by the Council of Europe (manual for administrative anti-corruption investigations for example).

1.2 *South Programme 3: “Towards Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean*

In order to implement the above mentioned objectives the Council of Europe has commenced the implementation of the South Neighbourhood Anti-Corruption Project (SNAC 3 - Morocco)” building on the outcomes and achievements of the first and second phase of the South Programme implemented respectively in 2012-2014 and 2015-2018.

**2. PROJECT ON PROMOTION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE: FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION AND MONEY-LAUNDERING (SNAC 3 - Morocco)**

Under the SNAC 3 Project, the CoE will continue to support the authorities in promoting good governance and measures against corruption and money-laundering, improving the policy framework, operational capacities and the co-ordination of the relevant stakeholders in these fields.

Support to national authorities will be provided through specialist training in methods and special means of investigation for the judicial system and the law enforcement agencies.

The project will also help in strengthening institutional capacities to cooperate in the field of AML/CFT. Finally, the awareness and participation of media and private sector on how to counter corruption, including the tools available for citizens to report acts of corruption, will be disseminated, in order to promote a more active role of civil society in the fight against corruption and economic crimes.

The Expected results of SNAC 3 – Morocco have been adopted as part of the CoE - Morocco Neighbourhood Cooperation Objectives and are listed in the table below:

<b>Expected Result 1</b>	Support is provided to enhance the legislative and institutional anti-corruption frameworks on the basis of recommendations of the CoE diagnostic report and its follow-up
<b>Expected Result 2</b>	The capacities of relevant authorities for better international, regional and interagency cooperation concerning anti-corruption, money-laundering and asset recovery are increased.
<b>Expected Result 3</b>	The awareness of corruption risks in the private, environmental, banking and sports sector is increased.
<b>Expected Result 4</b>	Anti-corruption networks and Moroccan authorities’ participation to them are enhanced.

### 3. CONTACTS

The SNAC 3 – Morocco Project is implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division (ECCD) of the Action against Crime Department, Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime, Directorate General I of the Council of Europe. The national coordination among Moroccan institutions and authorities is ensured by the Central Authority for the Prevention of Corruption (*Instance Centrale de Prevention de la Corruption (ICPC)*).

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