

Supporting the individual application to the Constitutional Court in Turkey

Project summary

Project title	Supporting the individual application to the Constitutional Court in Turkey
Country	Turkey
Budget	6 383 228 €
Funding	EU and Republic of Turkey financing: 92,7 (EU: 64% / Republic of Turkey 28%) & Council of Europe (7.93%)
Duration	45 months and 11 days (18 December 2015 - 30 September 2019), after the approval of no-cost extension of 9 months and 11 days.
Partners and beneficiaries	<p>Main partner: Constitutional Court of Turkey</p> <p>Stakeholders include the Court of Cassation, the Council of State, the Ministry of Justice, the Council for Judges and Prosecutors and the Union of Turkish Bar Association.</p>
Main objectives	to contribute to supporting and strengthening of the individual application system to the Turkish Constitutional Court by empowering the judiciary in Turkey in line with the acquis, the rights and freedoms guaranteed under the system of the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR).
Expected outputs and results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the rights and freedoms set forth in the Turkish Constitution and the ECHR are better secured at the national level; - the capacity of the judges, prosecutors and lawyers in Turkey on the individual application mechanism and implementation of fundamental rights protected by the ECHR is increased; - the co-operation of the Turkish Constitutional Court (TCC) and the other high courts with their European counterparts is increased; and - the awareness of the Turkish public on the individual application mechanism to the Constitutional Court and the implementation of fundamental rights is increased.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training sessions for judges, prosecutors and lawyers to raise their awareness on individual application procedure and fundamental rights and freedoms - case law fora for the TCC and other high courts in Turkey on topics such as the right to fair trial, the principle of presumption of innocence, the right to life, the right to respect for private life and family life, the right to unions, and the right to property. - round tables for the TCC and regional round table meetings for Courts of Appeal, instance courts, prosecution offices and

	<p>lawyers on Emerging Issues in the Individual Application to the Constitutional Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- study visits to the Council of Europe , the ECtHR and other relevant legal institutions abroad- Placements in the Council of Europe, the ECtHR and human rights research centres in Europe
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