

Quick Response Mechanism QRM

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WHAT IS THE QRM ?

The QRM is a tool designed for the provision of legislative expertise to support priority reforms in areas of Council of Europe expertise based on requests received from partner authorities in the Southern Mediterranean region. It is established by the joint regional programme of the European Union and the Council of Europe « **Protecting human rights, rule of law and democracy through shared standards in the Southern Mediterranean** » (South Programme V).



WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE QRM?

Through the QRM, the Council of Europe will be able to address ad-hoc bilateral requests by partner authorities for legislative review to support reforms in thematic areas of the programme, including:

Areas of expertise of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): democratic institutions and fundamental rights; elections, referendums and political parties; constitutional and ordinary justice;

Areas of expertise of any other relevant Council of Europe expert advisory body, such as in the area of combating corruption, money laundering and financing of terrorism, cybercrime, trafficking in human beings, counterfeiting of medical products, protection of personal data, freedom of expression and promotion of pluralist media, justice efficiency, combating violence against women and children.



HOW TO FORMULATE A REQUEST AND HOW IS IT PROCESSED?

Requests for legal expertise must be submitted by relevant national authorities and addressed in writing to the Council of Europe (see below).

Requests should include as many details as possible, including the name and type of legislation on which expertise is being sought, the reasons for seeking expertise or for amending legislation and the envisaged timeline for adoption of the new legislation.

The modalities and precise timeline for delivering the requested expertise will be agreed upon with the Council of Europe.



WHERE TO ADDRESS THE REQUEST?

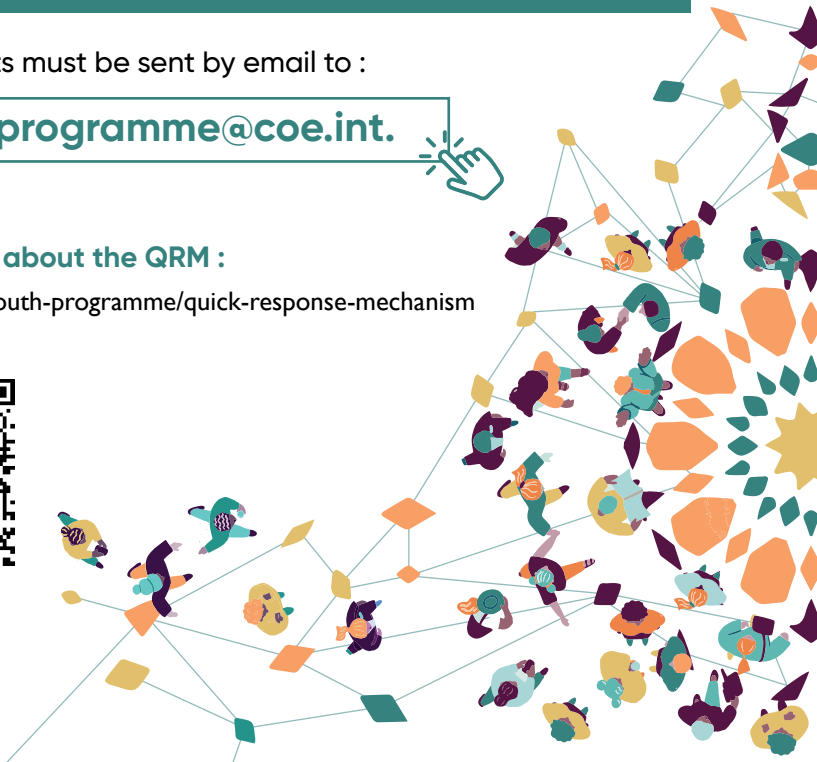
QRM requests must be sent by email to :

south-programme@coe.int



More details about the QRM :

pjp-eu.coe.int/south-programme/quick-response-mechanism



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