

COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICE IN RABAT

RESULTS IN 2025



The Council of Europe Office in Rabat, since 2014 plays a crucial role in the co-ordination and implementation of programmes and projects developed in the country. Through the **Neighbourhood Partnership with Morocco 2022-2025, now evolving into a new 2026-2029 framework**, the Council of Europe is helping Morocco strengthen human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. This strategic co-operation, grounded in over a decade of joint achievements, provides both a platform for political dialogue and a vehicle for targeted technical assistance.

Current priorities focus on **combating human trafficking and prison overcrowding, advancing the rights of women and children, and improving access to justice** through a joint EU and Council of Europe programme. Additional projects support expansion of a common legal space between Europe and Morocco through co-operation on corruption prevention, protection of women and children in the digital environment, human rights in sport, and a human rights-based approach to drug users.

BY THE NUMBERS: A PLATFORM FOR ACTION | AS OF JANUARY 2026



12 DEDICATED STAFF MEMBERS INCLUDING 8 PROJECT STAFF.



1 REGIONAL AND 3 COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS

INCLUDING 1 FLAGSHIP JOINT EU AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROJECT (MA-JUST).

WHY YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

Morocco is strengthening its democratic future, and the Council of Europe's work is helping make this a reality. Continued donor engagement will amplify these results, scaling up justice sector transformation, equality initiatives, and human rights protection that endure.

IMPACT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE WORK IN MOROCCO



ADVANCING JUSTICE AND RULE OF LAW

Modern sentencing reduces prison overcrowding. Judges, prosecutors, and prison officials apply new sentencing tools that prioritise rehabilitation over detention. A national training module on alternative sentences strengthened their capacity to implement Morocco's new law, while a dedicated unit within the prison administration introduced European good practices for non-custodial measures. Civil society partners now support reintegration programmes, and the new National Observatory on Crime, linked with 13 universities, is driving data-based sentencing policy, reform, and research.

Courts deliver faster, fairer justice. With support from the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), five pilot courts streamlined case processing, reducing delays and improving transparency. Central justice institutions upgraded digital case-management tools, and newly trained justice professionals (including 150 women in 2025) apply data-driven performance systems. Through study visits to other Council of Europe member states, Moroccan family mediators learned about new methods to improve justice for families.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

Morocco strengthens protection for trafficking victims. The National Anti-Trafficking Commission launched a comprehensive toolkit, consisting of identification guides, interview protocols, and rights cards, to give victims and professionals a clear path. Through targeted workshops and mock trials, legal professionals apply anti-trafficking laws more effectively, building a coordinated, victim-centred response across institutions.

Justice professionals take action against violence. Trained under Council of Europe standards, legal and justice professionals now recognise, prevent, and prosecute gender-based and child violence, also online and including sexual violence, with greater efficiency and care. Morocco's authorities engage more actively with Council of Europe intergovernmental committees, deepening alignment with European and international human rights standards.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND EMERGING HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS

Expanded Morocco's role in the European legal space. Public institutions, sport federations, and universities, are embedding human rights principles into national policy thanks to growing Council of Europe co-operation. Moroccan partners now better understand and apply European standards on human rights in sport, anti-corruption policy evaluation, and human rights-based drug strategies.