



Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP)

Implementation of the National Horizontal Action Plan against Corruption in Cyprus

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title	Implementation of the National Horizontal Action Plan against Corruption in Cyprus (SRSP-CY)
Project area	Cyprus
Budget	334,003.66 EUR
Funding	European Commission DGREFORM (90%) and Council of Europe (10%)
Implementation	Economic Crime and Cooperation Division
Duration	24 months (17 June 2020 – 16 June 2022)

1. BACKGROUND

The Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) is an EU programme that provides tailor-made support to all EU countries for their institutional, administrative and growth-enhancing reforms. The SRSP support covers the entire reform process, from preparation and design to implementation of the reforms. It is demand driven and does not require co-financing from EU countries.

In 2020, the European Commission Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM) has partnered up with the Council of Europe to support member states in effectuating structural reforms in governance and public administration and the financial sector. As part of this envelope, the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division of the Council of Europe will be supporting three EU member states (Czech Republic, Cyprus and Romania) in implementing anti-corruption and anti-money laundering/countering terrorist financing reforms. The overall CoE/EU SRSP programme has started on 15 June 2020, and will last for 36 months.

2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

The Project on Implementation of the National Horizontal Action Plan against Corruption in Cyprus is one of the three projects implemented under the overall CoE/EU SRSP programme. The overall objective of the Project is to enhance transparency and effectiveness of the anti-corruption system in Cyprus, as well as to improve the accountability and the administrative capacity of public stakeholders involved in the fight against corruption in Cyprus. This will be achieved through development of mechanisms for more effective implementation and monitoring of anti-corruption actions from the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan; strengthening of selected corruption prevention tools; and improving the public understanding of anti-corruption efforts and corruption prevention priorities through targeted awareness raising campaign. Specific activities will include legislative reviews, development of recommendations and guidance, and training.

The Outcomes of the Project are:

Outcome 1	More effective implementation and monitoring of anti-corruption actions from the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan.
Outcome 2	Strengthened corruption prevention through improved administrative capacity, legislative framework and risk assessment methodologies.
Outcome 3	Improved strategic communication and increased public awareness on the need to fight corruption.

3. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTACTS

The Project is being implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division (ECCD) of the Action against Crime Department, Directorate General I of the Council of Europe. The national coordination for the beneficiary country is conducted by the Ministry of Justice and Public Order – Office of Transparency and Prevention of Corruption.

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