STRENGTHENING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THE CAPACITY OF JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS ON PREVENTION OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN TURKEY



36 months (15 March 2019 - 14 March 2022) € 5 000 000 European Union (90%) and Council of Europe (10%)

MAIN OBJECTIVE

• To strengthen and make the **Turkish judiciary more efficient**, effective and visible by ensuring its compliance with the international and European standards in the field of criminal justice.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND RESULTS

- 1. The institutional capacity of Turkish judiciary and other authorities to deliver criminal justice in line with the European Conventions of Human Rights standards is strengthened;
- 2. Knowledge and skills of the Turkish legal professionals to apply European human rights in the field of criminal justice is enhanced;
- 3. Improved co-operation and awareness among relevant national institutions;
- 4. Increased access to criminal justice for all citizens.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Preparation of **needs assessment** missions and reports;
- Working group meetings of the Council of Europe consultants together with the Turkish stakeholders and experts;
- Development of training curricula and training activities;
- Study visits to the Council of Europe and some of its member states and placements;
- Organisation of **awareness-raising activities**, such as round table meetings, workshops, seminars;
- Translation, publication and **dissemination of materials**.

PARTNERS AND BENEFICIARIES

The Directorate General of Criminal Affairs of the Ministry of Justice of the Turkish Republic and the Justice Academy of Turkey; judges and prosecutors dealing with criminal justice at different levels; Turkish Constitutional Court (AYM) and the Court of Cassation; Council of Judges and Prosecutors, Financial Crimes Investigation Board (MASAK), the Anti-Smuggling and Counter-Organized Crime Department (KOM), the Counter-Terrorism Department (TEM), the Anti-Cybercrime Department, Ministry of Interior, lawyers from the human rights center of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations and local bar associations.