

STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF BAR ASSOCIATIONS AND LAWYERS ON EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS



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MAIN OBJECTIVE

- ◆ To strengthen the capacities of Turkish bar associations and lawyers in the implementation of the European human rights standards
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EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND RESULTS

1. The institutional capacity of the Human Rights Centres of the Bar Associations in 7 pilot provinces is strengthened;
 2. The capacity of lawyers to apply European human rights standards in their daily work is enhanced;
 3. The cooperation between the Union of Turkish Bar Associations and Human Rights Centres (HCRs) of local bar associations is fostered.
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KEY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Preparation, together with local bars and the UTBA, of an **action plan** to strengthen the functioning of the HRCs;
 - ◆ Organisation of **study visits to European countries** with a view to examining the best practices for HCRs;
Placements for representatives from the bar associations in the Council of Europe, other European countries and international lawyer organisations;
 - ◆ **Assessment of the training needs** of lawyers and the methodologies in order to organise **training sessions**;
 - ◆ Development of training modules and materials;
 - ◆ Development of **IT tools** to strengthen the capacity of bar associations, also by establishing a Project webpage containing news, documents and training materials;
 - ◆ Development of a web-based communication between UTBA and HRC;
Organisation of **awareness-raising conferences and meetings** to discuss the most pressing human rights issues reported by the HRCs with other stakeholders, such as judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers and civil society.
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PARTNERS AND BENEFICIARIES

Union of Turkish Bar Associations (UTBA).

