

PROGRESS REPORT 03/24**Cut-off date : 29/02/2008**

Project : TR 0601-08 Ethics for the Prevention of Corruption in Turkey			
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1. Programme implementation

Summary of the current status of the programme (outputs and activities)

Overall objective:

To contribute to the prevention of corruption in Turkey in accordance with European and other international standards.

Project purpose

To ensure the effective implementation of the Code of Ethics for public officials and the adoption of such codes by other categories of officials.

Indicators of Achievement:

- Level of compliance with the Code of Ethics for Public officials in terms of:
 - Number of complaints received and investigated
 - Number of training activities carried out in different institutions
 - Activities carried out by Ethics Commissions
- Adoption of a Code of Ethics by the Judiciary
- Adoption of a Code of Ethics by the Parliament

Summary of the current status of the project against indicators for project immediate objectives and results (outputs and activities)
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inception phase of the project have been completed and a detailed inception report issued by the Council of Europe to the Council of Ethics, Central Finance and Contracts Unit and European Commission Delegation to Turkey. • Currently, the project team is undertaking the preparation and submission of working materials relating to the next phase of the project. This involves the collection and collation of working material on approaches to: the investigation of complaints; training; a Code of Ethics for the Judiciary; and a Code of Ethics for Parliament. |
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Major activities undertaken during the period of the report as compared to the implementation schedule

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 7 February 2008, the start-up conference has taken place in Ankara Hilton Hotel which opening addressed by Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of Turkey. There were 21 undersecretaries/deputies, 9 sub-governors, 12 academia, 28 civil society representatives and a high number of media members. Main theme of the conference was the international experience on fight against corruption. The workplan of activities and its finalization process took place on the afternoon session of the conference. • The establishment of the project office at the Prime Ministry premises and at the Council of Europe's premises has been finalized; both offices started being use by the project team. • Best practices on ethics / prevention of corruption have been compiled and sent to Council of Ethics for reviewing. • Possible areas for research have been developed and a template devised. • Questionnaires for improving the current situation of the Council of Ethics have been distributed to the Board Members. The answers will be combined and evaluated by the Long Term Adviser. • Meetings with the Council of Ethics concerning the development of the role of the Council and the possible research areas have been proposed. • Under the Council of Europe's Economic Crime Division website, a section has been dedicated to the detailed reporting of all TYEC project activities. The information in relation to the Start-up workshops and conferences in January and February as well as other project news have been put on the website. The new website: www.coe.int/tyec will become operational in March. In the meantime, the Council of Ethics has designated a special section for the Project within its website. |
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Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions

N/A

Planned major activities and schedule for the next period

On 11 March 2008, the monthly progress meeting will be held by the participation of the Council of Ethics, Central Finance and Contracts Unit, European Commission Delegation and Council of Europe.

On 13 March 2008, round table discussion no. 1 on reviewing issues of concern and current status of the working procedures of the Council of Ethics will be held by the participation of Board Members of the Council of Ethics, Secretariat and academicians.

On 14 March 2008, a workshop on identification of the 10 research studies themes and expected outcomes will be held by the participation of Board Members of the Council of Ethics, Secretariat and senior officials from selected public institutions.

After discussion of the working materials, further work on the development of training and other materials will continue.

Discussions with the 2 agencies proposed for visits and the appropriate planning issues, will be pursued.

2. Conclusions:

The Project activities are ongoing.