

PROGRESS REPORT 04/24**Cut-off date : 31/03/2008**

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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)

- Output 1 (Number of meetings held by the Council of Ethics; Number of complaints treated and investigations completed; Quality of work plan; Quality of reports prepared by the Council of Ethics): 1 meeting with the Council has been held and staff interviewed. The Council has agreed that the LTA devise a strategic plan. Proposals for study visits agreed Note prepared.
- Output 2 (The draft training package is available by month 6; The final package is available by month 10 and the training CD by month 12; Quality of the training package): Report on training materials completed and proposal for STE to draft a training package has been made. Draft revised working papers completed.
- Output 3 (Quantity and quality of training activities carried out by trainers): work on training material underway, selection of trainers underway.
- Output 6 (Quantity and quality of research studies; Number of public workshops and feedback received): draft specification for bids and draft contents of themes completed Note prepared
- Output 7 (Availability of proposals for codes of conduct for elected officials and the judiciary; Number of workshops held): Draft revised working papers completed.

Major activities undertaken during the period of the report as compared to the implementation schedule

- On 11 March 2008, the monthly progress meeting held by the participation of the Council of Ethics, Central Finance and Contracts Unit, European Commission Delegation and Council of Europe. The minutes of the meeting distributed to participants.
- 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 held by the participation of Board Members of the Council of Ethics, Secretariat and academicians (Activity 1.1). Draft working paper completed.
- On 14 March 2008, a workshop on identification of the 10 research studies themes and expected outcomes held by the participation of Board Members of the Council of Ethics, Secretariat and senior officials from selected public institutions (Activity 6.1). Draft specification for bids and draft contents of themes completed Note prepared
- After discussion of the working materials, further work on the development of training and other materials will continue (Activity 1.2).
- Discussions with the 2 agencies proposed for study visits and the appropriate planning issues, will be pursued (Activity 1.4). Note prepared
- The collection and collation of working material on training; a Code of Ethics for the Judiciary; and a Code of Ethics for Parliament has been completed and submitted (Output 7). Draft revised working papers completed.
- Questionnaire completed by members of the Council of Ethics have been evaluated (Activity 1.1);
- A meeting on the role of the Council of Ethics has been undertaken (Activity 1.1);
- Members of the Secretariat have been interviewed and their questionnaires have been evaluated (Activity 1.1);
- The collection and collation of working material on handling complaints is continuing (Activity 1.2/1.3).
- A description of the requirements for potential trainers developed prior to circulation (Activity 3.1).
- Initial planning of international conference on 27 May undertaken (Activity 1.2)

Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions

N/A

Planned major activities and schedule for the next period

- On 15 April 2008, a meeting will be held by the participation of the Council of Ethics, European Commission Delegation and Council of Europe.
- An international STE and a Turkish STE will develop an ethics training package and a trainer-of-trainers package (activity 2.2/2.3) on April 2008.
- On 11 April 2008 a Round Table Discussion will be held with the Council of Ethics on a strategic plan (Activity 1.1).
- The research studies will be advertised (Activity 6.1) on April 2008.
- Ministries will be circulated to identify trainers (Activity 3.1) on April/May 2008.
- Work will continue on the manual for complaints handling (Activity 1.3).
- Work will continue on planning the study visits (Activity 1.4).
- Work will begin on the international conference planned for ethics week - May 27 (Activity 1.2)
- A regional meeting of Council of Europe will take place on 24-25 April 2008, for expanding project management.

2. Conclusions:

The Project activities are ongoing.