

PROGRESS REPORT 07/24**Cut-off date : 30/06/2008**

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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):
 - Training Session on “Investigation of Complaints” for the secretariat of the Ethics Council (and completion of report on management of complaints and investigations)
 - Five Days Study Visit No. 1 to an EU counterpart institution (10 Persons)
- 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):
 - Working and Consulting Sessions between the Council of Ethics/ Secretariat and Experts on drafting of the training package case studies
- Output 3 (Quantity and quality of training activities carried out by trainers):
 - Names of possible trainers assessed.
- Output 6 (Quantity and quality of research studies; Number of public workshops and feedback received):
 - Tender procedures for commissioning of 6 research studies initiated
- Output 7 (The development of codes of conduct for elected office holders and the judiciary will have been supported).
 - 2 working papers on codes of conduct for the Legislature and Judiciary submitted to Strasbourg
- Output 8 (The effectiveness of codes of conduct and other anti-corruption measures in Turkey will have been evaluated and recommendations for future prevention strategies are available)
 - TOR for STE drafted and agreed. First meetings with relevant agencies.

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

Activity 1.1 – consolidation of all reports on Council and submitted to CoE Strasbourg.

Activity 1.2 and 1.3 – completion of complaints handling report and completion of RTD with Council of Ethics Secretariat.

Activity 1.4 – study visit to Ireland undertaken

Activity 2.2 – part-completion of training material case studies

Activity 3.1 – assessment of applications from possible trainers

Activity 6.1 – advertisement of 6 research studies

Activity 7.2 – submission of reviews of codes of conduct for Legislature and Judiciary

Activity 8.1 – completion of STE specification; first meeting with relevant agency

EVENTS

Under Activity 1.3, Round Table Discussion took place with members of the Secretariat on complaints handling and investigations on 5 June 2008.

Under Activity 6.2, the first 6 research studies were advertised on the newspaper and the CoE project website.

On 23 June 2008, the steering committee meeting held by the participation of the Council of Ethics, European Commission Delegation, Council of Europe and CFCU. Also related public institutions attended the meeting. The minutes of the meeting distributed to participants.

On 08-13 June 2008, a study visit undertaken to Ireland, where members of the Council of Ethics, and the Council’s Secretariat, met with staff from the UK Standards Board for England, University of Cork, Transparency International Ireland, the UK Committee on Standards in Public Life, and the Irish Standards in Public Office Commission.

Current and anticipated problems, including planned remedial actions

None generally.

Planned major activities and schedule for the next period

EVENTS

- On 17 July 2008 the Panel that will decide the results of the academic researches will take place.

ACTIVITIES

- Choosing trainers for training programme.
- Completion of case studies and sending training package for translation.
- Work will commence on the systems studies on the effectiveness of anti-corruption measures and terms of reference for STE.

2. Conclusions:

The Project activities are ongoing.