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New joint project in Turkey: "Enhancing the Role of the Supreme Judicial Authorities in respect of European Standards"

Date of the launching conference: 24 February 2010, 15.00

Place: Hotel Sheraton, Nıktalı sokak, Ankara

Organised by the Council of Europe and the European Union, together with the Constitutional Court, the Court of Cassation, the Council of State and the High Council of Judges and Prosecutors of Turkey.

Description: The overall objective of this new Council of Europe / EU joint project is to enhance the role of the supreme judicial authorities in Turkey and to initiate changes in the normative framework of the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights and by the European Social Charter, in line with the *acquis communautaire*. The project will be implemented jointly by the Council of Europe and the Turkish supreme judicial authorities, namely the Constitutional Court, the Court of Cassation, the Council of State and the High Council of Judges and Prosecutors of Turkey.

The members and the Rapporteur-Judges of Turkish supreme judicial authorities will participate in round tables, conferences, study visits in different institutions throughout Europe and share their experiences with their colleagues from other European countries and institutions. The right to a fair trial; positive obligations under the right to life and the prohibition of torture; the right to freedom and security; freedom of expression; freedom of thought, conscience and religion; freedom of peaceful assembly; property rights; protection of the environment and the protection of social rights are among the main topics to be discussed.

With a total budget of 3 300 000 Euros, the project will run for 30 months, until July 2012.

The launching conference will be hosted by Haşım Kılıç, President of the Constitutional Court, Hasan Gerçek, President of the Court of Cassation, Mustafa Birden, President of the Council of State, Sadullah Ergin, Minister of Justice, also in his capacity as President of High Council of Judges and Prosecutors of Turkey, together with Marja Ruotanen, Director of Cooperation of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe and Ambassador Mark Pierini, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Turkey.

The conference will be open to the press.

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