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Council of Europe encourages Denmark to further develop its tools for preventing corruption

Strasbourg, 16.04.2014 – Danish measures to prevent corruption among members of parliament, judges and prosecutors appear to be quite effective in practice. However, the current system based on trust might not always provide sufficient safeguards against corruption risks in the future.

These are the main findings of an [evaluation report](#) published today by the Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption ([GRECO](#)).

The report notes that Denmark has traditionally been considered one of the least corrupt countries in Europe and that perceptions of corruption among parliamentarians, judges and prosecutors are relatively low. However, there is still room for improvement – particularly with regard to conflicts of interest among parliamentarians.

GRECO therefore recommends drawing up a code of conduct for parliamentarians, as well as further developing the rules on conflicts of interest and declarations of assets.

Moreover, judges and prosecutors would benefit from a set of clear ethical standards, backed up by specialised training.

The Danish authorities should report back on measures taken to implement the six recommendations included in the report by the end of September 2015. GRECO will then assess the extent to which its recommendations have been implemented through a further "compliance report" in the first half of 2016.

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