

SUBMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY TO THE MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORT OF HIGH COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THIRD PHASE OF THE WORLD PROGRAMME – WITH REFERENCE TO THE HRC RESOLUTION 27/12 “WORLD PROGRAMME FOR HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

National implementations on human rights education in Turkey during the period 2015-2016:

EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE:

By Turkish Academy of Justice:

1)14-15 January 2015: Seminar on the “Implementation and Interpretation of European Union Law by National Judges” in cooperation between European Institute for Public Administration (EIPA) and Turkish Academy of Justice.

2) 24 February 2015: Training program on “National Institution of Human Rights (NHRI) of the Republic of Turkey and fundamental human rights” in cooperation between Turkish Academy of Justice – Department of Human Rights and NHRI of the Republic of Turkey

3) 19 March 2015: Seminar via video-conference on article 6 of the European Convention of Human Rights which is about “the right to fair trial”.

4) Project on strengthening the capacity of Turkish judicial system on the implementation of the international norms about freedom of expression at national level:

*9-10 March 2016: Vocational training in Ankara on freedom of expression for 75 public prosecutors and examining judges of the Supreme Court.

*14-16 April 2016: Vocational training in Istanbul on of freedom of media for 21 judges and public prosecutors.

*15-16 April 2016: Vocational training in Istanbul on freedom of expression for 55 judges and public prosecutors working in Istanbul and nearby cities.

*22-23 April 2016: Vocational training in İzmir on freedom of expression for 77 judges and public prosecutors working in İzmir and nearby cities.

*6-7 May 2016: Vocational training in Antalya on freedom of expression for 68 judges and public prosecutors working in Antalya and nearby cities.

*26-27 May 2016: Vocational training in Mersin on freedom of expression for 91 judges and public prosecutors working in Mersin and nearby cities.

*3-4 June 2016: Vocational training in Ankara on freedom of expression for 93 judges and public prosecutors.

*15-17 June 2016: Vocational training in Ankara on freedom of media for 23 judges working on cases related to the media.

*20-21 October 2016: Vocational training in Ankara on freedom of expression for 190 judges and public prosecutors.

* 8-9 November 2016: Vocational training in Ankara on freedom of expression for 86 judges and public prosecutors.

*10-11 November 2016: Vocational training in Ankara on freedom of expression for 141 judges and public prosecutors.

*24-25 November 2016: Vocational training in Antalya on freedom of expression for 210 judges and public prosecutors.

*14-15 December 2016: Vocational training in Ankara on freedom of expression for 109 judges and public prosecutors.

*21-22 December 2016: Vocational training in Ankara on freedom of expression for 110 judges and public prosecutors.

*16-17-18-19 August 2016: Prevocational training for 420 candidate judges and public prosecutors / 20-21 September 2016: Prevocational training for 180 candidate judges and public prosecutors on “terrorism”, “offense of libel”, “freedom of expression”.

5) Project on the protection of women and on the elimination of violence against women directed in collaboration with the Ministry of Family and Social Policies.

*26-30 September 2016: Education program for educators (judges and prosecutors)

*12-13 October 2016: Vocational and prevocational trainings on the implementation of the Law no. 6284, on the issue of fight against domestic violence for 56 judges-prosecutors and 50 candidate judges-prosecutors.

*21-22-23 October 2016: Education on “fight against domestic violence” for 31 prosecutors and 43 judges.

6) 19-20 December 2016: Workshop on “Fair trial in the European Union” organized by European Institute for Public Administration (EIPA)

By General Directorate of Prisons and Detention Houses:

Vocational and prevocational trainings for the employees in charge at detention houses and prisons, on below mentioned subjects:

“rules of detention houses in Europe”, “international legislation”, “human rights”, “human rights and democracy”, “definition, specificities and history of human rights”, “human rights at international level”, “UN and human rights”, “Universal Declaration of Human Rights”,

“fundamental documents of UN human rights system”, “war crimes and crimes against humanity”, “international norms on torture and arbitrary detention”, “discrimination”, “European Convention on Human Rights”, “individual applications to European Court of Human Rights”.

By Education Department:

Training programs organized for employees working on the fields like pedagogy, psychology and sociology during different periods of 2015-2016:

*2015: -training program on violence against woman and gender equality for 1216 employees

-training program on human rights for 3295 employees

*2016: -training program on human rights for 2116 employees

-training program on violence against woman and gender equality for 1836 employees

EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF FAMILY AND SOCIAL POLICIES:

1)2015-2016: Provincial Committees on the Rights of the Child affiliated to 81 Provincial Directorates of Family and Social Policy are available for extending child rights and to ensure child participation. The Committees are in coordination of Ministry of Family and Social Policy.

“Adult representatives” are assigned as state officials for coordination of procedures related to child rights. Aforementioned “adult representatives” consist of one regular and one substitute member and they are both provided training on child rights ever year.

2) General Directorate of Services for Persons with Disabilities, as the focal point in Turkey for promoting and monitoring the implementation of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) that puts forward the necessity of active participation of civil society to policy making processes, has organized regional seminars in order to support and increase the capacities of the civil society organizations (CSO) in the field of disability with a rights based approach.

In this respect 16 regional seminars were organized in the years 2014 and 2015 within the framework of the Project named “Improved Integration of Disabled Persons into Society” funded under EU-IPA that was initiated in 2009.

The project of “Seminars on Increasing Capacities of Civil Society Organizations” was initiated with the purposes of supporting disability CSO’s in carrying out rights based advocacy activities or in developing rights based solution suggestions to the problems. Within the scope of the project, 8 education seminars were organized in 2015 and 2016.

Within the scope of these seminars, informative presentations were given under the topics of UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, discrimination, advocacy, mechanisms to be applied in seeking legal remedies, monitoring and communication.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

2015-2016: Prevocational Governorship trainings on the below mentioned subjects for 350 candidate district governors and 101 candidate officers:

-“Human rights, Democracy and State”, “Human Rights”, “International Conventions on Human Rights”, “the Process of Institutionalization of Human Rights in Turkey”, “Turkish National Human Rights Institution”, “Working Methods of Cities’ and Districts’ Boards of Human Rights”, “Decisions of European Court of Human Rights and Human Rights in Turkey”, “Assignments and competences of police forces”, “Detention”, “Use of force and gun”, “Prevention of cruel treatment”, “Human rights of migrants and refugees”, “Protection of Human Rights”, “Historical evolution of human rights reflection”, “Universal Declaration of Human Rights”.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR – CIVIL INSPECTION BOARD:

2015-2016: Project for the training of decision makers as governors and sub-governors.

-Education programs on the fight against discrimination

-Comparative researches of best practices in European countries

-Workshops in Adana, Samsun, Eskişehir, İstanbul and İzmir for 250 participants composed of state officials, National Human Rights Institution’s members and civil society representatives.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR- GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR SECURITY:

1) Training programs on the subject of “Legal dimension of investigation, detention and arrest” by Turkish Academy of International Fight Against Drug and Organized Crimes for 2910 employees.

2) By Turkish National Police Academy:

-Human rights lessons for Chiefs of Police

-Vocational trainings on human rights organized during 2016 for 134744 employees.

-A memorandum of understanding on the implementation of training programs on the fight against hate crimes for legislation officers, is signed between Turkish National Police Academy and the Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights on 22 January 2016. In this framework, an education program is organized on 26-28 April 2016.

-Training program on “Human Rights and the proportional use of force” and “Human Rights” organized by Department of Security in 2015 and in 2016 for 8299 officers.

-Training program on human rights organized by Department of Fight against Terrorism in 2015 and in 2016 respectively for 3251 and 1098 officers.

-Other 27 vocational trainings are organized by Department of Public Security (2 hours of courses on human rights for each program) for 8590 officers.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR – COST GUARD COMMAND:

2015-2016: 1) Training programs on human rights for newly graduated naval officers on the subjects of “Fundamental notions on human rights”, “Institutions and Documents on human Rights”, “Security Forces and Human Rights”.

2) Within the framework of a project in collaboration with International Organization for Migration (IOM) several training programs are organized for all officers on the subjects of “migration and protection of vulnerable groups”, “Fight against human trafficking and migrant smuggling” and “Human rights of migrants and refugees”.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR - GENERAL COMMAND OF GENDARMERIE:

On-site training programs in 8 cities of Turkey for 337 officers during 2015-2016 period: Conferences on human rights, visits of detention houses affiliated to the City Commandership of Gendarmerie, explanation of necessary processes in case of allegations of human rights violations and control of implementation.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION:

1) Training programs on “Law of Child Protection” (during 2015-2016 period): 11 seminars with 592 participants and 814 other activities with 11412 participants.

2) Seminar on “Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights” (during 2015-2016 period): 4 activities with 116 participants.

3) Seminar on Gender Equality (during 2015-2016 period): 7 activities with 166 participants.

4) Seminar on Education Programs about Human Rights (in 2015): 2 activities with 200 participants.

5) Seminar on Developing Women’s Rights and Social Gender Equality (during 2015-2016 period): 2 activities with 78 participants.

COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Higher education programs at universities

-Department of Human Rights in the Faculty of Law: Anadolu University, Bařkent University, Bozok University, Fatih Sultan Mehmet Foundation University, Gaziantep University, İnönü University, Kırıkkale University, Selçuk University, Yalova University and Marmara University.

-Department of Human Rights and Environment in the Faculty of Political Affairs: Marmara University.

-Department of the Law of Human Rights in the Faculty of Law: Sakarya University.

Post – graduate programs

-Human Rights programs (MA) in the Social Sciences Institutions: Ankara University, Hacettepe University, İstanbul Kültür University and Maltepe University.

-Law of Human Rights programs (MA) in the Social Sciences Institutions: Dokuz Eylül University and Galatasaray University.

PhD programs

-Human rights Phd program in the Social Sciences Institutions: Hacettepe University.

Research and application centers on human rights and human rights law:

Gazi University, Gedik University, Hacettepe University, İnönü University, İstanbul Bilgi University, İstanbul University, Maltepe University and Selçuk University.