Round Table: Incompatibilities and the Management of Conflicts of Interest within the Three Powers

Presentation of GRECO’s experience

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The Council of Europe
A pan-European organisation
47 member States

• To protect human rights
• To defend democracy
• To promote the rule of law
Council of Europe’s legal instruments:

- Twenty Guiding Principles for the Fight against Corruption (1997)
- Civil Law Convention on Corruption (1999)
- Codes of Conduct for Public Officials (2000)
- Transparency of political financing (2003)

Monitoring body: GRECO (1999)
GRECO
Group of States against Corruption

- Monitors compliance with the Council of Europe standards
- Established in 1999
- 49 members (48 European States and the USA
- Works in thematic evaluation rounds
GRECO’s Second Evaluation Round

1 January 2003 – 1 July 2005

Evaluation themes:

• seizure and confiscation of corruption proceeds
• public administration and corruption
• liability of legal persons for corruption offences
Model Code of Conduct for Public Officials

Deals *inter alia* with:

- conflicts of interest
- incompatible outside interests and activities
- declaration of interests
- gifts
- “pantouflage”
GRECO’s Fourth Evaluation Round

As from 1 January 2012

Evaluation theme:

Corruption prevention in respect of members of parliament, judges and prosecutors
Evaluation and compliance reports as well as other relevant information at:

www.coe.int/greco