



**PROJECTS IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE
COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND DEMOCRACY
(AS/POL)**

<p>Theme of the project</p>	<p>Theme 1 : Implementation of the partnership for democracy with the Parliament of Morocco</p> <p>Theme 2 : Implementation of the partnership for democracy with the Palestinian National Council</p> <p>Theme 3 : Implementation of the partnership for democracy with the Parliament of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</p> <p>Theme 4 : Support to the development of a Southern neighbourhood regional dialogue / cooperation at parliamentary level</p>
<p>Public</p>	<p>Parliamentarians and staff of national parliaments</p>
<p>Objectives and expected results</p>	<p>Progress, as measured by independent organisations, has been achieved in the areas identified under the partnership for democracy as being of key importance for strengthening democracy, the rule of law and the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms.</p> <p>The relevant Council of Europe conventions opened for signature to non-member countries are signed and ratified.</p> <p>Parliamentary committees, parliamentarians and parliamentary staff have gained wide exposure and understanding of Council of Europe relevant standards in the areas of human rights, democratic standards, rule of law, making use of these standards in their work whenever relevant.</p> <p>Members of the parliament of Jordan become acquainted with European parliamentary and political practices and with Council of Europe standards, in view of a possible future institutionalised co-operation with the Assembly (including, under Partnership for Democracy status).</p> <p>Technical capacities of the secretariats are strengthened through wide exposure to the standards of the Council of Europe in its core areas of work (human rights, including social rights, democratic standards, rule of law),</p> <p>Best practices in constitutional reform are shared, in co-operation with the Venice Commission.</p> <p>Closer interaction between the Parliament of Jordan, its Committees and civil society organisations, in the core areas of work of the Council of Europe, are established.</p> <p>Development of a regional dialogue at Parliamentary level between the Southern neighbourhood countries (Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Palestinian Territories, Lebanon and Algeria) aimed at sharing experience in democratic governance</p>

Reference texts	<p>Resolution 2183 (2017) <i>on Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan</i></p> <p>Resolution 2105 (2016) <i>Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council</i></p> <p>Resolution 2086 (2016) <i>on Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Jordan</i></p> <p>Resolution 2061 (2015) <i>Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco</i></p> <p>Resolution 1969 (2014) <i>Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council</i></p> <p>Resolution 1942 (2013) <i>Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco</i></p> <p>Resolution 1940 (2013) <i>on Situation in the Middle East</i></p> <p>Resolution 1831 (2011) <i>Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the emerging democracies in the Arab world</i></p> <p>Resolution 1830 (2011) <i>on Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Palestinian National Council</i></p> <p>Resolution 1818 (2011) <i>Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Morocco</i></p> <p>Other relevant COE documents Council of Europe Neighbourhood Policy, namely Neighbourhood Co-operation Priorities (NCP) with Morocco for 2015-2017</p> <p>Other relevant COE documents Council of Europe Neighbourhood Policy, namely “Neighbourhood Partnership” document covering 2015-2017</p>
Activities	<p>Strasbourg, 20-22 November: Training seminar for senior staff of the Parliament of Jordan (SP II)</p> <p>Rome, 2-3 March 2017: Capacity building seminar on public policies for the staff of the Moroccan Parliament (SP II)</p> <p>Amman, 30 May 2016 : Seminar on parliamentary democracy for the Parliament of Jordan, Partner for Democracy to the PACE (SP II)</p> <p>Minsk, 18 May 2016 : Round table on electoral standards and reform of the electoral legislation in Belarus (with Election Observation Division) (PCF)</p> <p>Athens, 7 May 2014 : Regional conference on “Freedom of religion and safety for the Christian communities in the Middle East and South of the Mediterranean”</p>

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