



SOUTH PROGRAMME

Beneficiary of the Project	Parliament of Morocco
Theme of the Project	South Programme « Strengthening democratic reform in the Southern Neighbourhood » (Component 4: cooperation between the PACE and the countries of the South Mediterranean)
Finance	South Programme – financed by the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe
Period	2012-2014
Public	Members of Parliament and staff of the Moroccan Parliament (Chamber of Representatives and Chamber of Councillors)
Objectives	The programme is tailored for specific needs of the beneficiary, which corresponds to the constitutional reform in Morocco of July 2011 and, as a result, a need for the adoption of various organic laws and the implementation of new legislation. Member States of the Council of Europe, with recognised competence and normative instruments of reference, offer exchanges that emphasise the diversity of legal frameworks and practices in different European countries and their possible relevance in the Moroccan context.
Reference texts	Resolution 1818 (2011) <i>Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Morocco</i> Resolution 1942 (2013) <i>Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco</i> Resolution 1598 (2008) <i>Strengthening co-operation with the Maghreb countries.</i>
Expected results	- Enhance the role and capacities of the Moroccan Parliament in the key areas of the Council of Europe (human rights, democracy, rule of law), on the basis of the priorities defined in the Partner for Democracy status (granted in June 2011), quoted below, which have led to concrete activities. - Bring recognised expertise and technical support to parliamentarians and staff of the Moroccan Parliament to carry out their democratic reforms : Theme 1 : Strengthening parliamentary mechanisms, such as the control of the government action and the parliamentary commissions of inquiry, the role and powers of the opposition Theme 2 : Parliamentary exchanges on the theme of Moroccan organic laws Theme 3 : Parliamentary exchanges on other thematic priorities of the Partner for Democracy status such as: the protection of rights of women and children, the fight against discrimination, migrants' rights, the protection of the rights of persons in custody, the participation of civil society and young people in democratic life Theme 4 : Capacity building for management and staff of the Moroccan Parliament on the values of the Council of Europe

Activities	<p>Rabat, 19 June 2014 : Seminar on the roles of the opposition and the majority</p> <p>Lisbon, 5-8 November 2013 : Lisbon Forum 2013 and Regional Conference on the political changes in the South Mediterranean and in the Middle East: the role of representative institutions</p> <p>Brussels, 19 and 20 June 2013 : Information seminar on the European Institutions for staff members of the Moroccan Parliament</p> <p>Rabat, 15 May 2013 : Seminar on popular legislative initiative</p> <p>Strasbourg, 19 and 20 December 2012 : Information seminar on the Council of Europe for staff members of the Moroccan Parliament</p> <p>Rabat, 8 November 2012 : Seminar on controls exerted by Parliaments on Government's actions</p> <p>Strasbourg, 5 and 6 July 2012 : Study visit by the Secretary Generals of the Moroccan Parliament, Mr A.M. Najib EL KHADI, Chamber of Representatives and Mr Abdelouahid KHOUJA, Chamber of Councillors</p>
------------	---