

# GRECO's Recent Compliance Reports

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## News

In the recent months, GRECO published a series of compliance, follow-up and progress reports regarding the implementation of GRECO recommendations made vis-à-vis member states during the fourth and fifth evaluation rounds. The 4th evaluation round focused on preventing corruption in respect of members of parliament, judges, and prosecutors. The 5th round focused on the prevention of corruption and the promotion of integrity within central governments (persons with top executive functions) and law enforcement agencies (for the single country reports → [previous euCRIM issues](#)). The different steps of GRECO's evaluation and compliance procedure, including its termination, are regulated in [GRECO's Rules of Procedure](#). The Rules of Procedure were adopted in 1999 and lastly amended in 2017 taking account of the 5th evaluation round.

GRECO is currently in transition between the fourth/fifth and sixth evaluation round. The [6th evaluation round](#) was launched in 2025 focusing on preventing corruption and promoting integrity at the sub-national level.

The following provides an overview of the published compliance reports on the respective GRECO member states since July 2025 in chronological order. They can concern both the 4th and 5th evaluation round. Website links are provided to the full text of the report and the corresponding press release of GRECO as well as the cross-reference to the news on the respective evaluation report in *euCRIM*.

- 4 July 2025: **The Netherlands** - [Follow-up Report](#), concluding that the country is not yet in sufficient compliance with the recommendations made in the [5th round evaluation report](#). Tangible and robust measures are needed for instance with regard to the adoption of a dedicated integrity policy and a reporting mechanisms for gifts and financial interests in the police. The [Dutch authorities are requested](#) to provide a progress report with regard to the implementation of the outstanding recommendations by 31 March 2026.
- 9 July 2025: **North Macedonia** - [Follow-up Report](#), in which GRECO positively notes progress in the implementation of the open recommendations of the 5th evaluation round. In particular, GRECO welcomes the steps taken to improve transparency and promote integrity as regards persons entrusted with top executive functions and the legislative reform aimed at strengthening the operational independence of the police and its internal and external oversight mechanisms. GRECO [closes](#) its compliance procedure for North Macedonia under this round.
- 30 July 2025: **Portugal** - [Interim Compliance Report](#), finding that the majority of the recommendations contained in the 2015 4th round evaluation report remain only partially implemented. GRECO notes, *inter alia*, that lobbying remains unregulated and the composition of judicial councils to safeguard judicial independence has not been enhanced. As the level of compliance is found "globally

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- unsatisfactory", the Portuguese authorities are [requested](#) to provide a progress report on the implementation of the outstanding recommendations by 31 March 2026.
- 1 August 2025: **Spain** - [Follow-up Report](#), finding that the Spanish authorities should intensify their efforts to implement planned reforms to strengthen anti-corruption mechanisms regarding top executive functions of the central government and law enforcement agencies (National Police and Guardia Civil). [GRECO concludes](#) that Spain is not in sufficient compliance with the recommendations made in the [5th evaluation round](#). GRECO requests the Spanish authorities to provide a progress report by 30 June 2026.
  - 5 August 2025: **Romania** - [Compliance Report](#), welcoming key improvement in the prevention of corruption at top executive functions and the Romanian Police and Gendarmerie. However, further progress is needed within the next 18 months to achieve an adequate level of compliance with a number of recommendations set out in the [5th evaluation round report](#), such as effective integrity checks for top executive functions and the establishment of a dedicated oversight mechanism of the access-to-information legislation. Romania [should submit additional information](#) on the implementation of these recommendations by 31 December 2026.
  - 7 August 2025: **Poland** - [Follow-up Report](#), assessing that some progress has been made in anti-corruption measures in central governments, but progress is required in other areas, including the Polish Police and Border Guard; given that Poland only implemented 3 out of 21 recommendations set out in the [5th round evaluation report](#) in a satisfactory manner, [GRECO requests](#) Poland to provide a progress report by 31 March 2026.
  - 8 August 2025: **Germany** - [Compliance Report](#), concluding that the country needs to make further progress in implementing a number of recommendations made in the [2020 5th round evaluation report](#), such as raising integrity standards for persons at top executive functions, improving public access to information at federal level, strengthening the screening processes of new recruits in the Federal Police, and ensuring stricter and more proactive internal oversight within the Federal Police. [Germany is asked](#) to provide a progress report on the outstanding recommendations by 31 March 2026.
  - 18 August 2025: **Denmark** - [Follow-up Report](#), voicing GRECO's dissatisfaction with the lack of progress made by the country (see also →[eucrim 1/2025, 39](#)): Denmark has dealt in a satisfactory manner with only two of the fourteen recommendations contained in the [2019 5th round evaluation report](#); of the other recommendations, one remains partly implemented and eleven remain not implemented. Several anti-corruption measures are still needed with regard to persons with top executive functions and the Danish police. [GRECO urges Denmark](#) to report on tangible progress by 30 June 2026.
  - 2 September 2025: **Portugal** - [Compliance Report](#), concluding that the country has yet to implement 10 out of 28 recommendations issued in the [2023 5th round evaluation report](#), while 18 recommendations have been partially implemented so far. [GRECO acknowledges](#) key progress made in anti-corruption measures regarding persons with top executive functions of the central government and the Portuguese law enforcement forces (the Public Security Police (PSP) and the National Republican Guard (GNR)). However, many determined actions are still needed, such as strengthened integrity controls and dedicated anti-corruption strategies for the PSP/GNR. Portuguese authorities should report on the progress achieved in implementing GRECO's recommendations by 30 September 2026.
  - 4 September 2025: **Slovak Republic** - [Follow-up Report](#), concluding that most of GRECO's recommendations in the [2019 5th round evaluation report](#) have remained unimplemented. Even though Slovakia launched some anti-corruption measures, such as a code of ethics for police forces, no visible progress has been made in many other matters, such as integrity and whistleblower protection within the police. As the Slovak Republic is not in sufficient compliance with the recommendations, [GRECO requires](#) a progress report by 30 June 2026.

- 16 September 2025: **Cyprus** - [Compliance Report](#), noting that Cyprus has made significant progress in enhancing its legal framework to prevent corruption and promote integrity in the central government and the police. However, further reforms are still needed to comply with GRECO's recommendations in the 5th round evaluation report, such as consolidating integrity standards, and streamlining oversight and accountability mechanisms for the police. Cypriot authorities [are invited to submit](#) additional information on the implementation of outstanding recommendations by 31 December 2026.
- 27 November 2025: **United Kingdom** - [Follow-up Report](#), acknowledging considerable progress in implementing GRECO's recommendations in the [5th evaluation round](#). GRECO highlights that the United Kingdom undertook several measures to promote transparency and integrity of persons with top executive functions in government. Looking at law enforcement agencies, GRECO welcomes the commendable progress made in implementing all of its recommendations satisfactorily. [GRECO terminates](#) the Fifth Round compliance procedure with respect to the United Kingdom.
- 28 November 2025: **Malta** - [Follow-up Report](#), acknowledging some advances in Malta's criminal justice system and within the Police Force, but stressing that important shortcomings persist, and progress remains limited in the vast majority of areas fundamental to promoting integrity and preventing corruption in the executive as set out in GRECO's [5th round evaluation report](#). This includes the failures to adopt an integrity strategy for persons in top executive functions and to resolve obstacles in access to information. As regards law enforcement authorities, more notable progress has been achieved, but further developments are required, e.g. with regard to a risk-assessment based anti-corruption strategy, sufficient operational independence and political neutrality of the Police Force. [GRECO calls on Malta](#) to take determined steps to advance reforms in the areas identified and report on progress in implementing the outstanding recommendations by 30 June 2026.
- 4 December 2025: **Liechtenstein** - [Compliance Report](#), concluding that 6 out of 16 recommendations from the [2020 4th round evaluation report](#) are yet to be implemented. GRECO regrets that only limited progress has been achieved with regard to members of parliament, such as the recommendation to make the legislative process at the level of parliamentary commissions more transparent. As regards judges, additional steps must be taken to increase the role of the judiciary in the selection process of judges, while all recommendations have been implemented with regard to prosecutors. [GRECO asks Liechtenstein](#) to submit additional information on the measures taken to implement the outstanding recommendations by 30 June 2026.
- 5 December 2025: **Ireland** - [Follow-up Report](#), closing GRECO's evaluation of Ireland's legal and institutional framework to prevent corruption in respect of the recommendations set out in the 4th evaluation round. Even though three out of 11 recommendations have been partially implemented only, [GRECO acknowledges](#) Ireland's legislative reforms to improve ethical conduct of members of parliament and enhanced financial disclosure requirements. Also appointments and nominations to judicial office improved and are more transparent.
- 11 December 2025: **France** - [Follow-up Report](#), finding that only 4 of 18 recommendations set out in the [5th round evaluation report](#) have satisfactorily been implemented. With regard to top executive functions, [GRECO notes](#) some progress, particularly in raising awareness of integrity issues, but the country's strategic framework for tackling corruption could be strengthened. In the area of law enforcement, GRECO acknowledges the increased attention to corruption risks within the National Police and the National Gendarmerie, but certain recommendations have remained untouched. French authorities should provide a progress report by 30 November 2026.
- 17 December 2025: **Iceland** - [Follow-up Report](#), welcoming a number of positive efforts to address GRECO's recommendations in the [5th round evaluation report](#). Iceland aligned with most recommendations with regard to both persons in top executive functions in government and law enforcement authorities. [GRECO terminates](#) the 5th round compliance procedure with respect to Iceland.

- 6 January 2025: **Belgium** - [two Follow-up Reports](#), assessing the country's efforts to implement recommendations in the 4th and 5th evaluation round. The [follow-up report on the 4th evaluation round](#) (prevention of corruption and promotion of integrity among members of parliament, judges and prosecutors) concludes that Belgium has made slight progress in implementing the recommendations; the main issues in GRECO's 2014 evaluation report have remained unresolved. Nonetheless, GRECO terminates the fourth round compliance procedure in respect of Belgium. The [follow-up report on the 2020 5th evaluation round](#), concludes that Belgium still needs to make efforts in both areas under scrutiny, i.e. the prevention of corruption with regard to persons in top executive functions and the Federal Police. Many recommendations in the [5th round evaluation report](#) are yet to be addressed or fully implemented. Accordingly, Belgium is required to report back on progress made in these areas by 30 November 2026.
  - 12 January 2025: **Croatia** - [Follow-up Report](#), underlying that the country should take above all more determined action to implement several outstanding recommendations set out in the [5th evaluation round report](#) with regard to the prevention corruption among top executive functions of the central government. Overall, GRECO is satisfied with the progress made in the area of law enforcement, where measures to strengthen police integrity and to prevent police corruption were adopted. [Croatia is invited](#) to report back on progress by 30 November 2026.
  - 22 January 2025: **Romania** - [Follow-up Report](#), calling on Romania to further implement recommendations from the 4th evaluation round in view of corruption prevention among members of parliament. Also progress on the regulation of lobbying has been made, no progress has been reported on other outstanding recommendations, such as the prevention of conflicts of interests and transparency of parliamentary work. As Romania has still not implement five outstanding recommendations, [GRECO asks](#) the country to report back on implementation efforts by 30 November 2026.
  - 12 February 2025: **Finland** - [Follow-up Report](#), concluding that the 5th round compliance procedure in respect of Finland can be closed. [GRECO recognises](#) the country's progress made in implementing anti-corruption reforms concerning top executive functions in central government and law enforcement agencies. *Inter alia*, GRECO highlights the enforcement and sanction mechanisms in place against civil servants and the provision of integrity training. With respect to law enforcement agencies, GRECO concludes that all recommendations of the [5th round evaluation report](#) have been fully implemented.
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