



Partnership for Good Governance 2019-2021 (PGGII)

Regional Project: Strengthening measures to prevent and combat economic crime

What is the goal?

- ▶ To strengthen capacities of Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries to fight and prevent economic crime, by focussing on areas that present shared challenges to the EaP countries and advancing the understanding and adoption of new tools and mechanisms to effectively tackle corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ The general public;
- ▶ Criminal Justice Sector;
- ▶ Specialised anti-corruption bodies in EaP countries;
- ▶ Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs);
- ▶ AML/CFT Supervisory authorities in EaP countries;
- ▶ Policy Advise institutions at the central administration level;
- ▶ Members of Parliament and high ranking officials.

How does the project work?

- ▶ Through combination of policy/legislative and capacity building actions specifically tailored to address each of the expected aims.
- ▶ It builds on the results of co-operation in the field of anti-corruption under PGG Phase I (2015-2018).

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Effective measures on prevention of corruption;
- ▶ Strengthened institutional and legal capacities to combat corruption;
- ▶ Effective measures on prevention and detection of money laundering and terrorist financing; and
- ▶ Enhanced (cross border) co-operation and regulatory framework on seizure, confiscation of proceeds from crime.

How much does it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is EUR 800 000.
- ▶ 80% is funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe. The programme is implemented by the Council of Europe.

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021.

How do we get more information?

<http://partnership-governance2-eu.coe.int>

- ▶ The Project is implemented by the Council of Europe Action against Crime Department through its Economic Crime and Co-operation Division (Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law).

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This project is a regional project covering Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus), implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance Programme (phase II also referred to as PGGII).

In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted co-operation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus – the EU's Eastern Partnership countries – would be implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance programme. The phase I of the programme (PGGI) started in 2015 and was completed in 2018; the second phase of the programme (PGGII) was launched in 2019 and will run until 2021.

These co-operation activities aim to strengthen the capacity of the Eastern Partnership countries, which are member States of the Council of Europe, with the exception of Belarus, to implement domestic reforms to bring them closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.