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Joint Programme

Enhancing judicial reform

in the

Eastern Partnership countries

GENERAL PURPOSE

Support judicial reform in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

- *Independence*
- *Professionalism*
- *Efficiency*

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- *Challenges vs European standards on judiciary:*
identification
- *Solutions:* **finding**
- *Recommendations:* **dissemination and follow-up**

METHODOLOGY

Multilateral

Regional

Peer-to-peer approach ►

*Process of intensive
information and best
practice exchange*

■ *CoE expertise*

Bilateral

**Country based, stakeholder
focused ►**

*Discussion of country
recommendations;*

*Follow-up with national
authorities on concrete steps
to be taken*

Judicial component

Issues addressed by the project

The efficiency and the performance

The role of the bar, the access to the profession of lawyer, the training and ethical standards of lawyers; disciplinary proceedings against lawyers

Initial and continuous training of judges

The institutional and individual independence of the judiciary

JUDICIAL REFORM

Judicial component

PROJECT PROCESS



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Working Groups

Exchange of
information,
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verification

**Four
comprehensive
reports**

**In-country
discussions and
dissemination of
the findings and
recommendations**

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NEXT STEPS 2014

Independence: picked up in bilateral projects in Armenia, Ukraine (current); Georgia, Republic of Moldova (fundraising)

Professionalism: picked up in the bilateral projects in Armenia, Georgia (current); Republic of Moldova (fundraising)

Efficiency: will continue in 2014
Bilateral project: Republic of Moldova (fundraising)

NEXT STEPS 2014

**Efficient Judicial
Systems**

Report on
Efficiency of the
Judicial Systems
and Courts

Judicial Statistics

Judicial component

NEXT STEPS 2014

Report CEPEJ data 2012; court data 2013

- Self-evaluation exercise
- Capacity-building of national bodies
- Coaching during report preparation
- Country meetings with policy makers
- Roundtable discussion of the findings of the report

Judicial statistics

- Country analysis and discussions
- Peer review of the judicial data collection

Judicial component



Further information on the project:

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