

# Programmatic Cooperation Framework for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus

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### Long term electoral assistance to the election related stakeholders of Armenia

#### Who will benefit?

- ▶ The electorate as a whole, who will benefit from the improvement of electoral law and practice

More precisely:

- ▶ Members of the Central Election Commission and representatives of other electoral bodies at all levels
- ▶ Judges in charge of electoral disputes
- ▶ Parliament, Government, political parties, proxies, observers, other electoral actors

#### How will the project work?

- ▶ through opinions on (draft) legislation on elections and/or political parties
- ▶ through expert legal assistance to the Central Election Commission and judges in charge of electoral disputes - including training

#### How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 95,000 Euros

#### Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

#### The aims of the project

- ▶ to improve legislation on elections and political parties in order to ensure its conformity with international standards
- ▶ to enhance capacities of the Central Election Commission and electoral bodies at all levels to organise elections in line with international standards
- ▶ to strengthen mechanisms to address and remedy electoral disputes

#### Project activities

- ▶ Opinions on (draft) legislation on elections and/or political parties
- ▶ Expert legal assistance to the Central Election Commission
- ▶ Capacity-building activities for members of the Central Election Commission and judges in charge of electoral disputes

#### Length of project

- ▶ The project is implemented from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017

#### For more information

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*These cooperation activities will strengthen the capacity of 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.*

*The overall PCF budget for 2015-2017 is €33.8 million.*

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