

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

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Who will benefit?

- ▶ media professionals
- ▶ judges
- ▶ legal professionals
- ▶ general public

The aims of the project

- ▶ to enhance the national legislation and media regulations in accordance with CoE standards to secure freedom of expression and information
- ▶ to support the implementation of legal frameworks and infrastructures in accordance with European standards;
- ▶ to review media legislation and regulation to bring these in line with European standards;
- ▶ to raise awareness on CoE standards with respect to freedom of expression and media freedom;
- ▶ to promote and ensure safety of journalists.

How will the project work?

- ▶ through bilateral work as well as multilateral exchange of experience and cross-fertilisation;
- ▶ special emphasis on common issues and comprehensive approach;
- ▶ flexible forum for stakeholders to discuss European standards of local governance;
- ▶ emphasis on expertise, adaptation of approaches, tools, methods to each country.

Project activities

- ▶ Legal expertise
- ▶ Training sessions
- ▶ Conferences/ round tables
- ▶ Publications/awareness raising activities

all activities will be implemented in consultation and cooperation with the relevant public authorities, national and international experts, media professionals and local NGOs in the country

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 800 000 Euros

Length of project

- ▶ The programme will run from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017
- ▶ The project was officially launched on 29 September 2015

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Who is responsible for the project?

Media and Internet Division, Information
Society Department, DGI- Human Right and
Rule of Law

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In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted cooperation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus - the EU's Eastern Partnership countries - would be implemented under a 'Programmatic Cooperation Framework' (PCF).

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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