

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

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#### Who will benefit?

- ▶ Civil servants from the Ministry of Information Technology and Communications, e-Government Center, Ministry of Education and other relevant national authorities etc;
- ▶ Academic and technical communities;
- ▶ Internet Service Providers;
- ▶ Civil Society, general public.

#### The aims of the project

- ▶ To increase awareness and respect for human rights, in particular freedom of expression and private life, in developing the information society in the Republic of Moldova;
- ▶ To support national authorities in taking over the CoE adopted standards on Internet and human rights and other European best practices while implementing the national information society development strategy *Digital Moldova 2020*;
- ▶ To promote the establishment of the national Internet governance forum: a multi-stakeholder dialogue on shaping Internet policies in the Republic of Moldova;
- ▶ To increase Internet Service Providers (ISPs) awareness on their commitments to human rights based on the CoE and EuroISPA Human Rights Guidelines for ISPs.

#### How will the project work?

- ▶ through bilateral and multi-stakeholder dialogue, exchange and transfer of best CoE standards and practices;
- ▶ special emphasis on Internet as a human right and multi-stakeholder comprehensive approach;
- ▶ a national multi-stakeholder forum to discuss European policies and standards of Internet Governance;
- ▶ Emphasis on expertise, adaptation of approaches, tools, methods of stakeholders' co-operation and sustainable integration.

#### Project activities

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

all activities will be implemented in consultation and co-operation with the relevant public authorities, national and CoE experts, national ISPs, academic and technical communities and local NGOs in the country.

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#### How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 400 000 Euros

#### Length of project

- ▶ the programme will run from 1 January 2015- 31 June 2016
- ▶ the project was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2015

#### Who is responsible for the project?

Council of Europe DG I Human Rights and Rule of Law, Information Society and Actions against Crime Directorate, Information Society Department

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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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