

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

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Who will benefit?

- ▶ Superior Council of Magistracy (SCM) and other judicial authorities;
- ▶ Pilot courts selected in cooperation with the SCM;
- ▶ Judges and court staff throughout the country who undergo training of efficiency and quality of justice.
- ▶ Citizens/court users who will benefit from better judicial services.

The aims of the project

- ▶ To strengthen the capacity of the SCM and other judicial authorities to assess the efficiency and quality of the justice system and take appropriate response measures;
- ▶ To improve the efficiency and quality of judicial services in the pilot courts;
- ▶ To develop and promote an action plan for increased efficiency and quality of judicial services in all national courts.

How will the project work?

- ▶ Through application of the methodology and practical tools developed by the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), based on the experience of European judicial systems;
- ▶ Exchanges on the best practices and continuous cooperation between CEPEJ experts and the pilot courts in view of implementing coaching programmes and activities to improve the functioning of courts and users' satisfaction;
- ▶ Introduction in the training programmes for judges and courts staff of court efficiency and quality topics.

Project activities

- ▶ Workshops on improving the efficiency and quality of justice in the Republic of Moldova;
- ▶ Support to implementation of CEPEJ tools through improving the judicial statistics, increased transparency and communication etc.;
- ▶ Implementation of customer satisfaction surveys among pilot courts' users (lay persons and professional actors such as lawyers);
- ▶ Translation and dissemination of CEPEJ documents;
- ▶ Training of judges and courts staff on all relevant CEPEJ tools (development of training materials, training of trainers and conducting cascade seminars etc).

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is €900 000.

Length of project

- ▶ The project will run from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016
- ▶ The official launching took place on 1 June 2015

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Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe, Justice and Legal Co-operation Department, Division for the Independence and Efficiency of Justice, which acts, at the same time, as the CEPEJ Secretariat.

The Council of Europe Office in the Republic of Moldova is actively involved and supports the implementation process.

For more information

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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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