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







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Regional Project

Who will benefit?

- Individuals who will benefit from the improvement of constitutional justice system
- Judges and legal advisors who will improve their expertise in constitutional law
- Legal professionals, who will have access to an expanded network of experts in constitutional and human rights law

The aims of the project

- to establish regional co-operation among constitutional courts
- to reinforce regional dialogue on constitutional matters in line with European standards
- to foster capacities of judges and legal professionals to prepare and deliver high quality judgments in conformity with the European standards of constitutional justice
- to improve the database on constitutional caselaw (CODICES)

How will the project work?

- through bilateral work as well as multilateral exchanges of experiences
- forum for stakeholders to discuss
 European standards in constitutional justice
- through improved access to constitutional case-law

Project activities

- Peer-to-peer exchanges between legal professionals committed to constitutional law matters
- Regional conferences examining the role of constitutional courts
- Opinions on draft legislation pertaining to constitutional matters

How much will it cost?

The total budget for the project is 279,000 Euros

Length of project

The programme is implemented from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017

Who is responsible for the project?

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

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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.