

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

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Improving Women's Access to Justice in Five Eastern Partnership Countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine)

Regional Project

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Professionals in the justice system (judges and prosecutors in particular)
- ▶ Women's human rights defenders

The aims of the project

- ▶ To identify and support the removal of obstacles to women's access to justice
- ▶ To strengthen the capacity of Eastern Partnership countries to design measures to ensure that the justice chain is gender-responsive, including through the training of legal professionals.

How will the project work?

- ▶ through partnerships with institutions mandated to provide training to judges and prosecutors in the countries of the project;
- ▶ research on common challenges and exchange of good practices and experiences;
- ▶ emphasis on expertise, capacity building measures and tools.

Project activities

- ▶ Five national reports on barriers, remedies and good practices for women's access to justice;
- ▶ Trainings for judges, prosecutors, and lawyers on women's rights, with a focus on gender equality in access to justice;
- ▶ Regional resources: good practices in judicial training; short movie on judicial gender stereotyping; compilation of progressive jurisprudence from the countries of the project.
- ▶ Regional conferences to share common challenges and good practices in the area of women's access to justice (5-6 November in Kvareli, Georgia; 24-25 October in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova)
- ▶ Publication of information and trainings materials for judges and prosecutors;
- ▶ Support for gender equality advocates from civil society.

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How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 560,000 Euros

Length of project

- ▶ the project will run from 1 February 2015- 31 December 2016
- ▶ the project was launched on 1 February 2015

Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's Gender Equality Unit

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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