

**Programmatic Cooperation Framework for
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Criminal justice responses to overcrowding of prisons

Project title	“Promoting penitentiary reforms (from a punitive to a rehabilitative approach)”
Duration	7 months (3 August 2015 - 28 February 2016)
Partners	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Justice of Azerbaijan Ministry of Corrections of Georgia Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova Ministry of Justice of Ukraine Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Belarus (excused themselves from the participation)
Total project cost	€ 110 000
Funding	The European Union / Council of Europe
Implementation	Council of Europe
Project objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advising high-level meetings, expert consultations and moderating and/or making presentations during conferences and seminars • Developing standards assessment criteria to evaluate the available means and effective measures/initiatives to fight overcrowding in prisons and hindering factors in countries of the Eastern Partnership Programme • Conducting assessment • Drafting assessment report with situation analysis and recommendations • Developing strategic guidelines for fight overcrowding in prisons and effective and targeted use of alternatives to imprisonment • Providing written opinions on legislative changes as well as policy papers • Developing e-compendium of the CoE CM Recommendations and the CPT standards on combating prison overcrowding in six languages of the project.
Project expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional co-operation is established, and a strategic approach on prison overcrowding and on alternatives to imprisonment is developed. - CoE standards to combat prison overcrowding became accessible for wider society.
Core foreseen activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Translate into six languages: Armenian, Azeri, Georgian, Romanian, Russian and Ukrainian the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers recommendations and the extracts from the CPT general reports related to combating prison overcrowding; - Develop e-compendiums of the Council of Europe documents on combatting prison overcrowding in the six target languages and disseminate among the penitentiary and probation agencies and the training centres in charge of training prison and probation staff in target countries; - Conduct study on prison overcrowding in target countries and develop country specific recommendations; - Hold a high level conference to highlight main findings of the study on prison overcrowding, discuss the recommendations provided and define the possible ways for their implementation.