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

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Who will benefit?

► Detainees in prisons, psychiatric institutions and police temporary detention isolators;
► Society at large;
► Various, medical and non-medical categories of penitentiary staff; temporary detention isolator staff and other police personnel; investigators and prosecutors as well as personnel involved in monitoring places of detention and closed institutions
► Respective staff of partner institutions: Ministry of Corrections (MoC); Penitentiary and Probation Training Centre of the MoC; Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA); Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs (MOHs); Chief Prosecutor's Office; Public Defender's Office; Ministry of Justice

The aims of the project

► To Improve access for inmates and detainees to health care services which meet minimum quality standards;
► To improve treatment of prisoners with mental health and people in psychiatric care in accordance with European and other international standards;
► To enhance preventive measures for the observance of human rights and strengthened internal and external oversight of places of detention, including psychiatric care.

How will the project work?

► Through the provision of legal expertise and transfer of best practices from Council of Europe member States;
► Through bilateral and multilateral working group meetings;
► Through cooperation with the selected independent experts and representatives of public authorities and civil society organisations;
► Through various types of capacity building activities

Project activities

► Peer-to-peer exchanges and study visits; training sessions; workshops; conferences; awareness raising actions;
► Country-specific studies and publications;
► technical assistance in improving and/or developing regulatory and policy framework; management and policy design tools;
► Development of training programmes and educational movies.

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► In coordination with the EU delegation in Georgia in order to increase the effectiveness and maximize the impact of the activities.

How much will it cost?

► The total budget for the project is 745, 000 Euros

Length of project

► the programme will run from 1 March 2016 – 31 August 2017
► the project was launched on 18 May 2016

Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's

► Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law
► Council of Europe Office in Georgia

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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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