### **Publications**

- Oviedo Convention and its Additional Protocols (250 copies for each)
- Ethical rules for healthcare professionals in English and Armenian (250 copies for each)
- Report on the impact of artificial intelligence on the doctor-patient relationship (200 copies for each)
- Concept report on the analysis of Armenian legislation in the field of biomedicine vis a vis the Oviedo Convention (100 copies for each)
- Leaflet on Bioethics at the Council of Europe (200 copies for each)
- Guide on prohibition of financial gain with respect to human body and its parts (200 copies for each)
- Guide for research ethics committee members (200 copies for each)
- Compendium of good practices to promote voluntary measures in the field of mental healthcare (200 copies for each)
- 32 training sessions/92 days/
- 15 HELP training sessions on Key Ethical Principles on Bioethics for around 260 participants with 208 successful completion.
- Around 15 CoE documents and reports translated
- 1 Study visit
- 5371 enrollment of e-course on Ethical rules with 3399 successful completion (63%)

# **Contact information:**

Council of Europe Human Rights and Biomedicine website: <u>https://www.coe.int/en/web/bioethics/home</u>

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The Council of Europe is the continent's leading human rights organisation. It comprises 46 member states, including all members of the European Union. All Council of Europe member states have signed up to the European Convention on Human Rights, a treaty designed to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The European Court of Human Rights oversees the implementation of the Convention in the member states.



# PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BIOMEDICINE I



# www.coe.int/bioethics



# Start date: **1 June 2020**

# Duration: **31 months**

Budget: 610 000 EUR

Funding: The Council of Europe Action Plan for Armenia 2019-2022

Partners: Ministry of Health, The Office of Human Rights Defender, Ministry of Justice, National Assembly, National Institute of Health.

> To raise awareness on and facilitate the implementation of European standards in the field of biomedicine

Alignment of legal norms and law-enforcement practices in the biomedical field with the European Human Rights principles enshrined in the Oviedo Convention

Strengthening knowledge and raising awareness in the biomedical field of healthcare and legal professionals, executive, legislative and judicial authorities of Armenia.

## Legislative framework developed and improved

#### Analysis of national legislation vis a vis the Oviedo Convention

A comprehensive report on the analysis of national legislation in the field of biomedicine vis a vis the principles of the Oviedo Convention was prepared by the group of leading national and international experts.

#### Ethical rules for healthcare professionals

Ethical rules for healthcare professionals developed by the expert group with the Ministry of Health has been adopted by the Government decision 182-N from 17 February 2022.

#### Draft Law on Public Health

Recommendations are provided to the draft Law on "Public Health".

#### Ethics Committees for healthcare professionals

Draft order on "Ethics Committees for healthcare professionals developed by the expert group of the Project with the Ministry of Health has been approved by the Order of the Minister 75-N, from 8 November 2022

credits.

# The capacities of healthcare and legal professionals are strengthened

275 healthcare and legal professionals have strengthened their capacities on Key ١Ì Principles of Bioethics through HELP Course on Key Ethical Principles on Bioethics

Around 20 members of Research Ethics Committees enhanced capacities on European Standards of Research Ethics Committees

- 80 healthcare professionals of Prison Medical Centre trained on medical ethics
- Staff of the Ministry of Health, as well as staffs of the National Centre for Diseases Prevention and Control and National Centre for Infectious Diseases strengthened their knowledge on the Key Principles of the Oviedo Convention
- Around 30 journalists have strengthened their capacities on how to cover topic related to medical confidentiality, informed consent, ethics of healthcare professionals

#### 10 CPD credits

The Programme of the e-course has been approved by the Order of Minister with 10 CPD

#### 63% successful completion rate

5371 healthcare professionals have been enrolled to the Course and 3399 have successfully completed it.

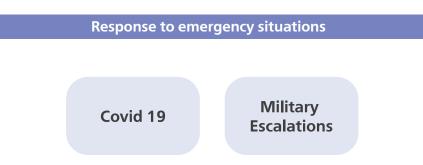
The e-course has been developed in close collaboration with the National Institute of Health

## **Specific directions of activities**

Preparing legal basis for efficient application of Artificial Intelligence in healthcare

Revision of the institute of legal capacity

Promoting the voluntary measures in mental healthcare services and protection of rights of people with mental health problems.



A diagnostic study on human rights issues in emergency situations was carried out in order to analyze existing laws and law-enforcement practices on the protection of human rights in emergency situations and provide recommendations to national authorities. The document will be a useful tool not only for Armenia but also for other CoE member-states.