

Partnership for Good Governance



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Supporting the criminal justice reform and combating ill-treatment and impunity in Armenia

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Armenia's citizens who will benefit from a greater protection of their rights in the criminal justice system
- ▶ Legal professionals (judges, prosecutors, lawyers) and investigators
- ▶ The Ministry of Justice, the Justice Academy, the Investigative Committee, the Special Investigation Service, the Human Rights Defenders' Office and the judiciary

Why is the project being run?

- ▶ The main objective of the project is to strengthen the implementation of European human rights standards in Armenia
- ▶ The specific objective is to support the alignment human rights policies and practice by ensuring compliance of legislative and regulatory framework with European standards and to build the capacity of the relevant professionals to prevent and combat ill-treatment

How will the project work?

- ▶ In close cooperation with the national partners
- ▶ With a tailor-made approach to meet the concrete needs of the country
- ▶ All human rights training activities are developed under the umbrella of the HELP programme (<http://helpcoe.org/>)

What are the expected results?

- ▶ The legislation on criminal matters and institutional mechanisms for combating ill-treatment is improved and implemented in line with European human rights standards
- ▶ The capacity of the Justice Academy to train investigators on criminal justice and human rights is strengthened
- ▶ Knowledge and skills of the relevant professionals on criminal justice and human rights, including effective investigation of ill-treatment cases are improved

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is around 780.000 Euros
- ▶ 90% is funded by the European Union and 10% by the Council of Europe. The programme is implemented by the Council of Europe

How long is the project?

- ▶ The programme runs from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2018

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Who is responsible for the project?

- ▶ The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's Human Rights National Implementation Division (Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law)

How do we get more information?

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In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted co-operation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus – the EU's Eastern Partnership countries – would be implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance.

These co-operation 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.

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