

Partnership for Good Governance



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Supporting the Implementation of the judicial reform in Armenia

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Persons under the jurisdiction of Armenia seeking the protection of their rights in courts, who should enjoy improved legal frameworks;
- ▶ Judges, judicial self-governing bodies, lawyers, members of the Parliament of Armenia who will be enabled to apply improved legal acts in their daily work;
- ▶ Policy and decision makers of the field of justice.

How will the project work?

- ▶ Through bilateral work as well as multilateral exchange of experience;
- ▶ Through advice and expertise on the legislation, reviews and substantive methodological recommendations;
- ▶ Emphasis on expertise, capacity building measures and tools.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is around 400 000 Euros
- ▶ 90% is funded by the European Union and 10% by the Council of Europe. The programme is implemented by the Council of Europe.

Who is responsible for the project?

- ▶ The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's Legal Co-operation Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG I)

Why is the project being run?

- ▶ To contribute to better judicial independence, the effectiveness of legal proceedings and access to justice by providing legal drafting support to the post constitution justice reform processes in the fields of judiciary and disciplinary frameworks;
- ▶ To contribute to the promotion of the equal access to justice in line with European standards and enhance the capacity of legal professionals to apply it at the national level.

What are the expected results?

- ▶ Progressing with legislative reform, in particular drafting and adoption of selected legal acts related to the justice sector deriving from the revised Judicial Code and Constitution.
- ▶ Improving the regulatory framework for the institutional and procedural changes in the judicial self-governing bodies and judicial administration system

How long is the project?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 June 2017 - 31 December 2018

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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