

Partnership for Good Governance



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Strengthening health care and human rights protection in prisons in Armenia

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Inmates who will receive an improved medical service
- ▶ Medical and non-medical staff of the penitentiaries
- ▶ Ministries and departments responsible for prison healthcare

Why is the project being run?

- ▶ To bring the legal and operational framework of healthcare in prisons in line with European standards
- ▶ To improve material conditions of prisons' healthcare units
- ▶ To strengthen the capacity and the general knowledge of the prison staff on European standards on the provision of healthcare, medical ethics and human rights in prisons

How will the project work?

- ▶ In close cooperation and partnership with the Ministry of Justice (Penitentiary Department);
- ▶ By inclusion of a wider group of international experts and national partners and stakeholders, such as the Ministry of Health, Public Prosecutor, Ombudsman and National Preventive Mechanism, international and civil society organisations, academic institutions;
- ▶ Through a comprehensive and multi-disciplinary approach, including legislative revision, capacity-building measures, technical expertise and procurement of necessary equipment and tools.

What are the expected results?

- ▶ Assessment mission and needs assessment report on prison healthcare in Armenia;
- ▶ Revision of legislation (including the secondary legislation) and operational guidelines on prison healthcare;
- ▶ Procurement of medical equipment for 11 healthcare units in Armenian prison system;
- ▶ Developing training modules (curricula) on health promotion and prevention activities in prisons and on medical ethics for prison staff;
- ▶ Training for trainers and cascade trainings on health promotion and prevention activities in prisons and on medical ethics for medical and non-medical staff of prisons;
- ▶ Training of medical staff on professional development.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is around 1,200,000 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 project runs from 1 March 2015 – 31 December 2018

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Who is responsible for the project?

- ▶ The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's Office in Yerevan

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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