

## Partnership for Good Governance



### Results of projects in Belarus under the European Union/Council of Europe Partnership for Good Governance<sup>1</sup>

#### What is the Partnership for Good Governance?

In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed to implement targeted cooperation activities with EU's Eastern Partnership countries to bring them closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The projects under the Partnership for Good Governance, are funded primarily by the EU, and co-funded and implemented by the Council of Europe.

In addition to 14 regional projects, there are **three country-specific projects for Belarus**, with a **total budget of € 200 000**.

#### Human rights for all

This project is running from July 2017 until December 2017.

It is expected that by the end of the project Belarusian legal professionals and law enforcement officials will be more familiar with international and European human rights standards. Human rights training and reference materials will be translated into Russian and widely disseminated.

In addition, Belarusian students of law and international relations will have gained knowledge of the European system of human rights protection, including the case law of the European Court of Human Rights. The methodology will include the introduction of distance-learning courses prepared under the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) into the curricula of Belarusian State University and the Institute for Retraining and Qualification Upgrading of Judges, Prosecutors and Legal Professionals at the Belarusian State University.

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<sup>1</sup> Previously known as the Council of Europe/European Union Programmatic Cooperation Framework for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus

## Promoting the standards of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages in Belarus

The project is running from January 2016 to December 2017

The European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ECRML) aims at protecting traditionally used national minority languages as part of the country's cultural heritage. The project's main aim is to raise awareness of the ECRML among national minorities and assist the authorities of Belarus in examining legal scenarios for the country's possible accession to this convention.

Legal experts and representatives of national minorities have, in close co-operation with the Belarusian authorities, selected those promotional measures in the ECRML which are best adapted to the legal and practical situation in Belarus and could serve as a basis to further develop minority language promotion in this country.

Awareness of minority language promotion was achieved, inter alia, with a view to encouraging parents to enrol their children in schools teaching minority languages.

- ▶ [A background information sheet on this project is available on the website](#)

## Good governance and fight against corruption

The project is running from January 2016 to December 2017

The project contributed to raising capacities on national anti-money laundering and countering financing terrorism risk assessment and improving investigations into economic crime, as a result of cooperation established with prosecutors, investigators and public officials. 17 public sector institutions developed an understanding on how to carry out corruption risk assessment. And, the law enforcement bodies were trained on the liability of legal entities, enabling them to implement recently introduced administrative sanctions.

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**For more information** <http://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/eap-pcf/belarus>

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