

## Improving the operational capacities of the Public Defender's Office of Georgia

### *Project summary*

<b>Project title</b>	Improving the operational capacities of the Public Defender's Office of Georgia
<b>Country</b>	Georgia
<b>Budget</b>	500 000 €
<b>Funding</b>	Human Rights Trust Fund
<b>Duration</b>	24 months (02 February 2015 - 31 January 2017)
<b>Partners and beneficiaries</b>	Public Defender's Office of Georgia (PDO) within its mandate to bring a better level of human rights protection in Georgia and promote Human Rights awareness among the general public; Constitutional Court of Georgia and Courts of common jurisdiction with respect of using <i>amicus curiae</i> mechanism while deliberation of court cases.
<b>Main objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to improve the legal framework of the work of Public Defender of Georgia;</li> <li>• to strengthen the capacity of the PDO of Georgia in submission of <i>amicus curiae</i> to the Constitutional Court and common courts;</li> <li>• to contribute to the strengthening of the PDO's in the regions to deal with individual cases;</li> <li>• to strengthen the PDO's analytical skills in dealing with issues such as the fight against intolerance, the protection of vulnerable persons, the protection of social rights and the fight against ill-treatment.</li> </ul>
<b>Expected outputs and results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the law on the PDO is amended in in line with the relevant international standards and namely Paris Principles;</li> <li>• the number of <i>amicus curiae</i> to the Constitutional Court and common courts increases and are taken on board in the court rulings;</li> <li>• regional offices of the Public Defender are operational and are able to deal directly with individual cases;</li> <li>• lawyers and staff of the PDO are equipped to deal with individual cases and to prepare analytical reports on issues such</li> </ul>

	<p>as the fight against intolerance, the protection of social rights and the fight against ill-treatment and the protection of vulnerable groups including children, persons with disabilities, LGBT persons and victims of domestic violence;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Human Rights Academy strengthens its capacity to deliver human rights awareness training for general public through integration of the ECHR component and HELP methodology and is able to ensure a long-term and ongoing training process.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Implemented or planned activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• needs assessment study and development of the recommendations for the PDO;</li> <li>• capacity building activities - training sessions, study visits, cascade training sessions, conferences, etc;</li> <li>• development of new training courses, curriculum, for the staff of PDO through the HELP platform.</li> </ul>