

## Strengthening the application of European human rights standards in the armed forces

### *Project summary*

<b>Project title</b>	Strengthening the application of European human rights standards in the armed forces
<b>Country</b>	Armenia
<b>Budget</b>	€ 1 000 000
<b>Funding</b>	UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (90%) and Council of Europe (10%)
<b>Duration</b>	28 months (1 October 2016 – 31 January 2019)
<b>Partners and beneficiaries</b>	Ministry of Defence, Investigation Committee, Military Prosecutor, Human Rights Defender, Ministry of Justice, parliament committees, NGOs
<b>Main objectives</b>	to contribute to a better protection of human rights in the armed forces in Armenia, by improving the national capacity to apply European human rights standards in the armed forces and by improving the prevention, identification, referral and handling of human rights violations in the armed forces, with a particular focus on ill-treatment.
<b>Expected outputs and results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the relevant military legislation is reviewed and advanced to make it compliant with international and European human rights standards;</li> <li>- the capacity of the Human Rights and Integrity Building Centre of the MoD to ensure human rights compliance and promote them within the armed forces and the MoD is enhanced;</li> <li>- human rights awareness is raised among members of the armed forces, and their access to relevant information on European human rights standards increases;</li> <li>- the regulatory framework and institutional mechanisms to prevent and address human rights violations in the armed forces are reviewed and strengthened;</li> <li>- the prevention of human rights violations and external monitoring of the situation with their observance in the armed forces improve;</li> <li>- effectiveness of investigation and other procedures concerning ill-treatment, non-combat deaths and other serious human rights violations in the armed forces are improved.</li> </ul>