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Project summary

Project title	Application of the European Convention on Human Rights and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights in Azerbaijan
Country	Azerbaijan
Budget	1 968 871 €
Funding	CoE/EU Programmatic Cooperation Framework for the Eastern Partnership Countries
Duration	36 months (1 January 2015 - 31 December 2017)
Partners and beneficiaries	National training institutions with respect to their capacity to provide effective training to legal professionals; judges and advocates who will receive human rights training.
Main objectives	to increase the role and capacity of the Justice Academy to train legal professionals and to enhance the capacity of lawyers to effectively apply the European Convention on Human Rights.
Expected outputs and results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- the Justice Academy strengthens its capacity to deliver human rights training for legal professionals through integration of the ECHR component and HELP methodology and is able to ensure a long-term and ongoing training process;- lawyers develop their competence to promote, domestically, European human rights standards and use them in legal proceedings before national courts, as well as before the ECtHR;- national judicial institutions are able to access all HELP/ECHR related materials online.
Planned activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- needs assessment study and development of the recommendations for national training institutions;- capacity building activities - training of trainers sessions, study visits, cascade training sessions, conferences, etc;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- development of new HELP training courses, implementation of distance learning courses for legal professionals in Azerbaijan through the HELP platform;- publication of ECHR/HELP materials and tools.
Activities already implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- needs assessment mission identified training needs of legal professionals and recommendations to improve the practice of judicial training were provided in the needs assessment report;- built on the methodology and tools of the HELP programme, a pool of 38 competent national trainers was established and able to deliver practical training on the European Convention of Human Rights;- selected future trainers of the Justice Academy gained experience and knowledge about the ECHR through study visits to the Council of Europe and the ECtHR;- registered members of the Collegium of Advocates and judges of various instances are being trained on the ECHR in the course of 2-day cascade training seminars. Future trainers of the Justice Academy are involved in conducting these seminars;- materials for the pilot HELP course on Article 5 of the European Convention on Human Rights have been developed by HELP working group comprised of international and national experts. The completed course will be translated and adapted to the practice in other CoE member states.