

RESULTS FACTSHEET

Partnership for Good Governance in Armenia

September 2020

Key figures

- Two successive phases since 2015
- 16 projects under PGG II
- 2 country-specific projects for Armenia with a budget of EUR 2,630,000
- 4 regional projects covering Armenia

What is the Partnership for Good Governance?

Through the Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) the European Union and the Council of Europe are working together to strengthen governance in the Eastern Partnership region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus).

PGG provides tailor-made support to Eastern Partnership countries to bring legislation and practice closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, rule of law and democracy.

Project: Strengthening institutional capacities to fight and prevent corruption (Jan 2019-Dec 2021)

*PGG II is closely accompanying and supporting the Armenian government in its efforts to **set up a strong legislative and institutional framework to tackle corruption.***

- The project provided legal support to establish the **new national anti-corruption body**, the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (CPC), and developed guidelines to help the CPC perform its duties.
- The **Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan for 2019-2022**, were adopted with the project's support, significantly expanding the role and mandate of the CPC.
- A **new Law on Civil Forfeiture of Illegal Assets** was adopted in April 2020, based on Council of Europe's recommendations, strengthening the national framework for asset recovery.
- The project also focused on **promoting integrity** through the development of a Code of Conduct for Members of the National Assembly and the organisation of a participatory workshop to raise awareness of multiple stakeholders on integrity systems and corruption prevention for civil servants.

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

Project: Implementation of judicial reforms (Jan 2019-Dec 2021)

Component 1: Enhancing the independence and professionalism of the judiciary

PGG II is supporting Armenia in **strengthening the integrity and effectiveness of the judiciary** to ensure Armenian citizens have access to and benefit from an independent and impartial judiciary.

- Support was provided to the Ministry of Justice of Armenia to assess and **revise the Strategy for Judicial and Legal Reforms 2019-2023** and deriving Action Plans.
- The revision of the ethical and disciplinary framework of the judiciary, the development of requirements for NGOs nominating candidates to the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission and the revision of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly of Judges **improved the accountability of the judiciary**.
- The **Draft Law on Amendments and Addenda to the Law on Compulsory Enforcement of Judicial Acts** was drafted, shared with the Ministry of Justice and supported by a comparative analysis on best practices carried out by the project. As a result, 15 legal acts are expected to be amended.
- The project supported the Arbitration Association of Armenia with the design of a website to provide **information on non-judiciary redress mechanisms**, facilitate and enhance the use of arbitration.

Component 2: Supporting the criminal justice reform and harmonising the application of European standards in Armenia

PGG II is supporting Armenia in **implementing criminal justice reform** through legislative, methodological and capacity-building assistance.

- The **draft Criminal and Criminal Procedure Codes** awaiting adoption before Parliament were finalised and aligned with European standards with the support of the project.
- The training programme of the Justice Academy was complemented by **five new courses** for judges and judicial assistants. **72 legal professionals** attended the two new Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) online courses translated into Armenian and adapted to the national legal order. The professional capacity of **55 judges** adjudicating criminal cases were strengthened to apply the European Convention on Human Rights.
- **Guidelines were drafted** and provided to Armenian legal professionals on the European Court of Human Rights case-law related to criminal issues to support the application of European standards.


[A background information sheet on both components of this project is available on the website.](#)

More information:

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Regional projects implemented in Armenia:

- ▶ Strengthening measures to prevent and combat economic crime
- ▶ Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards
- ▶ Women's Access to Justice: delivering on the Istanbul Convention and other European gender equality standards
- ▶ Strengthening the access to justice through non-judiciary redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech

For more information, consult the Factsheet on Regional projects

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