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CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance Programme (PGG) Belarus: Good governance and fight against corruption (PGG-BE)

Project Summary

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Project title	Good governance and fight against corruption (PGG-BE)
Project area	Belarus
Budget	EURO 100,000
Funding	European Union 90%; Council of Europe 10%
Implementation	Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Duration	24 months (starting on 1 January 2016)

BACKGROUND

The Belarus Project on “Good governance and fight against corruption” was part of the overall CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) Programme “Fight against corruption and fostering good governance; Fight against money-laundering” assistance facility to the Eastern Partnership countries. It was one of the National Components primarily focused on strengthening efforts aimed at preventing and fighting corruption.

NEEDS, OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES

The **overall objective** of the PGG-BE project was to contribute to democracy and the rule of law through strengthening of good governance and anti-corruption mechanisms. Accordingly, the PGG-BE aimed at strengthening institutional capacities to prevent and counter corruption in Belarus, in accordance with applicable European standards. Due to the small scale of the Project, activities were developed to address discrete but specific issues, following country needs and priorities as well as the European Union Council Conclusions on Belarus (October 2012). The Project accordingly focused on:

- **Prevention:** risk assessments; and
- **Enforcement:** strengthening the capacities of criminal justice institutions to investigate and prosecute corruption.

In line with the above, the Project achieved the following:

- **Expected Result 1:** Selected sectors of public governance reviewed for corruption (risk assessments); and
- **Expected Result 2:** Capacities of authorities to prevent, investigate, prosecute and adjudicate corruption and economic crime cases enhanced.

Assistance activities planned in both areas included assessments, provision of expert advice, workshops, trainings, and roundtables. The activity results have been documented in technical papers, handbooks, or other **written output** which are available on the Project website.

COUNTERPARTS/BENEFICIARIES

Main Counterpart: Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Belarus

Belarus Beneficiaries:

- State Security Committee;
- Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- Ministry of Taxes and Duties;
- State Control Committee;
- Ministry of Communications and Informatisation;
- Ministry of Finance;
- National Bank of the Republic of Belarus;
- Investigative Committee.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

As the key actor in this thematic area and the EaP region, the Council of Europe Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Department of Information Society and Action against Crime, was in-charge of implementing activities under this Project. It engaged international long- and short-term experts in the field of anti-corruption and economic crime and local experts from EaP countries to that end.

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