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CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance Programme (PGG) Ukraine: Fight against Corruption (PGG-UA)

Project Summary

Project title	Fight against Corruption (PGG-UA)
Project area	Ukraine
Budget	EURO 150,000
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	12 months (starting from 1 January 2018)

BACKGROUND

The Ukraine Project “Fight against Corruption” represented one of the three National Components under the CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) Programme “Fight against corruption and fostering good governance; fight against money-laundering” for Eastern Partnership countries specifically conceptualised to respond to the evolving situation in Ukraine. Implemented since 2015, it functioned as an Open Facility of Advisory Services aimed at providing Ukrainian authorities access to the wealth of Council of Europe expertise in the anti-corruption/economic crime field pursuant to existing and emerging needs. The Project worked through combination of policy/legislative and capacity building actions specifically tailored to address each of the expected aims.

NEEDS, OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES

The **overall objective** of the PGG-UA Project was to contribute to democracy and the rule of law through prevention and control of corruption in Ukraine. In 2018, the Project looked to increase compliance of anti-corruption legislation with the Council of Europe and other international standards and improve capacities of judiciary related to corruption adjudication and criminal proceedings against economic crime through strengthening capacities of the National School of Judges. Project expected results and accompanying activities had been identified through negotiations with Ukrainian counterparts.

The Project expected results and areas of assistance were:

- **Expected Result 1:** Strengthen legislative and institutional framework in line with Council of Europe and other international standards and good practices;
- **Expected Result 2:** Certified training course and accompanying training materials on adjudication of corruption and other economic crime offences developed and introduced into judicial training;

- **Expected Result 3:** Capacities of National School of Judges to deliver training on adjudication of corruption offences and economic crimes strengthened.

Assistance activities in each field included provision of expert advice, workshops, trainings, and roundtables. The activity results were documented in technical papers, training materials, manuals, or other **written output** which are available on the Project website.

COUNTERPARTS/BENEFICIARIES

Main counterpart: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Project beneficiary institutions include:

- Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
- Ministry of Justice and other line ministries;
- National School of Judges of Ukraine;
- Judiciary.

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, Action against Crime Department, 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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