

Partnership for Good Governance



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Regional Project: Good Governance against Economic Crime

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Specialised Anti-Corruption bodies
- ▶ Criminal Justice Sector
- ▶ Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) supervisory authorities
- ▶ Policy advice institutions at the central administration level.

How will the project work?

- ▶ Through tailor-made actions on policy, legislative and capacity building, addressing project objectives.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is 550.000 Euros.

Why is the project being run?

- ▶ To improve effectiveness of the specialised anti-corruption bodies and prevention structures
- ▶ To increase common understanding on effective implementation of standards of transparency of Beneficial ownership and Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) supervision of financial institutions

What are the expected results?

- ▶ Strengthened operational independence and effectiveness of specialised anti-corruption bodies and prevention mechanism in the EaP region through exchange of country reform experiences
- ▶ Developed Guide on corruption prevention and enforcement policies with respect to illicit enrichment and integrity of civil servants
- ▶ Guidance on introduction and effective implementation of beneficial ownership requirements in line with the FATF standards, EU 4th AML Directive and international good practices
- ▶ Strengthened regulatory and enforcement capacities building of Anti-Money Laundering /Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) supervisory authorities in EaP countries through use of a risk-based approach.

How long is the project?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018. It represents continuation of actions against economic crime in the Eastern Partnership countries, implemented within EU/CoE Partnership for Good Governance Programme since 2015.

<http://partnership-governance-eu.coe.int>

Who is responsible for the project?

- ▶ The Project is implemented by the Council of Europe Action against Crime Department through its Economic Crime and Cooperation Division (ECCD).

How do we get more information?

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In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted co-operation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus – the EU's Eastern Partnership countries – would be implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance.

These co-operation activities will strengthen the capacity of Eastern Partnership countries, which are member States of the Council of Europe, with the exception of Belarus, to implement domestic reforms to bring them closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.