

Support to justice sector reform initiatives in Azerbaijan

Project summary

Project title	Support to justice sector reform initiatives in Azerbaijan
Country	Azerbaijan
Budget	USD 400 000
Funding	US Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)
Duration	12 months (1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018)
Partners and beneficiaries	The Constitutional Court, Supreme Court, Presidential Administration, Ministry of Justice, General Prosecutor Office, Parliament, Justice Academy of the Ministry of Justice, Collegium of Advocates, civil society organisations.
Main objectives	to support justice reforms and improve human rights implementation in Azerbaijan through assisting the Government of Azerbaijan in developing and implementing national action plans related to protection of human rights (objective 1) and supporting and training legal professionals and institutions in improving their capacity to address crimes in compliance with international human rights standards (objective 2).
Expected outputs and results	<p>Under specific objective 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to analyse functioning of the criminal justice system and develop a roadmap of actions in line with European standards. <p>Under specific objective 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to improve technical capacities of the judiciary to apply case law in a more harmonised manner; - to enhance capacities of national training institutions and learning resources to ensure continuous human rights education for legal professionals.
Implemented or planned activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment and support of the works of a joint working group with academics, parliamentarians, legal professionals and civil society to develop a strategy/road map for improvement of the criminal justice system; - A series of working-level round tables to discuss the draft with various justice stakeholders;

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of the strategy/road map in a conference in Baku;- Assessment of existing IT system in terms of training of legal professionals in Azerbaijan with a view of harmonization of national human rights practices and preparation of the report;- Evaluation of possible synergies between national judiciary IT system and the HELP Programme, development of recommendations on effective dissemination of e-learning tools, assessment of the most adequate methodology and preparation of the report;- HELP Training of Trainers on new courses for the core staff of training institutions;- Series of training seminars for defense attorneys and independent lawyers on the ECHR rights and case law of the ECtHR;- Series of training seminars for prosecutors and investigators on the ECHR rights and case law of the ECtHR;- Series of training seminars for judges on the ECHR rights and case law of the ECtHR;- Series of training seminars for court clerks;- Adaptation of 2 HELP online courses into Azerbaijani (Reasoning of Criminal Judgments, Alternative Measures to Detention);- HELP courses organised for judges and prosecutors in the regions. |
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