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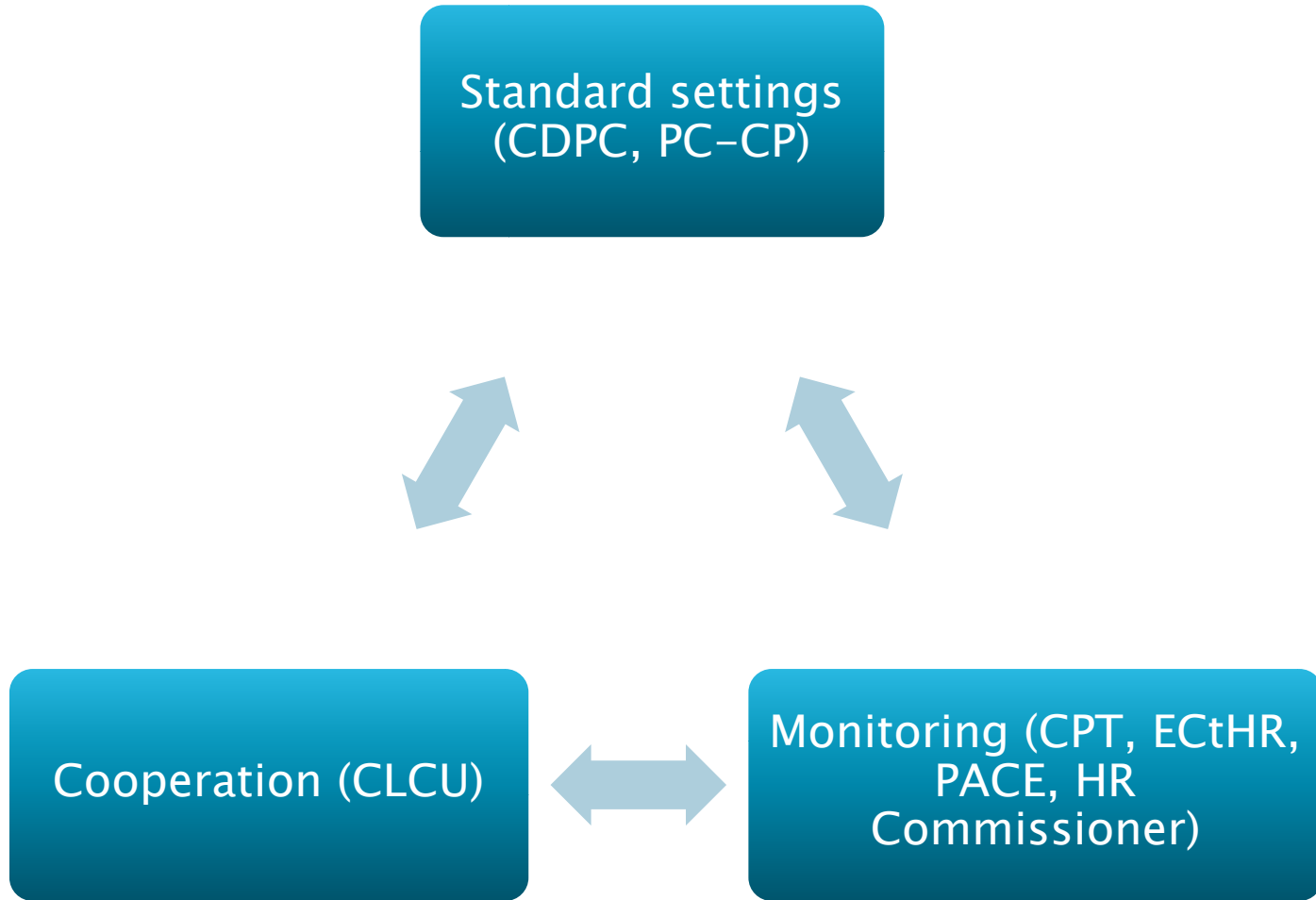
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS
ON THE OPERATION
OF EUROPEAN CONVENTIONS
ON CO-OPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS
PC-OC
73rd meeting**

**Strasbourg, 20 -22 November 2017
Criminal Law Cooperation Unit**

Action against Crime Department
Information Society and Action *against Crime Directorate*
DG I - Human Rights and Rule of Law

What do we do?



Theory of change

The CoE's capacity development interventions (revision of the institutional framework, training, workshops, seminars etc.) will contribute:

- ▶ To an enhanced understanding of, framework for, and commitment to, human rights and rule of law standards in penitentiary systems (short-term effectiveness).
- ▶ This in turn will allow authorities to enhance practices, i.e. improve the treatment of prisoners (medium-term).
- ▶ Finally, in the long-term, the enhanced treatment can be expected to improve the physical and mental integrity of prisoners, thus contributing to their safe return into society and strengthened human rights in the country in general.

Exchange of good practices

➤ *Multilateral meetings on:*

- *Foreign prisoners;*
- *Organisation and management of prison health care;*
- *Respecting fundamental rights and freedoms in the context of strengthening the fight against terrorism (3rd IPCAN conference).*

Current projects

- ▶ EU/ CoE 'Programmatic Cooperation Framework' (PCF) – renamed the 'Partnership for Good Governance' (PGG) (Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine)
- ▶ EU/ CoE Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”)
- ▶ EU/ CoE JP Azerbaijan
- ▶ HRTF Bulgaria
- ▶ EEA Norway Grants
- ▶ VC UK Bosnia and Herzegovina

Promoting penitentiary reforms (from a punitive to a rehabilitative approach)

- ▶ Support enhancement of the legislative and regulatory framework and practice, in order to improve the treatment and rehabilitation of prisoners;**
- ▶ Reinforce the legislative powers and operational capacity of the national oversight mechanism (internal and external).**
- ▶ Combat prison overcrowding and support use of community sanctions and measures.**

(budget €2 755 000)



Strengthening health care and human rights protection in prisons in Armenia (PGG)

Duration	23 March 2015– 31 July 2017 28 months
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> Provision of healthcare (including mental/psychiatric health care) and the capacities of the staff in prisons are improved and brought in line with European Standards

Human Rights and Healthcare in Prisons and Other Closed Institutions in Georgia II (PGG)

Duration	1 March 2016 – 31 December 2017 23 Months (5 months of no-cost extension)
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To strengthen human rights and improve the provision of healthcare (including mental health care) in prisons, police detention and other closed facilities in Georgia in line with European standards

Further Support for the Penitentiary Reform in Ukraine (PGG)

Duration	1 January 2015- 31 December 2017 36 months
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To strengthen the observation of human rights and rule of law in treatment of prisoners in Ukraine.

Enhancing the Protection of Human Rights of prisoners in Albania (HF)

Duration	1 December 2017- 30 December 2017 24 months
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To enhance the protection of human rights of prisoners in line with CoE and CPT standards.

Enhancing human rights protection for detained and sentenced persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina (HF)

Duration	1 July 2016– 30 June 2018 24 months
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To support BiH authorities in ensuring compliance with European standards as necessary and to assist them in advancing further towards the stabilization and European integration.

Enhancing the protection of human rights of prisoners in Kosovo* (HF)

Duration	1 October 2016– 31 August 2018 23 months
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To enhance the protection of human rights of prisoners in line with CoE and in particular CPT standards

Enhancing human rights policing in Kosovo* (HF)

Duration	1 November 2017- 30 April 2019 18 months
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To enhance the human rights protection by the police and further strengthen the system of independent police control

Enhancing human rights protection for detained and sentenced persons in Montenegro (HF)

Duration	1 October 2016– 31 March 2019 28 months (16 months of no-cost extension)
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To enhance human rights protection of detained and sentenced persons in Montenegro in line with CoE and in particular CPT standards

Enhancing human rights protection for detained and sentenced persons in Serbia (HF)

Duration	1 January 2017- 31 August 2018 20 months
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To strengthen human rights of detained and sentenced persons in Serbia

Enhancing Human Rights Policing in „the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia“ (HF)

Duration	1 September 2016- 28 February 2018 18 months
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To strengthen the protection of the rights of apprehended and persons in police custody in the country in line with CoE and international standards.

Strengthening the protection of the rights of sentenced persons in »the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia« (HF)

Duration	1 June 2016- 1 November 2018 30 months
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To strengthen the protection of the rights of sentenced persons in line with CoE standards

Further support to the penitentiary reform in Azerbaijan (JP)

Duration	1 September 2016– 30 April 2018 20 months
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To strengthen the implementation and enforcement of criminal sanctions in Azerbaijan based on the rule of law and respect for human rights.

Support for the implementation of the European Court of Human Rights judgments and the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment standards and recommendations in Bulgaria (Prison Reform)” (HRTF)

Duration	1 November 2016– 30 March 2017 16 months (4 months of no-cost extension)
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> Improvement and development of effective and comprehensive prison reform in Bulgaria in conformity with the European standards and in particular with the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and Committee for Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) standards and recommendations.

Supporting reintegration of violent and extremist prisoners in Bosnia and Herzegovina (VC)

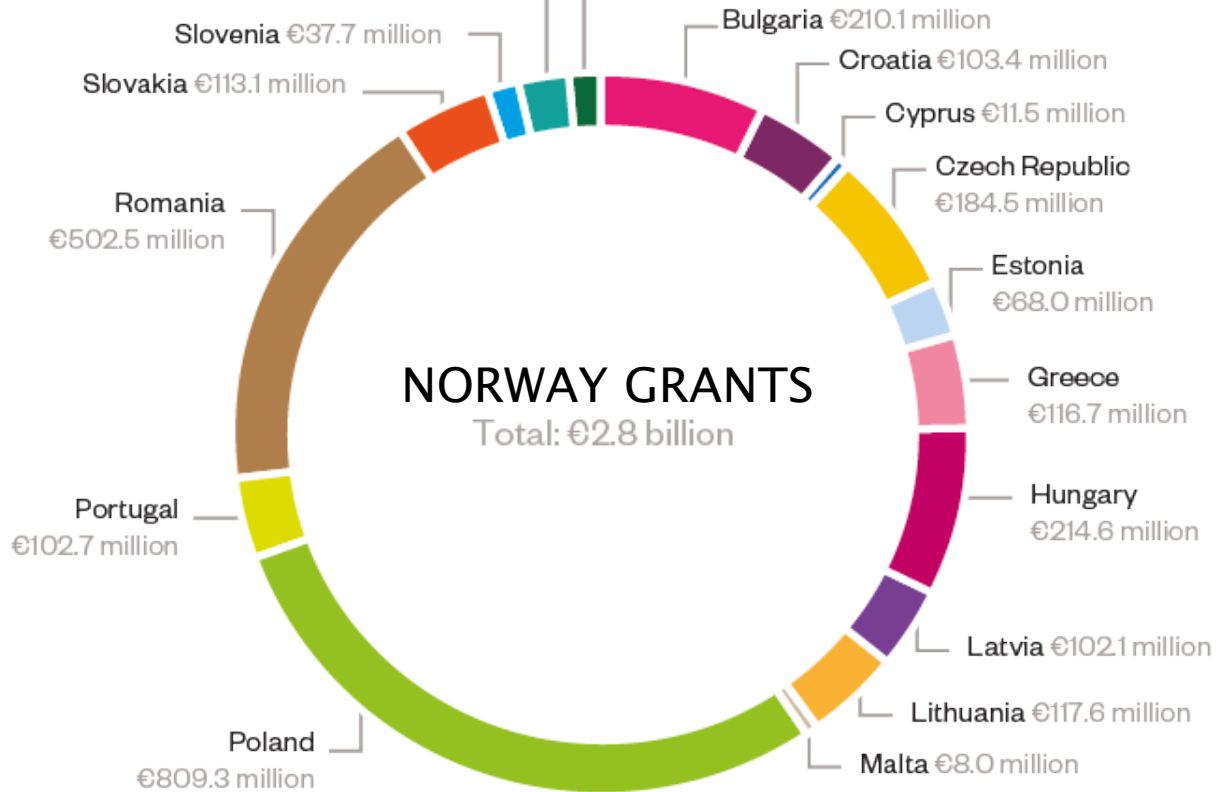
Duration	1 May 2017– 31 March 2018 11 months
Objectives	<u>Impact:</u> To support BiH authorities in standardising prisons' operational procedures with respect to violent and extremist prisoners that are based on lawful exercise of public safety duties, thereby enabling prisoners' effective and efficient reintegration in the community.

NORWAY GRANTS


- ▶ The Norway Grants amount to approximately €804 million in period 2009 – 2014.
- ▶ The Norway Grants are available to the 13 EU member countries that joined in 2004, 2007 and 2013.
- ▶ The CoE is involved in 19 programmes of the Grants, covering 9 beneficiary countries, by providing advice in the development and implementation of programmes and also takes part in a number of projects through the experts' involvement.
- ▶ The Norway Grants were divided into 32 Programme Area and each programme area have several projects.
- ▶ CLCU is involved in 2 Programme Areas in 4 countries

The EEA and Norway Grants Fund
for Youth Employment €65.5 million

The EEA and Norway Grants Fund
for Regional Cooperation €34.5 million

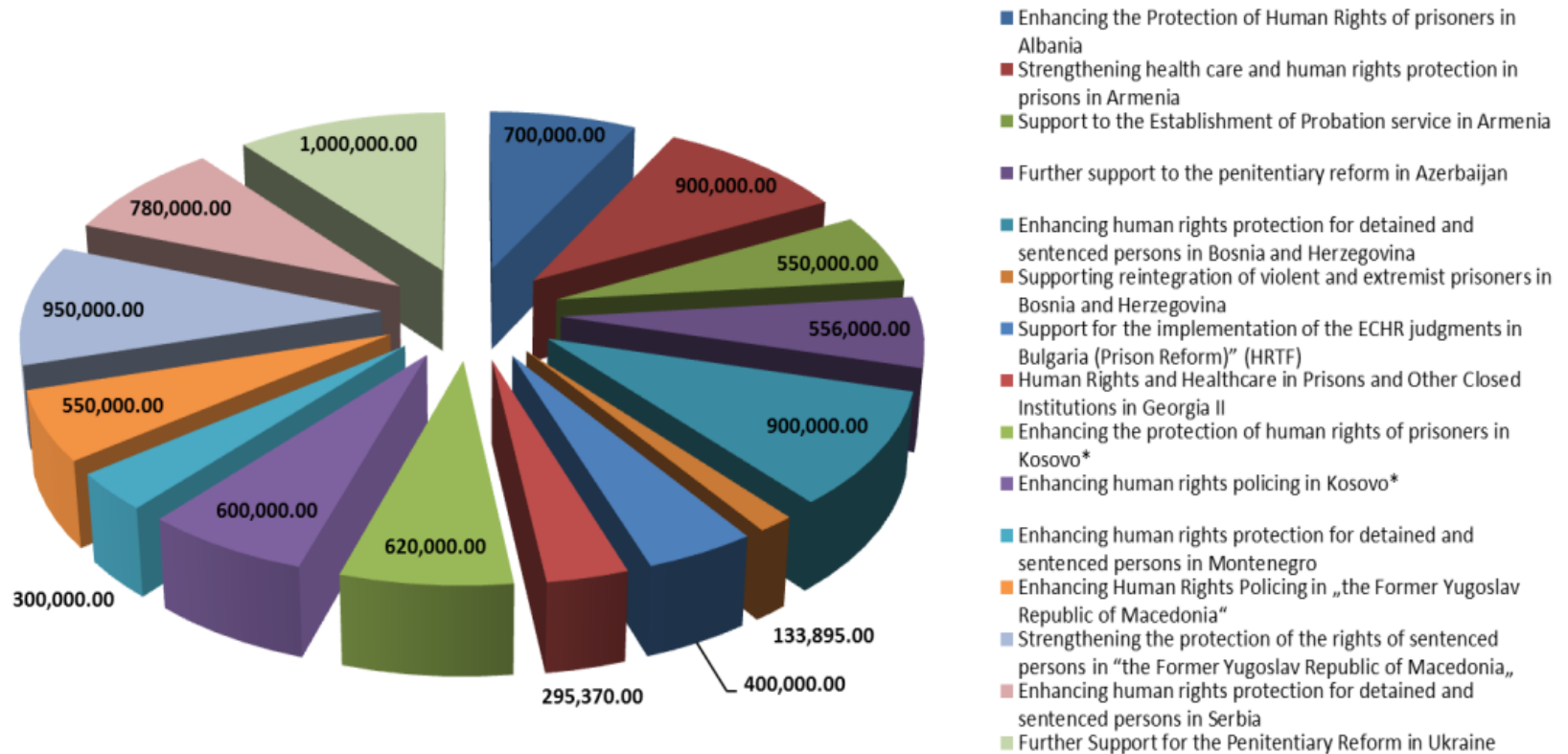


CLCU in numbers

1. 12 fully fledged projects financed by external resources in combine value of €9,2 million;
 2. CoE Ordinary Budget is €252k
 3. 20 staff members in 9 countries, and 11 in Strasbourg;
 4. 3 new projects to start ion 1 January 2018 in combined value of over €10 million;
 5. EEA Norway Grants finalisation of the first phase and preparation for the second;
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Projects and budgets

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Thank you for your attention



For more information on individual projects and activities, please visit our web site

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/criminal-law-coop>