



Partnership for Good Governance II (2019-2022)

Raising Awareness of the Istanbul Convention and other Gender Equality Standards in Azerbaijan

What is the goal?

- ▶ To raise awareness on the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention) and other gender equality standards in Azerbaijan;
- ▶ This project seeks to provide support to the Azerbaijani authorities in their path towards the signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention and to bring national legislation and policies in line with the Council of Europe standards.

How does the project work?

- ▶ Through three main fields of action:
 - legislative and policy framework gap analysis;
 - awareness-raising activities; and
 - capacity-building of relevant stakeholders.

How much does it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is 582 000 Euros.
- ▶ 80% is funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe. The project is implemented by the Council of Europe.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs;
- ▶ Ombudsperson's office;
- ▶ Ministry of Justice;
- ▶ Academy of Justice;
- ▶ Legal professionals;
- ▶ Faculty of Law of Baku State University;
- ▶ Civil society;
- ▶ Victims of violence against women and domestic violence;
- ▶ General public

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Enhanced understanding on the Istanbul Convention and other gender equality standards;
- ▶ Increase in the authorities' capacity to develop national legislation and policies in line with CoE standards on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, including the Istanbul Convention;
- ▶ Application of knowledge and skills on the Istanbul Convention and CoE standards on gender equality by legal professionals and civil servants when dealing with cases of violence against women and domestic violence.

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 July 2020 to 31 August 2022.

Where can I learn more ?

- ▶ [Capacity-Building and Co-operation Projects Unit, Gender Equality Division](#)

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This project is a bilateral project with Azerbaijan implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance Programme (phase II also referred to as the PGG II).

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. The phase I of the programme (PGG I) started in 2015 and was completed in 2018; the second phase of the programme (PGG II) was launched in 2019 and will run until August 2022.

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.