

Partnership for Good Governance



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Regional project: Strengthening constitutional justice in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Individuals who will benefit from the improvement of constitutional justice systems
- ▶ Judges and legal advisors who will improve their expertise in constitutional law
- ▶ Legal professionals, who will have access to an expanded network of experts in constitutional and human rights law

Why is the project being run?

- ▶ To establish co-operation among the constitutional courts in the region and with other European courts
- ▶ To reinforce dialogue on constitutional matters in line with European standards
- ▶ To foster capacities of judges and legal professionals to prepare and deliver high quality judgments in conformity with European standards of constitutional justice
- ▶ To improve the database on constitutional case-law (www.codices.coe.int)

How will the project work?

- ▶ Through bilateral work as well as multilateral exchanges of experiences
- ▶ Forum for stakeholders to discuss European standards in constitutional justice
- ▶ Through improved access to constitutional case-law

What are the expected results?

- ▶ Peer-to-peer exchanges between legal professionals committed to constitutional law matters
- ▶ Regional conferences examining the role of constitutional courts
- ▶ Opinions on draft legislation pertaining to constitutional matters

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is around 300,000 Euros.
- ▶ 90% is funded by the European Union and 10% by the Council of Europe. The programme is implemented by the Council of Europe

How long is the project?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2018

Who is responsible for the project?

- ▶ The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's Venice Commission

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.

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