

Partnership for Good Governance



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Strengthening the protection of national minorities in Ukraine

Who will benefit?

- ▶ National minorities in Ukraine who will benefit of strengthened protection of their rights
- ▶ Authorities in charge of minority issues and language policy who will benefit of increased capacities in terms of institutional set up and professional knowledge and competences

Why is the project being run?

- ▶ To strengthen the institutional framework for the protection of national minorities, in line with the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and the European Charter for Minority Languages recommendations

How will the project work?

- ▶ Through the bilateral work with the public authorities in charge of minority issues
- ▶ Expertise and advice provided to set up domestic executive structure dealing with national minorities
- ▶ Expertise and advice provided to set up consultative mechanism
- ▶ Capacity building activities for public authorities, including peer to peer exchanges to support the development of knowledge about related Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and European Charter for Minority Languages standards and recommendations

What are the expected results?

- ▶ Strengthened domestic executive structure dealing with national minorities
- ▶ Improved coordination and consultation set up that includes minority-related stakeholders to support regulatory review process
- ▶ Increased competences and knowledge of public authorities in charge of minorities about relevant Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and European Charter for Minority Languages standards and recommendations

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is 200,000 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 will run from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018

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Who is responsible for the project?

- ▶ Anti-Discrimination Department,
Directorate General of Democracy,
Council of Europe

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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