

Programmatic Cooperation Framework for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus

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“Promote professional and responsible journalism by supporting regional network of self-regulatory bodies”

Regional Project

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Journalists and media self-regulatory bodies in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.
- ▶ Civil Society Organisations in contact with the government institutions on freedom of the press and media.
- ▶ General public benefitting from freedom of expression and information.

The aims of the project

- ▶ To establish regional co-operation among media self-regulatory bodies from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.
- ▶ To ensure regular exchange of information and experience among the self-regulatory bodies in order to improve their visibility, relevance and effectiveness.
- ▶ To improve cross-border complaints mechanism pertaining to journalistic ethics.
- ▶ To ensure self-sustainable funding for the regional network of medial self-regulatory bodies.

How will the project work?

- ▶ In close co-operation and partnership with relevant media self-regulatory bodies.
- ▶ By strengthening co-operation in complaint-handling and developing a cross-border complaints mechanism.
- ▶ Through regional co-operation, coordination and provision of a forum for discussion and exchange of experiences.

Project activities

- ▶ Regular round tables of the network of media self-regulatory bodies to work on topical issues.
- ▶ Regional conferences to reinforce regional co-operation of the media self-regulatory bodies to improve their effectiveness.
- ▶ Initiatives to develop a regional complaints mechanism to review complaints concerning alleged infringement of rights caused by media.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 409.000 Euros

Length of project

- ▶ The project runs from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017
- ▶ The project was launched on 1 January 2015

Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Council of

For more information

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These cooperation 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.

The overall PCF budget for 2015-2017 is €33.8 million.

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