

**Application of the European Convention on Human Rights and harmonisation of national legislation and judicial practice in line with European standards in Georgia**

***Project summary***

<b>Project title</b>	Application of the European Convention on Human Rights and harmonisation of national legislation and judicial practice in line with European standards in Georgia
<b>Country</b>	Georgia
<b>Budget</b>	754 831 €
<b>Funding</b>	CoE/EU Programmatic Cooperation Framework for the Eastern Partnership Countries
<b>Duration</b>	24 months (1 July 2015 -30 June 2017)
<b>Partners and beneficiaries</b>	judges, prosecutors, lawyers, staff members of the Courts and Chief Prosecutor's Office, policy and decision makers
<b>Main objectives</b>	to strengthen the criminal justice framework in line with European standards and enhance the capacity of legal professionals to apply those standards at the national level
<b>Expected outputs and results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- primary and secondary legislation related to criminal justice, functioning of jury trials are amended/ developed to bring the legal framework in line with European standards;</li> <li>- relevant target groups (judges and prosecutors) have the necessary knowledge to carry out jury trials in line with ECHR requirements;</li> <li>- legal professionals (judges, prosecutors, lawyers) are enabled through initial and continuous training to use new legislation in a harmonised way and in line with the ECHR and the ECtHR case law;</li> <li>- city judges are enabled to re-examine the judgments in cases when ECtHR issues dissenting judgments on the grounds of violation of fair trial;</li> <li>- judges know how to use the Supreme Court's database of cases to ensure uniformity of decisions;</li> <li>- Human Rights Centre staff at the Supreme Court has the ability to carry out their work more effectively.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Implemented or planned activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- review of legislation;</li> <li>- development of the Strategy and Action Plan of the Analytical Department of the Supreme Court of Georgia;</li> <li>- training sessions on re-examining the judgments of national courts as a result of ECtHR judgments;</li> <li>- improvement of the Supreme court's database of cases;</li> <li>- development of the Comparative Study on Pre-trial;</li> <li>- training sessions on jury trial standards;</li> <li>- training sessions for judges, prosecutors and lawyers on various ECHR standards (Fair trial, prohibition of torture, non-discrimination, etc);</li> <li>- support in the development of the Bench&amp;Bar procedures;</li> <li>- study visit for judges sitting at jury trials;</li> <li>- study visit for the staff of the analytical departments of courts and prosecutor's offices.</li> </ul>
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