

COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICE IN BAKU

2024 AT A GLANCE

Since 2014, technical co-operation in Azerbaijan has been guided by successive Council of Europe Action Plans prepared jointly with the national authorities and aimed at bringing the national legislation and practice further into line with European and international standards in the areas of human rights, rule of law and democracy.

The Action Plan for Azerbaijan 2022-2025 focuses on enhancing the effectiveness of the European Convention of Human Rights system at national level, preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, children's rights, preventing and fighting economic crime, fostering mediation, promoting equality and promoting media professionalism and freedom of information and supporting youth for democracy.



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FOR AZERBAIJAN
2022-2025



KEY FIGURES

AS OF 1 JANUARY 2025



13 STAFF MEMBERS

- 5 Core Staff
- 8 Project Staff



REGIONAL PROJECTS: 5

COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS: 5

- 1 project funded through voluntary contributions
- 4 projects as a part of the EU/Council of Europe Partnership for Good Governance



ACTION PLAN

BUDGET

12.57 million euros

IN FOCUS: EU / COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROGRAMME

- Strengthening justice
- Countering economic crime
- Promoting equality and non-discrimination
- Advancing women's access to justice and combating violence against women

Partnership for Good Governance



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Authorities improved legislative framework and practice; civil society are more engaged to combat violence against women and domestic violence

Authorities amended legislation and improved practices based on the gap analysis of the legislative and policy national framework in this field. They enhanced the efficiency of protection orders and victim support and increased awareness of gender equality standards among officials, legal professionals, law students, and civil society organizations.

Awareness-raising for civil society, lawyers and students on equality and non-discrimination

The Council of Europe raised awareness among civil society organisation, lawyers, and young students about its equality and non-discrimination standards. It also strengthened the capacities of civil society institutions to promote equality and support a more diverse society.



Better professional skills for journalists and improved freedom of information

Journalists improved their skills, leading to increased freedom of information. Media professionals enhanced their expertise in media literacy, green journalism, mitigating hate speech, gender-sensitive reporting, and covering conflicts and elections. Lawyers, judges, and prosecutors increased their awareness of freedom of expression and information, data protection and privacy, and access to information.

More efficient justice

Mediation stakeholders made greater use of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) tools. Mediators strengthened their capacities, while mediation trainers enhanced their competences and improved the Justice Academy's training resources on mediation. The quality of mediation services also improved.



Stronger legal and institutional framework to combat corruption and money laundering

Authorities implemented legislative reforms, including amending the Criminal Procedural Code and improving legislation on Anti-Money Laundering, Countering the Financing of Terrorism, asset recovery, and targeted financial sanctions. State institutions and enforcement bodies introduced enhanced practices for corruption risk assessment and prevention.

Authorities improved the implementation of European Court of Human Rights judgments

National authorities enhanced their capacities, leading to the increased number of closed cases involving Azerbaijan, improved execution of judgments of the European Court and better case management. Legal professionals enhanced their awareness about the importance of execution of judgments of the European Court through the support of the Council of Europe.



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