



Partnership for Good Governance 2019-2021 (PGGII)

Project: Strengthening institutional capacities to fight and prevent corruption in Armenia

What is the goal?

- ▶ To increase efficiency of anti-corruption and asset recovery while preventing and combating corruption in Armenia.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ The general public;
- ▶ Ministry of Justice;
- ▶ Commission on Ethics of High-Ranking Officials;
- ▶ Corruption Prevention Commission (to be established by the Government);
- ▶ Civil Service Office;
- ▶ Police;
- ▶ Office of the General Prosecutor;
- ▶ Special Investigation Service of Armenia;
- ▶ Investigative Committee of Armenia;
- ▶ Judiciary;
- ▶ Civil society.

How does the project work?

- ▶ Through combination of tailored policy/legislative and capacity-building actions.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Stronger legislative and institutional frameworks for combating corruption through independent and efficient anti-corruption bodies;
- ▶ Enhanced systems of asset declaration, conflict of interest and illicit enrichment for all levels of public officials;
- ▶ Increased effectiveness of investigation, prosecution and adjudication of corruption-related crimes and offenses;
- ▶ Further developed institutional asset recovery mechanisms.

How much does it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is EUR 850 000.
- ▶ 80% is funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe. The project is implemented by the Council of Europe.

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021.

Where do I learn more?

- ▶ The Project is implemented by the [Council of Europe Action against Crime Department through its Economic Crime and Co-operation Division](#) (Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law)

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This project is a bilateral project with Armenia implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance Programme (phase II also referred to as PGGII).

In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted co-operation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus – the EU's Eastern Partnership countries – would be implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance programme. The phase I of the programme (PGGI) started in 2015 and was completed in 2018; the second phase of the programme (PGGII) was launched in 2019 and will run until 2021.

These co-operation activities aim to strengthen the capacity of the 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.