



Partnership for Good Governance II (2019-2022)

Project: Strengthening Anti-Money Laundering and Asset Recovery in Azerbaijan

What is the goal?

- ▶ To contribute to democracy and the rule of law through implementation of institutional reforms aimed at enhancing capacities of Azerbaijani authorities to prevent and combat money laundering and terrorism financing and recover proceeds from crime in line with European and international standards.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Anti-Corruption General Directorate under the General Prosecutor's Office;
- ▶ Financial Monitoring Service;
- ▶ General Prosecutor's Office;
- ▶ Ministry of Justice;
- ▶ Commission on Combating Corruption;
- ▶ Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- ▶ State Tax Service under the Ministry of Economy;
- ▶ State Security Service;
- ▶ State Customs Committee;
- ▶ Central Bank;
- ▶ Chamber of Auditors;
- ▶ Professional Associations (Banks; Lawyers);
- ▶ Civil society.

How does the project work?

- ▶ In close co-operation with the national partners;
- ▶ Through tailor-made actions on prevention, enforcement, and strategic development.
- ▶ Building on the results of previous co-operation in the field of anti-corruption and money laundering under the PGG Phase I (2015-2018).

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Strategic and operational capacities of Azerbaijani institutions to combat and prevent money laundering and terrorist financing increased;
- ▶ A legal and institutional framework for recovering proceeds from crime introduced.

How much does it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is EUR 722 000.
- ▶ 80% is funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe. The programme is implemented by the Council of Europe.

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 January 2019 to 31 August 2022.

Where can 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 Azerbaijan, implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance Programme (phase II also referred to as the PGG II).

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 (PGG I) started in 2015 and was completed in 2018; the second phase of the programme (PGG II) was launched in 2019 and will run until August 2022.

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.