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Partnership for Good Governance 2019-2021 (PGGII)

Project: Strengthening the efficiency and quality of the judicial system in Azerbaijan

What is the goal?

- ▶ Court users in Azerbaijan enjoy better access to justice through strengthened efficiency and quality of the judicial system and improved enforcement of court decisions.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ The general public.
- ▶ Ministry of Justice.
- ▶ Judicial Legal Council.
- ▶ Justice Academy.
- ▶ Azerbaijani courts.
- ▶ Azerbaijani legal professionals.

How does the project work?

- ▶ Raising awareness on the tools for public access to judicial statistics, based on the CEPEJ-STAT database.
- ▶ Spreading skills and know-how on judicial statistics' collection and analysis for policy-making and managerial purposes.
- ▶ Providing expert recommendations to bring the enforcement legislation in line with the European standards.
- ▶ Increasing awareness among the national stakeholders on the European good practices in enforcement proceedings and related case management.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ The enhancement of the efficiency and quality of Azerbaijani courts through the application of CEPEJ tools at national level.
- ▶ The improvement of the enforcement of court decisions through legal and institutional modernisation of the enforcement system and strengthened capacities of the institutions involved.

How much does it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is EUR 915 000.
- ▶ 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 programme runs from 1 March 2019 to 31 August 2021.

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Where can I learn more?

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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 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. 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 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.