

Partnership for Good Governance 2019-2021 (PGGII)

Project: Counteracting Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing in Belarus

What is the goal?

- ▶ To enhance compliance of Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) institutional framework with the applicable international standards and good practices.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ The general public.
- ▶ State Control Committee.
- ▶ General Prosecutor's Office.
- ▶ Investigative Committee.
- ▶ State Security Committee.
- ▶ Ministry of Taxes and Duties.
- ▶ Ministry of Finance.
- ▶ National Bank of the Republic of Belarus.

How does the project work?

- ▶ Through policy, legislative and capacity building actions, such as legal opinions, strategic advice, training and sharing experiences with other countries, specifically tailored to address each of the expected aims.
- ▶ It builds on the results of co-operation in the field of anti-corruption and money laundering under PGG Phase I (2015-2018).

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Comprehensive measures and detection of money laundering and terrorist financing are in place; and
- ▶ The use of risk-based approach to supervision is increased.

How much does it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is EUR 200 000.
- ▶ 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 December 2021.

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 Belarus, 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.