



## Partnership for Good Governance II (2019-2022)

### Project: Implementation of Judicial Reforms

#### Component 1: Enhancing the accountability and the efficiency of the judicial system and the professionalism of lawyers in Georgia

##### What is the goal?

- ▶ To enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of the court system in Georgia by supporting improved legislative safeguards, strengthened case management procedures, enhanced management practices and training capacities within the court system and at the Georgian Bar Association.

##### Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ The general public.
- ▶ High Council of Justice.
- ▶ Courts of General Jurisdiction.
- ▶ High School of Justice of Georgia.
- ▶ The Constitutional Court of Georgia.
- ▶ The Georgian Bar Association.
- ▶ Court users.
- ▶ Parliament of Georgia.

##### How does the project work?

- ▶ Through the provision of legal expertise, networking opportunities and exchange of best practices with the Council of Europe consultative bodies and its member States;
- ▶ Through the application of CEPEJ tools, recommendations, methodology and practical advice to improve the efficiency and quality of the Georgian justice system;
- ▶ In close co-operation with the national authorities, civil society organisations, academia and partner international organisations;
- ▶ By building the ownership through the institutionalisation of the changes promoted.
- ▶ Building on the results of co-operation in the field of justice under epy PGG Phase I (2015-2018)

##### What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ The legislation on judicial appointment, evaluation, promotion and accountability is revised and applied in line with the European standards;
- ▶ The timeliness and quality of court services are increased thanks to application of CEPEJ tools by courts and enhanced training of judges and staff;
- ▶ Court users benefit from more accountable, transparent and efficient functioning of the court system;
- ▶ Constitutional Court operates more efficiently;
- ▶ Georgian Bar Association is better equipped to provide quality professional adaptation programme and continuous legal education for its members.

## How much does it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of Component 1 is EUR 1 220 000.
- ▶ 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 component 1 of the project runs from 1 November 2019 to 31 August 2022.

## Where can I learn more?

- ▶ Legal Co-operation Division of the Justice and Legal Co-operation Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law

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## Component 2: Supporting the criminal justice reforms - tackling criminal aspects of the judicial reforms in Georgia

### What is the goal?

- ▶ To improve the level of criminal proceedings in Georgia in accordance with European standards

### Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ The general public.
- ▶ Judges, prosecutors, lawyers.

### How does the project work?

- ▶ Developing legislation, strategies, training programmes and materials.
- ▶ Organising seminars/round tables/conferences to raise awareness of challenges and new procedures in criminal proceedings in Georgia;
- ▶ Training sessions as organised using the tools and methodology of the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP);
- ▶ Publications/translations important texts and documents of the Council of Europe and other organisations to ensure that the expertise of European/CoE consultants/institutions is fully available for the target groups.

### What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ The criminal procedure legislation and practice has improved safeguards and guarantees in line with European standards including those related to gender equality;
- ▶ Analytical and methodological capacities of the justice sector stakeholders to assess the criminal justice performance including from the gender perspective and develop evidence-based criminal policy has improved;
- ▶ Chief prosecutor's Office/Ministry of Justice has capacity and methodology to contribute to mutual legal co-operation in line with European Standards.

### How much does it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of Component 2 is EUR 710 000.
- ▶ 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 component 2 of the project runs from 1 January 2019 to 31 August 2022.

## Where can I learn more?

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*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 (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 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.*