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Partnership for Good Governance 2019-2021 (PGGII)

Project: Strengthening the capacities of the justice sector actors to deliver justice in line with European standards to fight discrimination in the Republic of Moldova

What is the goal?

- ▶ Justice delivered at the national level in the field of discrimination is better aligned with European standards .

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ The general public.
- ▶ The Equality Council.
- ▶ The Lawyers Training Center.
- ▶ The National Institute of Justice.

How does the project work?

- ▶ Capacity-building activities: training courses, human rights education courses for legal professionals (HELP), seminars, round tables, exchange of experiences, conferences, etc
- ▶ Support in developing normative framework (internal regulations, guidelines, etc)
- ▶ Awareness-raising activities.
- ▶ Building on the results of co-operation in the field of justice under PGG Phase I (2015-2018).

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ The Equality Council's practice is further strengthened, and it can more effectively fulfil its role.
- ▶ The Lawyers Training Center organizes and delivers its courses in an effective manner.
- ▶ The capacity of the judges and prosecutors to deliver higher-quality justice on discrimination cases enhanced through the harmonised application of European standards.

How much does it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is EUR 655 000.
- ▶ 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 15 May 2019 to 31 December 2021.

Where can I learn more?

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This project is a bilateral project with the Republic of Moldova 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.