



Partnership for Good Governance II (2019-2022)

Regional Project: Strengthening measures to prevent and combat economic crime

What is the goal?

- ▶ To strengthen the capacities of Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries to effectively fight and prevent economic crime *by advancing the understanding and adoption of new tools and mechanisms to tackle corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing, focusing on areas that represent shared challenges to the region.*

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ The general public;
- ▶ Criminal Justice Sector;
- ▶ Specialised anti-corruption bodies;
- ▶ Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs);
- ▶ Supervisory authorities dealing with Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting Financing of Terrorism;
- ▶ Policy advice institutions at the central level;
- ▶ Members of Parliament and high-ranking officials.

How does the project work?

- ▶ Through a combination of tailored policy/legislative and capacity-building actions.
- ▶ By introducing new tools and mechanisms to tackle economic crime.
By building on the results of co-operation in the field of anti-corruption.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Application of effective measures on prevention of corruption;
- ▶ Strengthened institutional and legal capacities to combat corruption;
- ▶ Application of effective measures on prevention and detection of money laundering and terrorist financing;
- ▶ Enhanced (cross-border) co-operation and regulatory framework on seizure, confiscation of proceeds from crime.

How much does it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is EUR 814,000.
- ▶ 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 regional project covering Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus¹, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine), 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, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine – 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.

¹ *In the view of the political situation in Belarus, the co-operation activities with this country are on hold and no new actions are planned for the PGG II remaining implementation period so far, in accordance with the restrictive measures issued by the European Union.*