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Partnership for Good Governance

Project: Preventing and fighting economic crime in Azerbaijan

This project seeks to continue to promote the Council of Europe and international standards in the field of countering economic crime, as well as to build the capacity of Azerbaijani national stakeholders to foster measures for preventing and fighting corruption, money laundering, and terrorist financing, as well as for the recovery of assets in line with international standards addressing recommendations by monitoring institutions.

This project is implemented within the third Phase of the joint programme of the European Union and the Council of Europe “Partnership for Good Governance” running from 2023 until 2026. It builds on the results of the previous phases of the Partnership for Good Governance in the field of countering economic crime (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

What are the objectives?

- ▶ To enhance capacities of national authorities to effectively apply measures to counter corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing, and recover proceeds from crime in Azerbaijan.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Ministry of Justice and Academy of Justice
- ▶ Ministry of Internal Affairs
- ▶ Commission on Combatting Corruption
- ▶ General Prosecutor’s Office
- ▶ Anti-Corruption General Directorate under the General Prosecutor’s Office
- ▶ Financial Monitoring Service
- ▶ Milli Majlis, Committee for Law Policy and State-Building
- ▶ Central Bank
- ▶ Judges
- ▶ Financial and non-financial institutions
- ▶ Civil society and the general public

How does the project work?

- ▶ Through a combination of tailored policy/legislative, capacity-building and awareness raising actions.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Improved mechanisms and capacities for effective corruption prevention;
- ▶ Enhanced anti-money laundering, countering terrorism financing and asset recovery measures.

What is the budget of the project?

- ▶ The total budget is EUR 702 500.

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 March 2023 to 28 February 2026.

- ▶ The overall Programme budget is EUR 19.3 Mio. (80% is co-funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe).

How to get more information?

- ▶ The Project is implemented by the Council of Europe Action against Economic Crime Department through its Economic Crime and Co-operation Division (Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, DG I)
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The “Partnership for Good Governance” (PGG) is a joint initiative of the European Union and the Council of Europe for strengthening good governance in the Eastern Partnership region^[1].

PGG provides tailor-made support to Eastern Partnership countries to bring their legislation and practice closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, rule of law and democracy. It supports, in particular, Eastern Partnership countries’ domestic reforms to strengthen justice, counter economic crime, promote equality and non-discrimination, advance women’s access to justice and combat violence against women.

^[1] While the Partnership for Good Governance does not include activities with the participation of the Belarusian authorities, activities may be organised with the representatives of Belarusian civil society and democratic forces as appropriate in line with the European Council Conclusions of February 2022 and the Decision of the Council of Europe Ministers’ Deputies of March 2022.