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Partnership for Good Governance

Project: Enhancing national capacities for effective prevention and fight against economic crime in Armenia

This project aims to support further improvements of the legislative and institutional framework against corruption, money laundering and economic crime in Armenia, but also focus on ensuring the effectiveness of its implementation. It seeks to strengthen the capacities of the country's anticorruption and anti-money laundering bodies, support the introduction and application of new mechanisms to combat corruption, and raise awareness on anticorruption and integrity.

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 increase the capacities of Armenian institutions and demonstrate effectiveness in the prevention of and fight against corruption and money laundering.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Internal Affairs
- ▶ Anti-Corruption Committee
- ▶ Corruption Prevention Commission
- ▶ Civil Service Council
- ▶ Central Bank of Armenia
- ▶ Financial Monitoring Center (FIU of Armenia)
- ▶ National Security Service
- ▶ Civil Service Office
- ▶ Office of the General Prosecutor (the Department for Combatting Economic Crimes)
- ▶ Investigative Committee of Armenia
- ▶ Judiciary
- ▶ Civil society and the general public.

How does the project work?

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

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Strengthened legislative, strategic and institutional frameworks and capacities for the effective prevention of corruption;
- ▶ Increased effectiveness of detection, investigation, prosecution and adjudication of corruption-related offences;
- ▶ Advanced legislative and institutional frameworks and increased technical capacities in anti-money

laundering, countering terrorism financing and related asset recovery.

What is the budget of the project?

- ▶ The total project budget is EUR 630 000.
- ▶ The overall Programme budget is EUR 19.3 mio. (80% is co-funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe).

What is the project duration?

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

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)

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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.