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CoE/EU Eastern Partnership Programmatic Co-operation Framework

Information meeting

31 March 2015

Programmatic co-operation framework

- PCF is the **main operational modality for co-operation between the CoE and the EU** in the Eastern Partnership countries
- PCF's aim is to **support national reforms** and bring national legislation and practice in the EaP countries closer to the European standards
- PCF actions address the needs of the EaP countries and provide a **platform for regional cooperation**

PCF implementation modalities

Programmatic Co-operation Framework 2015 – 2017 (phase 1)

2015
Annual Plan of Action (APA)
- Activities
- Financial allocation

2016
Annual Plan of Action (APA)
- Activities
- Financial allocation

2017
Annual Plan of Action (APA)
- Activities
- Financial allocation

2017 Mid – term evaluation

Programmatic Co-operation Framework 2018 – 2020 (phase 2)

2018
Annual Plan of Action (APA)
- Activities
- Financial allocation

2019
Annual Plan of Action (APA)
- Activities
- Financial allocation

2020
Annual Plan of Action (APA)
- Activities
- Financial allocation

2020 Final evaluation

PCF areas of intervention

5 thematic areas



15 sub-areas/thematic programmes



**50 country-specific and regional
actions/projects**

PCF Annual Plans of Action - Structure

5 THEMATIC PROGRAMMES 2015 – 2017

- Overall and Specific Objectives
- Expected Results
- Outcome Indicators
(3 year perspective)
- Output Indicators
(for 2015)
- Baseline 2014 (State of Play)



2015 PLAN OF ACTION (15 thematic programmes and 50 projects/actions)

- Description of projects/actions
(objectives, expected results, indicators)
- Activities for 2015
- Out put indicators for 2015
- Baseline data
- Impact on final beneficiaries
- Relevance with EU actions



Country / regional actions
Complementarity with EU bilateral and CoE implemented projects

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PCF priority areas

Theme I – **Protecting and Promoting Human Rights**

Theme II – **Ensuring Justice**

Theme III – **Combating Threats to the Rule of Law**

Theme IV – **Addressing Challenges of the Information Society**

Theme V – **Promoting Democratic Governance**

Co-ordination component

PCF country actions

PCF country-specific actions derive from:

- Council of Europe **Action Plans** (approved by the Committee of Ministers)
- Action Plans **Progress Review Reports**
- **Country Programming document** (for Belarus)

PCF regional actions

Regional actions:

- Are **complementary** to country-specific projects
- **Provide a regional platform** for the exchange of experience and best practice
- Contribute to **developing and consolidating a regional network**
- Boost **regional and international co-operation**
- Ensure a **regional dynamic** of national reforms

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PCF projects

- PCF projects were presented during the **SCMs in Georgia and Armenia**
- They were also presented during consultations that took place February – March, with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs in **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine** and with the Representative of **Belarus**

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PCF projects

Council of Europe/Georgia Steering Committee Meeting on 24 February, Tbilisi



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PCF projects

Council of Europe/Armenia Steering Committee Meeting on 5 March, Yerevan



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Co-ordination component

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Projects for Armenia

I.1 - "Supporting the criminal justice reform and combating ill-treatment and impunity in Armenia"

II.3 - "Penitentiary reform – Strengthening the health care and human rights protection in prisons in Armenia"

III.1 - "Strengthening Integrity and Combatting Corruption in Higher Education in Armenia"

V.1 - "Long term electoral assistance to the election related stakeholders of Armenia"

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Projects for Azerbaijan

- I.1** – “Application of the European Convention on Human Rights and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights in Azerbaijan”
- II.1** – “Independence, efficiency, transparency and fairness of the judicial system”
- III.1** – “Strengthening Capacities of Asset Declaration System in Azerbaijan”
- IV.1** – “Freedom of expression and media freedom”

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Projects for Belarus

I.2 - "Facilitating accession to the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ECRML) in Belarus"

III.1 - "Good governance and the fight against corruption"

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Projects for Georgia

I.1 - "Application of the European Convention on Human Rights and harmonisation of national legislation and judicial practice in Georgia in line with European Standards in Georgia"

I.2 - "Civic Integration of National Minorities in Georgia and the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ECRML)"

II.1 - "Support to the Georgian Bar Association"

II.3 - "Successful social re-integration of persons released from prison"

III.1 - "Strengthening the Anti-money laundering measures in Georgia"

IV.1 - "Promoting freedom, professionalism and pluralism of the media"

IV.2 - "Protecting internet freedom through legislation and arrangements for multi-stakeholder dialogue"

V.1 - "Electoral assistance to the election stakeholders in Georgia"

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Projects for Moldova

I.1 - "Supporting national efforts for prevention and combatting discrimination in Moldova"

II.1 - "Strengthening the efficiency of the judicial system in Moldova"

II.1 - "Support to the Moldovan Bar Association"

IV.2 - "Strengthening the respect for human rights in the implementation of the RM's Digital Agenda"

V.1 - "Co-operation on electoral matters"

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Projects for Ukraine

- I.1** - "Strengthening the Ombudsperson's Office operational capacities in Ukraine (ill-treatment in places of deprivation of liberty, non-discrimination, data protection)"
- I.1** - "Support to police reform and fighting against ill-treatment and impunity"
- I.1** - "Implementation of ECHR"
- II.1** - "Strengthening the efficiency of the judicial system in Ukraine: optimisation of court management and alternative dispute resolution system"
- II.1** - "Supporting the implementation of the Ukrainian Law on the Bar and Practice of Law"
- II.3** - "Further Support for Penitentiary Reform in Ukraine"
- III.1** - "Fight against corruption"
- V.1** - "Supporting free and fair elections"

Budgetary allocation by PCF theme

Themes	Total budget
I Protection and Promotion of Human Rights	7.6 M €
II Ensuring Justice	8.5 M
III Combating Threats to the RoL	5.1 M
IV Addressing Challenges of the Information Society	3 M
V Promoting Democratic Governance	4.1 M
Co-ordination component	3.2 M

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Budgetary allocation by country

Country	Total budget 33.8 M
Armenia	1 895 000 €
Azerbaijan	4 700 000 €
Georgia	3 640 000 €
Moldova	2 495 250 €
Ukraine	5 088 000 €
Belarus	215 000 €

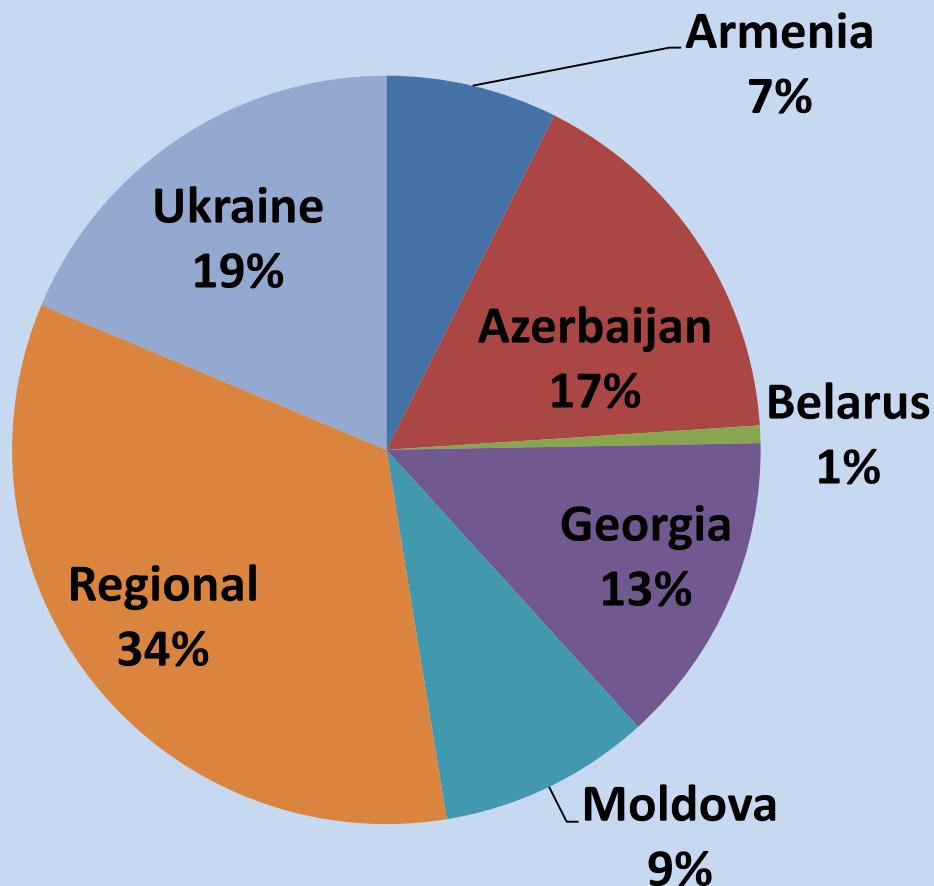
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Budgetary allocation by country

TOTAL BUDGET 33.8 M



PCF Steering Committee Meetings

- PCF implementation will be monitored by **a Steering Committee co-chaired by the European Commission and the Council of Europe.**
- The Steering Committee is **responsible for monitoring the implementation of the PCF and has to agree on the activities** for the following year by approving the Annual Plan of Action
- The **Steering Committee will meet at least once a year**

PCF reporting

- **Annual activity reports** drafted and structured on the basis of the results / outcomes that have been achieved
- **Financial reporting** that is results-based
- **Independent mid-term evaluation** (2017) that should review the results achieved for the first phase (2015 – 2017) and assess the need for any adjustment for the second phase
- **An independent final evaluation** (2020) that should draw the lessons of the enhanced co-operation and assess its results
- **Regular reporting to the EU EaP Platform 1** on the PCF's implementation

PCF Co-ordination

- Coordination aims to ensure **synergy and complementarity** with existing and planned, country-specific and regional actions in the EaP countries
- Regular update of **the PRs of the EaP countries**
- **Inclusive co-ordination** with the national stakeholders (regular consultations and National Co-ordination Platform meetings)
- Comprehensive co-ordination with **the EU and other international partners and donors** in HQs and in the field.
- Interactions between the **CoE Field Offices, the EUDs and the National co-ordinators**

Role of PCF National Co-ordinators

National Co-ordinators are a “National focal point” for PCF co-ordination, implementation and assessment.

- Assist in **the implementation of country-specific and regional projects, and in sustaining their impact at country and regional level**
- **Assess** developments, **provide feedback**, advice and guidance, contribute to create synergies with other projects
- **Facilitate interactions** with national stakeholders
- Support PCF **visibility and communication activities**

PCF communication and visibility

Objectives

- Provide regular and up-to-date information
- Raise awareness of Actions impact on beneficiaries
- Establish and consolidate regular contacts
- Communicate results and achievements

Target groups

- Governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, Parliaments, National and Local Public institutions
- General public
- EUDs and International donors
- Local media
- International media

Tools

- Up-to-date and informative web presence
- Visual identity
- PCF database
- Media tools
- Publications
- Media events
- Social media  

Information on PCF implementation

- Information** on the country-specific and regional projects including their respective work plans 2015 is available in the CEAD database:

<http://www.dsp.coe.int/PMM/interface/TPs.asp>

3-year work plan:

CoE/EU Eastern Partnership Programmatic Co-operation Framework (PCF) 2015 - 2017 Workplan												
Themes	Overall Objectives	Geographical Focus	Actions	Budget	Duration (month)	Specific Objectives	Expected Results	Output indicators 1st year	Outcome indicators	Sources of verification	Baseline 2014	Types of Activity
I - Protecting and Promoting Human Rights	I.1 - Strengthening the implementation of European Human rights standards	Armenia		5795 888	24	8.1.1.1. Support the alignment of Human Rights policies and practices by ensuring compliance of legislative and regulatory frameworks with European standards and especially building for legal professionals and National Human Rights Institutions, including the reinforcement of Ombudsman Offices.	8.1.1.2. Reform national legislation in place and/or amended in line with European Human Rights standards (criminal justice, social rights, non-discrimination, data protection, social rights).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoE recommendations on criminal matters and for monitoring of the situation are prepared and published, draft legislation on police and witness protection is prepared; • Justice Academy exercises in applied, ToTs are organized for ECtHR judges; • New legislation in draft, judges are involved in the application of Article 118 of the Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia and all the data is kept; • Operational use of the State Bureau of Investigation is involved in the draft of the Criminal Code; • The Council for Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination and Gender Equality has been established in Georgia; • Regional networks of NGOs and HRP advice on Civil participation in decision making and implementation of ECtHR judgments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislation change in European standards (European Social Charter (ESC), European Charter for Human Rights (ECHR)); 2. Increased effectiveness of professional, institutional and mechanisms implementing human rights; 3. New mechanisms for international law with social security are set up; 4. Members and staff of National Parliaments are more knowledgeable about ESC and ECHR provisions and apply them in legislation; 5. Evaluation of ECtHR judgments is reinforced by national lawmakers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of CoE recommendations on criminal justice • Publication of Guidelines • Justice Academy exercises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation on criminal justice is in line with European standards. Mechanisms for monitoring ECtHR are set in place; • Justice Academy is set up offering human rights courses; • National judges have high knowledge of human rights for ECtHR judgments; • Limited awareness on the role of the Ombudsman, staff lacks knowledge and skills regarding discrimination; • Discrimination and human rights violations are high in Moldova. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative support, legal review and follow-up advice to ensure compliance with European human rights standards and ratification of relevant international instruments; • Regional training on the progress in legislative alignment; regional networks of legal professionals are newly adapted to legislation and its implementation; • Capacity building activities targeting legal professionals and national human rights standards staff.
		Azerbaijan										
		Georgia										
		Ukraine										
		Moldova										
		Regional										
I - Protecting and Promoting Human Rights	I.2 - Protecting national and ethnic minorities' rights	Georgia		465 888	24	8.2.1.1. Improve protection of the rights of national minorities by ensuring the effective implementation of European standards.	8.2.1.2. The legal framework on minority protection and promotion is in conformity with the European standards;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Meeting in Parliament and five conferences are organized with national, regional, local officials and judicial authorities, minority CSOs in areas where the language spoken by the ECtHR has a traditional presence; • ECtHR and 16 "Language Guides" are drafted, translated, edited, printed and distributed to minority CSOs, schools, media; • The information kit for parents about the advantages of learning Georgian and the given minority language is developed, prepared and distributed to minority CSOs, authorities, schools; • ECtHR in Belarussian and in the form of translated, edited, printed and distributed to the authorities and minority CSOs; • The action working group on ECtHR in and for comparative analysis of the national legislation and the ECtHR is finalized and discussed with stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.2.1.1. A national instrument concerning the ECtHR, complying with the requirements of the annexes in Guideline and ready to be submitted to the Parliament of Georgia; 8.2.1.2. A draft national instrument complying with the requirements of the annexes in Guideline and ready to be submitted to the Parliament of Georgia; 8.2.1.3. At least 16 minority CSOs (one for each minority language) participate in the preparation of the ratification of the ECtHR and its implementation through public debate organized in Georgia; 8.2.1.4. Six meetings are organized with key stakeholders for the preparation of the draft national instrument complying with the requirements of the ECtHR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of Guides • Working group Reports • CoE Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Georgia is under a commitment to the Council of Europe to sign and ratify the ECtHR. Since 2013, a high level inter-ministerial committee on the ECtHR has been in place and dialogue with the media and the public about this Committee has been initiated. A draft of a national instrument was prepared in June 2015, with Council of Europe support; 2. Belarus is a member state of the Council of Europe, and according to ECtHR, "the Council of Ministers may invite any State and members of the Council of Europe to accede to this Charter". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building for national minority protection mechanisms; • Round tables; • Publications; • Numerous raising meetings.
		Belarus	Set actions Theme 1									

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