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CoE/EU Eastern Partnership Programmatic Cooperation Framework

Information meeting
30 March 2015

PCF Key strategic objectives

- Based on the **Statement of Intent** for co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the EU Enlargement Region and the Eastern Partnership and Southern Mediterranean countries (EU Neighbourhood Region)
- PCF's aim is to **support national reforms** and bring national legislation and practice in the EaP countries closer to the European standards
- PCF builds upon the **CoE and European Union priorities** for the EaP region

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

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PCF areas of intervention

5 thematic areas



15 sub-areas/thematic programmes



**50 country-specific and regional
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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)
- EU Association Agendas and Agreements priorities

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
- Can include country-specific targeted activities

Theme I – Protecting and Promoting Human Rights

Countries:

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Ukraine
- Moldova

Regional

Thematic programmes

- I.1 - Strengthening the implementation of European HR standards
- I.2 - Protecting national and ethnic minorities' rights
- I.3 - Promoting equality and human dignity
- I.4 - Promoting Human Rights Education and Democratic Citizenship

Theme II - Ensuring Justice

Countries:

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Georgia
- Ukraine
- Moldova

Regional

Thematic program

- II.1 - Strengthening the independence and efficiency of justice
- II.2 - Strengthening constitutional justice
- II.3 - Promoting penitentiary reforms

Theme III - Combating threats to the Rule of Law

Countries:

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Ukraine

Regional

Thematic program

- III.1 - Fight against corruption and fostering good governance / Fight against money-laundering
- III.2 - Cybercrime

Theme IV - Addressing challenges of the Information Society

Countries:

- Azerbaijan
- Georgia
- Moldova

Regional

Thematic program

- IV.1 – Improve freedom, independence, pluralism and diversity of media
- IV.2 – Information society and Internet governance
- IV.3 – Enhance the right to data protection

Theme V - Promoting Democratic Governance

Countries:

- Armenia
- Georgia
- Ukraine
- Moldova

Regional

Thematic program

- V.1 - Electoral assistance: reforming electoral legislation and practice
- V.2 - Strengthening institutional frameworks for local governance

Theme VI - Co-ordination, communication, visibility, and evaluation

Countries:

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Georgia
- Ukraine
- Moldova
- Belarus

Regional

Thematic program

- VI.1 – Co-ordination
- VI.2 – Communication and visibility
- VI.3 Evaluation

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

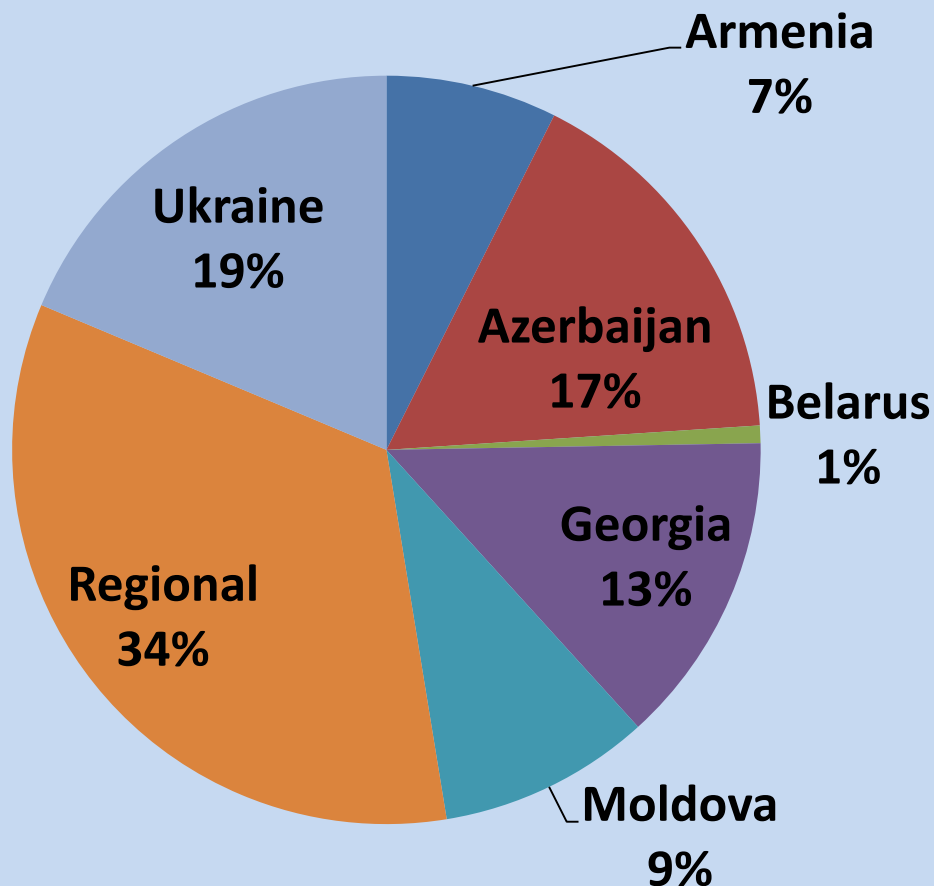
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Budgetary allocation by country

PCF by Country



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PCF implementation period for projects

Year	Number of projects under implementation	% of projects under implementation
2015	50	100 %
2016	50	100%
2017	24	48 %

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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/Armenia Steering Committee Meeting on 5 March, Yerevan



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PCF projects

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



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 Co-ordinator

- Coordination aims to ensure **synergy and complementarity** with existing and planned, country-specific and regional actions in 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.

They will:

- 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  

CoE/EU Eastern Partnership Programmatic Co-operation Framework (PCF) 2015 - 2017 Workplan												
Themes	Overall Objectives	Geograph- ical Foci	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	Armenian Georgian Ukrainian Moldovan Regional	5795 000	24	<p>I.1.1.1. Support the alignment of Human Rights policies and practices by ensuring compliance with legislative and regulatory frameworks with European standards and capacity-building for legal professionals and National Human Rights Institutions, including the reinforcement of Ombudsmen Offices.</p> <p>I.1.1.2. Support the full ratification of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) judgments through reinforcement of participation in international.</p>	<p>I.1.1.1.1. Release national legislation in place and/or amended in line with European Human Rights standards (criminal justice, economic, social, discrimination, data protection, social rights).</p> <p>I.1.1.1.2. Institutional mechanisms and structures are in place and/or operational (i.e. Human Rights Centers, Local Points and mechanisms are equipped by personnel, institutionalised and operational).</p> <p>I.1.1.1.3. Relevant professional groups have knowledge about human rights standards and are able to apply them in their work.</p> <p>I.1.1.1.4. Relevant national training institutions have strengthened capacity to continuously and sustainably train their target groups on human rights standards.</p> <p>I.1.1.1.5. Recommendations for international human rights treaties and conventions to the domestic decision-making process are</p>	<p>• CoE recommendations on criminal matters and for combating ill-treatment are prepared and published, draft legislation on police and misdemeanor are prepared;</p> <p>• Laws and regulations on professionalisation, institutionalisation and mechanisms implementing human rights;</p> <p>• New legislation is drafted, judges are trained on the application of Human Rights in the Code of Georgia and on the data base survey;</p> <p>• Knowledge of the State Parties on human rights are shared in bi-lateral and tri-lateral cases;</p> <p>• The Council for Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination and European Human Rights Convention is created;</p> <p>• Relevant national training institutions have strengthened capacity to continuously and sustainably train their target groups on human rights standards.</p>	<p>1. Legislation aligns to European standards (European Social Charter (ESC), European Charter for Human Rights (ECtHR)).</p> <p>2. Laws and regulations on professionalisation, institutionalisation and mechanisms implementing human rights;</p> <p>3. New mechanisms for intervention with social security are set up;</p> <p>4. Mechanisms and staff of National Parliament are more knowledgeable about ESC and ECtHR provisions and apply them in legislation;</p> <p>5. Execution of ECtHR judgments is referenced by national lawmakers.</p>	<p>• Publication of CoE recommendations on criminal matters</p> <p>• Publication of Guidelines</p> <p>• Justice Academy curriculum</p>	<p>• Legislation on criminal matters is not in line with European standards. Mechanisms for enabling ill-treatment are not in place.</p> <p>• Publication of Guidelines</p> <p>• Justice Academy curriculum</p> <p>• Law enforcers have little knowledge of human rights for ill-treatment cases.</p> <p>• Limited awareness on the role of the Ombudsperson, staff lacks knowledge and skills regarding discrimination.</p> <p>• Discrimination and human rights violations are high in Moldova.</p>	<p>• Legal aid support, legal review and follow-up advice to ensure compliance with European human rights standards</p> <p>• Publication of relevant legislative instruments.</p> <p>• Regional training on the progress in legislative alignment, regional exchanges of best practices on newly adopted legislation and its implementation.</p> <p>• Capacity building activities targeting legal professionals and national human rights structures staff.</p>
		Georgia				<p>I.2.1.1. Improve protection of the rights of national minorities by ensuring the effective implementation of European standards.</p>	<p>I.2.1.1.1. The legal framework on minority protection and promotion is in conformity with the European standards;</p> <p>I.2.1.1.2. The implementation of the European standards on minority protection is improved;</p> <p>I.2.1.1.3. Creation of a representative in which civil society representatives (CSOs) of national minorities have participated in the domestic decision-making processes, including on issues concerning them.</p>	<p>• 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 have a additional presence;</p> <p>• ECtHR and 16 European CSOs are drafted, identified, selected, profiled and distributed to minority CSOs, website, media;</p> <p>• The information bill for people about the advantages of becoming Georgia and the given minority language to develop, produce and distribute in minority CSOs, authorities, schools;</p> <p>• ECtHR in Parliament and in the law is included, selected, profiled and distributed to the authorities and minority CSOs;</p> <p>• The advice working group on ECtHR law and language, sociological of the national legislation and the ECtHR is finalized and discussed with stakeholders.</p>	<p>1. A ratification instrument concerning the ECtHR, complying with the requirements of the executive is finalized and ready to be submitted to the Parliament of Georgia;</p> <p>2. A draft ratification instrument complying with the requirements of the ECtHR is prepared in Belarus;</p> <p>3. 16 civil and 16 minority CSOs (one for each minority);</p> <p>4. The information bill for people about the advantages of becoming Georgia and the given minority language to develop, produce and distribute in minority CSOs, authorities, schools;</p> <p>5. ECtHR in Parliament and in the law is included, selected, profiled and distributed to the authorities and minority CSOs;</p> <p>6. The advice working group on ECtHR law and language, sociological of the national legislation and the ECtHR is finalized and discussed with stakeholders.</p>	<p>• Publication of Guides</p> <p>• Working groups Reports</p> <p>• CoE Reports</p>	<p>1. Georgia is under a commitment to the Council of Europe to sign and ratify the ECtHR. Since 2014, a high level inter-ministerial committee on the ECtHR has been in place and dialogues with the media and the public about this Committee have been initiated. In 2014, a ratification instrument was prepared in June 2015, with the Council of Europe register.</p> <p>2. Belarus and a number of states in the Council of Ministers are under an obligation to be a member of the Council of Europe to sign and ratify the ECtHR.</p>	<p>• Capacity building for national minority protection mechanisms.</p> <p>• Round tables.</p> <p>• Publications.</p> <p>• Numerous training meetings.</p>

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