CoE/EU Eastern Partnership Programmatic Cooperation Framework

Information meeting

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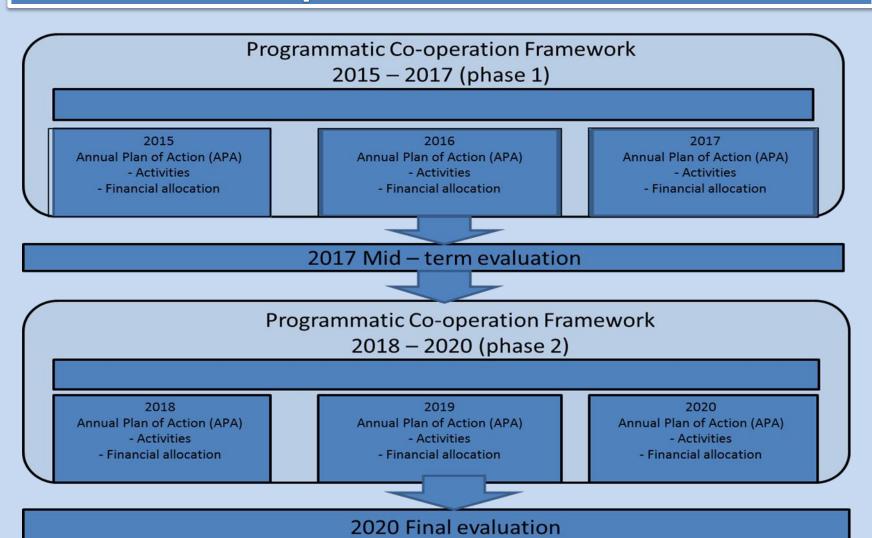
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PCF Key strategic objectives

➢ 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
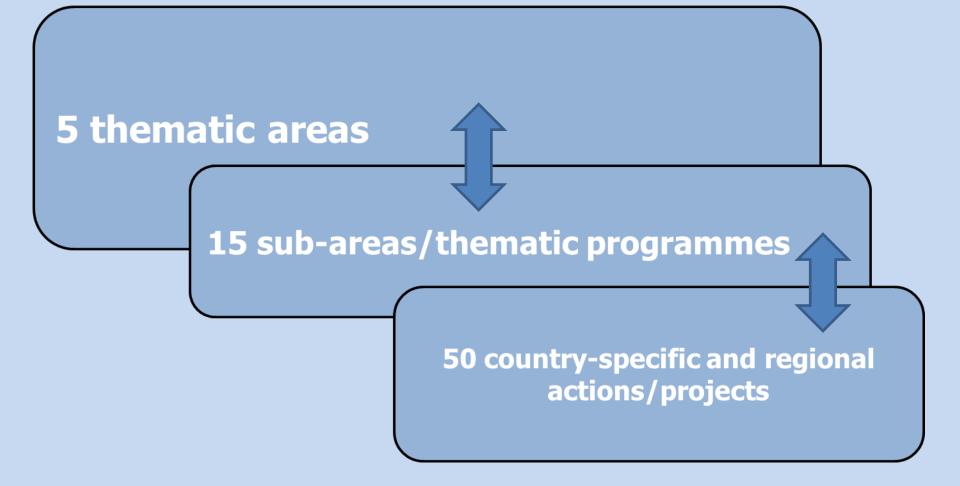
PCF implementation modalities

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 actions/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

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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

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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

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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

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Theme II - Ensuring Justice

Countries:

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Georgia
- Ukraine
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Regional

Thematic program

- II.1 - Strengthening the independence and efficiency of justice

- II.2 - Strengthening constitutional justice

- II.3 - Promoting penitentiary reforms

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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

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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

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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

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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"

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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

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

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

PCF projects

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

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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**

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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**

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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

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.jp.coe.int/CEAD/JP
- 3-year Matrix:

Additional information

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