

Programmatic Cooperation Framework for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus

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Project on Strengthening Integrity and Combatting Corruption in Higher Education in Armenia

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Students who will become aware of corruption risks and strategies for enhancing integrity;
- ▶ Educational professionals who will increase knowledge on legislation, policy and practice in the fight against corruption;
- ▶ Ministry representatives who will include integrity mechanisms in the higher education reform discussions and the educational strategy.

The aims of the project

- ▶ to introduce and use guidelines on positive ethical principles and values to underpin professional standards and practices in higher education institutions of Armenia;
- ▶ to develop institutional framework for ensuring integrity and combatting corruption in higher education in Armenia;
- ▶ to developed toolkits to enhance transparency and accountability in higher educational institutions;
- ▶ to improve the legal framework for ensuring integrity and combatting corruption in higher education is improved;

How will the project work?

- ▶ through the continuous training schemes using anti-corruption and anti-fraud modules;
- ▶ special emphasis on common issues and comprehensive approach;
- ▶ flexible forum for stakeholders to discuss European standards of higher education;
- ▶ emphasis on expertise, adaptation of approaches, tools and methods.

Project activities

- ▶ development of model codes of ethics for academic professionals and students of higher educational institutions;
- ▶ development of toolkits to enhance transparency and accountability in higher educational institutions;
- ▶ development of recommendations for reform and legal framework
- ▶ training sessions, workshops, conferences, awareness raising actions and peer-to-peer study visit;

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 400,000 Euros

Length of project

- ▶ the programme will run from 1 January 2015-31 December 2016
- ▶ the project was launched on 27 May 2015

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Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe office in Yerevan in co-operation with the Department of Education of the Council of Europe

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In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted cooperation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus - the EU's Eastern Partnership countries - would be implemented under a 'Programmatic Cooperation Framework' (PCF).

These cooperation activities will strengthen the capacity of Eastern Partnership countries, which are member States of the Council of Europe, with the exception of Belarus, to implement domestic reforms to bring them closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

The overall PCF budget for 2015-2017 is €33.8 million.