

Partnership for Good Governance



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Application of the European Convention on Human Rights in Azerbaijan

Who will benefit?

- ▶ National training institutions will increase their role in the educational process of legal professionals;
- ▶ Judges, assistants to judges, advocates, prosecutors, investigators, independent lawyers and human rights defenders will receive human rights training;
- ▶ Human rights of citizens will be better protected.

How will the project work?

- ▶ Through exchange of knowledge and experience;
- ▶ Capacity building measures and multi-topic forums for stakeholders to discuss European standards of protection of human rights;
- ▶ Focus on expertise, adaptation of approaches, tools and methodology to the country.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is 2,000,000 Euros
- ▶ 90% is funded by the European Union and 10% by the Council of Europe. The programme is implemented by the Council of Europe

Why is the project being run?

- ▶ To improve the role and capacity of the Academy of Justice to train legal professionals;
- ▶ To enhance the competence of legal professionals to effectively apply the European Convention on Human Rights;
- ▶ To strengthen the capacity of legal clinic of the Justice Academy to provide free legal aid services to women and vulnerable groups, including submitting the applications to the European Convention of Human Rights.

What are the expected results?

- ▶ The Justice Academy's capacity to deliver human rights training to legal professionals is reinforced;
- ▶ The competence of judges, assistants to judges, lawyers, prosecutors and investigators to effectively apply the European Convention on Human Rights is enhanced;
- ▶ The judicial institutions are able to access all European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals / European Convention on Human Rights related materials on-line;
- ▶ The capacity of the legal clinic of the Justice Academy to provide qualified free legal consultation on human rights/ European Convention on Human Rights matters is strengthened.

How long is the project?

- ▶ The programme runs from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2018

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Who is responsible for the project?

- ▶ The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's Human Rights National Implementation Division.

How do we get more information?

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In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted co-operation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus – the EU's Eastern Partnership countries – would be implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance.

These co-operation 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.

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