

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

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Who will benefit?

- ▶ citizens will benefit from an improved defence of their human rights and individual freedoms;
- ▶ the Moldovan Bar Association (MBA) through enhanced self-governance;
- ▶ lawyers through a protected freedom of exercise of the profession;
- ▶ the administration of justice through better served rule of law.

How will the project work?

- ▶ through the provision of legal expertise and transfer of best practices from Council of Europe member States;
- ▶ capacity building through tailored activities based on the legal profession's needs assessments;
- ▶ ownership building through institutionalisation of changes promoted.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is €500 000

The aims of the project

- ▶ to strengthen the self-governing bodies of lawyers including as regards their role in recruitment, training and disciplinary procedures;
- ▶ to strengthen the national training institution of lawyers.

Project activities

- ▶ expert assessments and recommendations on legal and institutional frameworks governing the legal profession;
- ▶ workshops, trainings and a study visit to a Bar Association in a Council of Europe member State to learn about modern management techniques applicable to the legal profession and training functions of the MBA;
- ▶ integration of transversal issues, including gender and minorities rights mainstreaming, with recommendations for implementation.

Length of project

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

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Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's Legal Cooperation Division of the Justice and Legal Cooperation Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law.

The Council of Europe Office in Chisinau is actively involved and supports the implementation process.

For more information

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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.

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