

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

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Cooperation on electoral matters in the Republic of Moldova

Who will benefit?

- ▶ The electorate as a whole, who will benefit from the improvement of electoral law and practice

More precisely:

- ▶ Electoral stakeholders involved in the conduct of elections
- ▶ Staff of the Centre for Continuous Electoral Training by the Central Electoral Commission
- ▶ Members of the Central Election Commission and representatives of other electoral bodies at all levels
- ▶ Judges in charge of electoral disputes
- ▶ Parliament, Government, political parties, proxies, observers, other electoral actors

The aims of the project

- ▶ to improve legislation on elections and political parties in order to ensure its conformity with international standards
- ▶ to increase the capacities of the Centre for Continuous Electoral Training to deliver comprehensive trainings to electoral stakeholders
- ▶ to enhance capacities of the Central Election Commission and electoral bodies at all levels to organise elections in line with international standards
- ▶ to strengthen mechanisms to address and remedy electoral disputes

How will the project work?

- ▶ through long-term assistance to the Central Election Commission and judges in charge of electoral disputes – including training
- ▶ through trainings of other electoral actors (electoral officials, observers, non-governmental officials, media and political parties)
- ▶ through capacity-building activities for the election-related stakeholders
- ▶ through the dialogue with the civil society organisations

Project activities

- ▶ Opinions on (draft) legislation on elections and/or political parties
- ▶ Expert legal assistance to the Central Election Commission
- ▶ Capacity-building activities for members of the Central Election Commission and judges in charge of electoral disputes
- ▶ Drafting of a communication strategy for the Centre for Continuous Electoral Training
- ▶ Evaluation of the training curricula of the Centre for Continuous Electoral Training
- ▶ Capacity-building and awareness raising activities for electoral actors
- ▶ Peer-to-peer exchanges and study visits, training sessions, workshops, conferences; awareness raising actions
- ▶ Publications

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How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 195,000 Euros

Length of project

- ▶ The programme is implemented from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017
- ▶ The project was launched on 6 February 2015

Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's

- ▶ Division of Electoral Assistance and Census
- ▶ Venice Commission

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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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