

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

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### Supporting free and fair elections in Ukraine

#### Who will benefit?

- ▶ The electorate as a whole, who will benefit from the improvement of electoral law and practice
- ▶ Judges in charge of electoral disputes
- ▶ Parliament, Government, political parties, observers and 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 strengthen mechanisms to address and remedy electoral disputes

#### How will the project work?

- ▶ through opinions on (draft) legislation on elections and/or political parties
- ▶ through training of judges on election dispute resolution

#### Project activities

- ▶ Opinions on (draft) legislation on elections and/or political parties
- ▶ Capacity-building for judges in charge of electoral disputes

#### How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 88,000 Euros

#### Length of project

- ▶ The project will run from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017

#### Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

#### 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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