

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

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Who will benefit?

- ▶ citizens who will receive enhanced human rights safeguards;
- ▶ Ombudsperson's office through increased operational capacities;
- ▶ national training institutions with respect to their capacity to provide human rights education to legal professionals;
- ▶ judiciary, prosecutors, lawyers, investigators and police through increased capacity and knowledge.

The aims of the project

- ▶ to support the implementation of the police reform and fight against ill-treatment and impunity;
- ▶ to enhance the operational capacity of the Ombudsperson's Office in the sphere of implementation of National Preventive Mechanism, non-discrimination and data protection advocacy;
- ▶ to promote the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights at the national level through trainings.

How will the project work?

- ▶ legal expertise and advice provided by experts of the Council of Europe;
- ▶ capacity building activities for different groups of legal professionals in Ukraine;
- ▶ awareness-raising campaigns aimed at promotion of human rights standards;
- ▶ elaboration and promotion of the Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) Programme in Ukraine

Project activities

- ▶ legal expertise and advice in the course of drafting and adoption of national legislation;
- ▶ assessment of the Ombudsperson's Office and recommendations for optimisation;
- ▶ capacity building activities – training seminars, workshops, round tables etc.;
- ▶ elaboration and implementation of distance learning courses for legal professionals in Ukraine through the Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) platform.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 1 700 000 Euros

Length of project

- ▶ the programme will run from 1 January 2015 - 31 December 2016
- ▶ the project started on 1 January 2015

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Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's

- ▶ Directorate General for Human Rights and Rule of Law
- ▶ Council of Europe Office in Kyiv

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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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