

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

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Electoral assistance to the election stakeholders in Georgia

Who will benefit?

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

More precisely

- ▶ The Central Election Commission and electoral commissions at all levels
- ▶ Judges in charge of electoral disputes
- ▶ Parliament, Government, political parties, proxies, 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 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 opinions on (draft) legislation on elections and/or political parties
- ▶ through long-term assistance to the Central Election Commission and judges in charge of electoral disputes – including training

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

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 95,000 Euros

Who is responsible for the project?

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

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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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