

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

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Who will benefit?

- ▶ Citizens, who will gain a more independent, professional and efficient justice system;
- ▶ Policy makers, who will be enabled to contribute more effectively to their domestic judicial reform processes;
- ▶ Legal professionals, who will have access to an expanded network of experts committed to judicial reforms.

The aims of the project

- ▶ to reinforce regional dialogue on judicial reform in line with European standards;
- ▶ to increase opportunities for judicial reform in the region;
- ▶ to facilitate collective solutions to shared challenges;
- ▶ to support actions at national level;
- ▶ to improve networks and dialogue of legal professionals.

How will the project work?

- ▶ through sharing of best practices on how to address common challenges to judicial reforms;
- ▶ partnerships with relevant organisations and institutions;
- ▶ identification of lessons learned from on-going processes of judicial reform;
- ▶ by developing practical tools for successful judicial reform on most topical issues.

Project activities

- ▶ Conferences examining outstanding challenges to judicial reforms and generating ideas for possible solutions;
- ▶ Working groups analysing and addressing most critical issues to domestic reform processes;
- ▶ Compilations of best practices, lessons learned and recommendations to support effective judicial reforms.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 500,000 Euros

Length of project

- ▶ the programme will run from 1 January 2015- 31 December 2017
- ▶ the project was launched on 10 September 2015

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Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's Legal Co-operation Division.

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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