

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

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Freedom of Media in Ukraine

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Citizens of Ukraine;
- ▶ Ukrainian journalists and media professionals;
- ▶ Local communities;
- ▶ National Television and Radio Broadcasting Council of Ukraine;
- ▶ Parliamentary Committee on Freedom of Speech and Information Policy;
- ▶ National Television Company of Ukraine (future public broadcaster).

The aims of the project

- ▶ Provision of expertise for development of an effective legal framework in the area of audio-visual media services;
- ▶ Strengthen the capacity of the media regulator;
- ▶ Increase the knowledge on the role of the community media;
- ▶ Raise public awareness on the public service broadcasting.

How will the project work?

- ▶ Through direct cooperation and permanent assistance to the main beneficiaries;
- ▶ Putting emphasis on capacity building tools and provision of expertise.

Project activities

- ▶ Capacity building events for TV and Radio professionals and media regulator;
- ▶ Provision of legal expertise and expert support;
- ▶ Development of the new web-site module for the media regulator;
- ▶ Organisation of conferences, meetings, round tables in Ukrainian Parliament.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 177 000 Euros

Length of project

- ▶ The programme runs from 1 January 2016 - 31 December 2016

Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's DGI-Human Rights and Rule of Law

- ▶ Media Division
- ▶ Information Society Department.

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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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