

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

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Awareness raising on the role of national parliaments in matters related to public broadcasting, access to public media and safety of journalists

Regional Project

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Chairpersons and national parliaments' committees dealing with media issues
- ▶ Media regulators and public service broadcasters
- ▶ Media outlets and media freedom NGOs

The aims of the project

- ▶ To enhance understanding, among parliamentarians, of the standards and existing practices in Council of Europe Member States aimed at ensuring the independence, pluralism and diversity of media and also in the field of media and elections
- ▶ To provide specific recommendations/guidelines to parliamentarians on issues related to the financing and programming of Public Service Broadcasting as well as on media transparency

How will the project work?

- ▶ Parliamentarians of the committees dealing with media issues examine national legislation and media regulation in their country and its compliance with European standards
- ▶ Review of and an exchange of views on funding mechanisms of public service broadcasting
- ▶ Discussions on possible reforms

Project activities

- ▶ Regional conferences
- ▶ Production of specific recommendations / guidelines provided to parliamentarians in Eastern Partnership countries

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 170,000 Euros

Length of project

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

Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Parliamentary Assembly 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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