

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

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Who will benefit?

- ▶ Chairpersons and members of national parliaments' committees dealing with ethics, institutional affairs and internal rules of procedure
- ▶ Other members of National Parliaments
- ▶ General public

The aims of the project

- ▶ To raise awareness among MPs on avenues of consolidation of regulations on the funding of electoral campaigns and political parties
- ▶ To increase integrity through improvements of internal parliamentary procedures and ensure deeper public confidence
- ▶ To improve internal functioning and its impact on policy development, fair representativeness and accountability of parliamentary institutions

How will the project work?

- ▶ Share good practice and methodology related to internal ethical and integrity standards and identify the best mechanisms to trigger and carry internal investigation related to misconduct
- ▶ Present national cases and identify avenues of increasing transparency and accountability when political shifting occurs
- ▶ Share and review different types of practices related to the work of the political minority in national parliaments

Project activities

- ▶ Regional conferences
- ▶ Publications

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is 100,000 Euros

Length of project

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

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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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