

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



Mid-term results of projects in Belarus under the Council of Europe /European Union Programmatic Cooperation Framework (2015-2017)

What is the Programmatic Cooperation Framework?

In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed to implement targeted cooperation activities with EU's Eastern Partnership countries to bring them closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The projects under the 'Programmatic Cooperation Framework' (PCF) in 2015-2017, are funded primarily by the EU, and co-funded and implemented by the Council of Europe.

In addition to participating in 13 regional projects, there are **two country-specific projects for Belarus** with a **budget of 215 000 Euros**.

Facilitating accession of Belarus to the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

The budget of the project is 115 000 euros.

Round-table conferences were held for representatives of national authorities and national minorities on European best practice in the field of minority language promotion. Legal advice was provided for the authorities to help identify the measures specified in the Charter that are most adapted to the minority languages of Belarus. Information materials are being published to raise the awareness of the Charter among authorities and national minorities.

Good governance and fight against corruption

The budget is 100 000 euros.

The Council of Europe trained and advised representatives of the public sector in Belarus in better assessing general and sector-specific corruption risks. Also, prosecutors and investigators were trained to investigate complex economic crimes involving legal entities. Through the regional initiative, support will also be provided to Belarus in identifying corruption risks in the education sector.

More information: <http://eap-pcf-eu.coe.int>

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