

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



**CoE/EU Eastern Partnership Programmatic Cooperation Framework (PCF)
Azerbaijan: Strengthening capacities to fight and prevent corruption in Azerbaijan**

Project Summary

Project title	Strengthening capacities to fight and prevent corruption in Azerbaijan (PCF-AZ)
Project area	Azerbaijan
Budget	EURO 1,000,000
Funding	European Union 90%; Council of Europe 10%
Implementation	Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Duration	36 months (starting from 1 January 2015)

BACKGROUND

The Azerbaijan Project “Strengthening capacities to fight and prevent corruption in Azerbaijan” is one of the four National Components of the CoE/EU Eastern Partnership Programmatic Cooperation Framework (PCF) Programme “Fight against corruption and fostering good governance/ Fight against money-laundering” specifically tailored to respond to the needs of Azerbaijan in the area of fight against corruption. The Project looks to assist Azerbaijani prevention and repression entities with building up their internal capacities, as well as to support the Azerbaijani Government in setting future priorities in the field.

NEEDS, OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES

The **overall objective** of the PCF-AZ Project is to contribute to democracy and the rule of law through implementation of institutional reforms aimed at preventing and combatting corruption. This is sought to be achieved through strengthening of institutional capacities aimed at fighting and preventing corruption in the public sector. Project activities will focus on the following three areas:

- **Prevention:** supporting capacities of key public service institutions with corruption prevention initiatives;
- **Enforcement:** strengthening the capacities of criminal justice institutions to investigate and prosecute corruption and other types of economic crime;
- **Strategic actions:** assisting with identification of future priority areas and modalities of actions to be taken.

The Project expects to achieve the following results through activities agreed with national counterparts:

- **Expected Result 1:** Strengthened training capacities of the Commission for Combating Corruption and the Civil Service Commission;
- **Expected Result 2:** Reinforced law enforcement capacities of the Anti-Corruption Department of the General Prosecutor;
- **Expected Result 3:** Support the preparation of an expected new National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP);
- **Expected Result 4:** Anti-Corruption training is introduced into the public service and the education sector;

Assistance activities in each field will include assessments, provision of expert advice, workshops, trainings, and roundtables. The activity results will be documented in technical papers, handbooks, or other **written output** which will be available on the Project website.

COUNTERPARTS/BENEFICIARIES

Main Counterpart: Commission on Combating Corruption under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan Beneficiaries:

- General Prosecutor's Office;
- Civil Service Commission;
- State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations/ASAN;
- Police Academy;
- Financial Monitoring Service;
- Chamber of Auditors of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- Custom's Academy;
- Justice Academy;
- Ministry of Education; and
- Civil Society.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

As the key actor in this thematic area and the EaP region, the Council of Europe Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Department of Information Society and Action against Crime, will be in-charge of implementing activities under this Project. It will engage international long- and short-term experts in the field of anti-corruption and economic crime and local experts from EaP countries to that end.

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