

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



**CoE/EU Eastern Partnership Programmatic Cooperation Framework (PCF)
Belarus: Good governance and fight against corruption (PCF-BE)**

Project Summary

Project title	Good governance and fight against corruption (PCF-BE)
Project area	Belarus
Budget	EURO 100,000
Funding	European Union 90%; Council of Europe 10%
Implementation	Economic Crime and Cooperation Unit, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Duration	24 months (starting on 1 January 2016)

BACKGROUND

The Belarus Project on “Good governance and fight against corruption” is part of the overall CoE/EU Eastern Partnership Programmatic Cooperation Framework (PCF) Programme “Fight against corruption and fostering good governance/ Fight against money-laundering” assistance facility to the Eastern Partnership countries. It is one of the National Components primarily focused on strengthening efforts aimed at preventing and fighting corruption.

NEEDS, OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES

The **overall objective** of the PCF-BE project is to contribute to democracy and the rule of law through strengthening of good governance and anti-corruption mechanisms. Accordingly, the PCF-BE aims at strengthening institutional capacities to prevent and counter corruption in Belarus, in accordance with applicable European standards. Due to the small scale of the Project, activities have been developed to address discrete but specific issues, following country needs and priorities as well as the European Union Council Conclusions on Belarus (October 2012). The Project accordingly focuses on:

- **Prevention:** risk assessments; and
- **Enforcement:** strengthening the capacities of criminal justice institutions to investigate and prosecute corruption.

In line with the above, the Project expects to achieve the following:

- **Expected Result 1:** Selected sectors of public governance are reviewed for corruption (risk assessments); and
- **Expected Result 2:** Capacities of authorities to prevent, investigate, prosecute and adjudicate corruption and economic crime cases are enhanced.

Assistance activities planned in both areas 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.

The **Inception** phase of the Project has been concluded and the Project **Workplan** and tentative **Calendar** of activities have been developed, in cooperation with Belarus authorities.

COUNTERPARTS/BENEFICIARIES

Expected beneficiaries and counterparts under this Project will include:

- Governmental bodies assigned to risk assessment policy and implementation;
- Specialised agencies/bureaux/commissions assigned to prevention and fight against corruption and economic crime; and
- the prosecutorial services.

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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