

## Promoting Transparency and Action against Crime

### What is the goal?

- ▶ To enhance business integrity and compliance in the private sector, reducing administrative barriers and ensuring the protection of rights of entrepreneurs in countries of Central Asia;
- ▶ To enhance the effectiveness of anti-corruption, anti-money laundering and asset recovery systems in the countries of Central Asia.

### Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Citizens, civil society, legal professionals, businesses of Central Asia countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan.
- ▶ Representatives and staff members of President Offices/Presidential Administrations; Security Councils/Committees; Governments/Prime Minister Offices; General Prosecutor Offices; Judiciary; Ministries of Home Affairs; Financial Intelligence Units/Services; Civil Service agencies; Anti-corruption agencies; Business Ombudspersons; Chambers of Commerce/Entrepreneurs in the countries concerned.

### How will the project work?

- ▶ The project includes regional and country level support in two intervention areas: “Business integrity and compliance” and “Anti-corruption, Anti-money laundering/financing of terrorism and asset recovery”.
- ▶ The project is based on regional and countries’ priorities and it provides tailor-made support through assessments, provision of expert advice/opinions, conferences, roundtables and seminars, workshops, and training courses.

### What do we expect to achieve?

#### At the regional level:

- ▶ Countries of Central Asia establish networks and exchange experience on business integrity practices;
- ▶ Capacities of competent authorities involved in combating and preventing corruption, economic crime and terrorism are enhanced.

#### At countries levels:

- ▶ Business integrity and transparency is strengthened, administrative barriers and abuses of entrepreneurs’ rights are reduced;
- ▶ Mechanisms and capacities of authorities to prevent corruption are improved;
- ▶ Capacities of law enforcement authorities to tackle corruption, money laundering and economic crime are enhanced;

National systems to combat money laundering and terrorism financing are strengthened.

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### How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of the Action is 4,189,886.07 EUR
- ▶ The budget allocated to the overall Central Asia Rule of Law Programme amounts to 8 890 000 EUR (90% funded by the European Union, 10% by the Council of Europe).

### About Central Asia Rule of Law Programme

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### How to get more information?

- ▶ Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Action against Crime Department, Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime, DG I
- ▶ Project webpage: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/corruption/programme/ca-taec/central-asia>
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- ▶ Central Asia Rule of Law Programme website: <http://central-asia-eu.coe.int/>

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