

## Promote efficient functioning of state institutions and public administration

### What is the goal?

- ▶ The overall objective is to promote efficient functioning of state institutions and public administration in the Central Asia partner countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

### Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Citizens in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan;
- ▶ National authorities in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan: Parliaments; Ministries of justice and home affairs, ministries dealing with public administration reform, other competent ministries; Constitutional, Supreme and ordinary courts; High judicial councils; Legal community at large.

### How will the project work?

- ▶ Legal opinions of the Venice Commission on draft laws or concept papers;
- ▶ Experts' recommendations on improving the existing legislation;
- ▶ Multilateral peer to peer activities involving judges and staff of constitutional courts on international standards and best practices;
- ▶ Peer to peer activities for senior public officials and representatives of the judiciary focusing on international standards applicable to national administrative law and in the justice sector, including the reform of public administration and Alternative Dispute Resolution;
- ▶ Peer to peer activities for senior public officials and representatives of the judiciary on good governance;
- ▶ Development and implementation of new programmes, mechanisms and procedures to be used by public administration or the judiciary;
- ▶ Development and expansion of new networks, partnerships and platforms for co-operation and information exchange both at the national and international level;
- ▶ Publications on subjects related to constitutional reforms, the judiciary and on the efficiency of public administrations.

### What do we expect to achieve?

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- ▶ Development and adoption by the parliaments of relevant legislation in the field of rule of law, separation of powers and the judiciary, in line with international standards;
- ▶ Development of new legislation in the field of administrative law and justice, including the reform of public administration and Alternative Dispute Resolution;
- ▶ Increased professional capacities of representatives of public administration and the judiciary.

### How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of the Action is 1 788 433,88 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?

- ▶ Secretariat of the Enlarged Agreement on Democracy through law (Venice Commission) website: [www.venice.coe.int](http://www.venice.coe.int)
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- ▶ Central Asia Rule of Law Programme website: <http://central-asia-eu.coe.int/>

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