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### The European Union Delegation and the Council of Europe to present their joint projects in Armenia for 2019-2021

Yerevan, 25.09.2019 – On Tuesday, 1 October, the Delegation of the European Union and the Council of Europe will present to the media in Yerevan the Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) projects in Armenia for the period 2019 - 2021 during the 1<sup>st</sup> PGG II Local Steering Committee meeting.

Two projects will be implemented in Armenia between 2019-2021, with a total budget of 2.2 million euros, funded by the EU (80%) and Council of Europe (20%). These projects will assist Armenian authorities in further strengthening institutional capacities to fight and prevent corruption as well as in conducting the judicial reform, enhancing the independence and professionalism of the judiciary, implementing the criminal justice reform and harmonising the application of European standards in Armenia.

In addition to these country-specific projects, Armenia is also taking part in four regional projects aimed at fighting against economic crimes, strengthening the profession of lawyers, combatting discrimination and facilitating access of women to justice with a total budget of 2.4 million euros.

**Natalia Voutova**, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Armenia, **Gonzalo Serrano De La Rosa**, Head of Co-operation Section, European Union Delegation to Armenia, **Pilar Morales**, Head of the Programming Department, ODGP, Council of Europe (Strasbourg), and **Susanna Adamyan**, Second secretary, Division of the Council of Europe, Department of Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia will present the projects and reply to questions from media representatives.

The presentation will take place at 9:30am local time on Wednesday, 1 October 2019, at Tigran Mets Ballroom, Marriot Hotel, 1 Amiryan str., Yerevan. The meeting will be open to media between 9:10 and 10:00. English-Armenian interpretation will be provided.

**Prior accreditation of media representatives is requested** through the Council of Europe's Office in Yerevan **by 30 September 2019**, contact person for accreditation: Anna SAHAKYAN [Anna.SAHAKYAN@coe.int](mailto:Anna.SAHAKYAN@coe.int) +374 10 54 63 22, ext.100.

#### **Background:**

*In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted co-operation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus – the EU's Eastern Partnership countries – would be implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance programme. The phase I of the programme (PGGI) started*



*in 2015 and was completed in 2018; the second phase of the programme (PGGII) was launched in 2019 and will run until 2021.*

*These co-operation activities aim to strengthen the capacity of the Eastern Partnership countries, which are member States of the Council of Europe, with the exception of Belarus, to implement domestic reforms to bring them closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.*

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For more information about [Armenia country-specific projects](#)