

COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICE IN BAKU

RESULTS IN 2025



The Council of Europe Office in Baku plays a central role in implementing and coordinating the **Council of Europe Action Plan for Azerbaijan 2022-2026**, working in close partnership with the national authorities to deliver concrete reforms and practices further in line with Council of Europe standards in the areas of human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.

The current Action Plan, the third since 2014, supports the effective implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights and ongoing national reforms. It focuses on combating violence against women and domestic violence, protecting children's rights, preventing economic crime, and promoting mediation as an alternative to court proceedings, strengthening equality and non-discrimination, supporting media professionalism and freedom of information, and empower young people learn more about environmental issues.

BY THE NUMBERS: A PLATFORM FOR ACTION | AS OF JANUARY 2026



16 DEDICATED STAFF MEMBERS
INCLUDING 11 PROJECT STAFF.



**THE ACTION PLAN TOTAL
ESTIMATED BUDGET IS 12.5
MILLION EUROS.**

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS HELP
TRANSLATE ACTION INTO LONG-
TERM MEASURABLE RESULTS
AND ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY.



**5 REGIONAL AND 7 COUNTRY-
SPECIFIC PROJECTS**
INCLUDING 4 FLAGSHIP JOINT EU AND
COUNCIL OF EUROPE "PARTNERSHIP
FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE" PROJECTS.

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ACTION PLAN FOR
AZERBAIJAN 2022-2026**



WHY YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

Your support accelerates reforms that deliver tangible protection for people, strengthens institutions against corruption, expands access to justice, safeguards freedom of expression and information, and equips the next generation to lead on climate and environmental challenges. Donor funding help scale proven approaches, ensure sustainability, and translate commitments into measurable outcomes for Azerbaijan's society.

IMPACT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE WORK IN AZERBAIJAN



PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE AND PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS

Victims at the centre of our work. Authorities amended the Family Code, Criminal Code and the Code of Administrative Offences to strengthen victim protection and improve the effectiveness of protection orders, reflecting Council of Europe recommendations. Judges, legal professionals, law students, and civil society strengthened their capacity to address violence against women and domestic violence and deepen their understanding of Council of Europe gender equality standards.

Inclusive institutional practices. The Ombudsperson's Office, civil society, legal professionals, and young students strengthened their understanding and application of Council of Europe equality and non-discrimination standards.

Safeguarding children's rights. Legal and institutional needs were identified, and recommendations were made, through a Council of Europe analysis report, to align national practices with Council of Europe standards. New trained specialists improve the national capacity to prevent, detect and respond to online child sexual exploitation and abuse and strengthen child protection systems.

Environmental protection and the youth in focus. The Council of Europe supports young people in playing an active role in climate and environmental initiatives. Training, expert support, and educational materials in Azerbaijani are available to help them stay informed, build skills and knowledge and meaningfully engage in environmental protection.

ADVANCING RULE OF LAW AND JUSTICE

More efficient justice. Mediation stakeholders increasingly use European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) tools as a result of targeted trainings and new resources, making dispute resolution more efficient and accessible, and easing pressure on courts.

Corruption and money laundering tackled through stronger institutions. Important amendments to national laws were made to align the country's anti-corruption, and anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism framework with Council of Europe standards, drawing on the Organisation's expertise. Amendments to the Law on Combating Corruption to introduce corruption risk assessment and management practices in state institutions were adopted, following Council of Europe review and recommendations.

ADVANCING GOOD GOVERNANCE AND MEDIA FREEDOM

Media professionalism and access to information. Journalists sharpened their skills in media literacy, environmental and climate issues reporting, countering hate speech, gender-sensitive journalism, and conflict-reporting. Legal professionals and public officials improved their knowledge in freedom of expression and information, data protection and privacy, and access to information, through targeted trainings that contribute to a more informed public debate.