

Partnership for Good Governance



Results of projects in Belarus under the European Union/Council of Europe Partnership for Good Governance¹

What is the Partnership for Good Governance?

In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed to implement targeted cooperation activities with EU's Eastern Partnership countries to bring them closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The projects under the Partnership for Good Governance, are funded primarily by the EU, and co-funded and implemented by the Council of Europe.

In addition to 14 regional projects, there are **three country-specific projects for Belarus**, with a **total budget of € 470 000**.

Human rights for all

This project ran from July 2017 until May 2018

By the end of the project Belarusian legal professionals became more familiar with international and European human rights standards. Human rights training and reference materials were translated into Russian and disseminated among law faculties, judges, prosecutors and NGOs.

In addition, Belarusian students of law and international relations gained knowledge of the European system of human rights protection, including the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR). The methodology included the introduction of a distance-learning course on the basic elements of the ECHR prepared under the European Programme [for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals](#) into the curricula of Belarusian State University and the Institute for Retraining and Qualification Upgrading of Judges, Prosecutors and Legal Professionals at the Belarusian State University.

► [A background information sheet on this project is available on the website](#)

¹ Previously known as the Council of Europe/European Union Programmatic Cooperation Framework for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus

Promoting the standards of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages in Belarus

The project ran from January 2016 to December 2017

The European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ECRML) aims at protecting traditionally used national minority languages as part of the country's cultural heritage. The project's main aim is to raise awareness of the ECRML among national minorities and assist the authorities of Belarus in examining legal scenarios for the country's possible accession to this convention.

Legal experts and representatives of national minorities have, in close co-operation with the Belarusian authorities, selected those promotional measures in the ECRML which are best adapted to the legal and practical situation in Belarus and could serve as a basis to further develop minority language promotion in this country.

Awareness of minority language promotion was achieved, inter alia, with a view to encouraging parents to enrol their children in schools teaching minority languages.

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Good governance and fight against corruption

The project ran from January 2016 to December 2017

The project contributed to raising capacities on national anti-money laundering and countering financing terrorism risk assessment and improving investigations into economic crime, as a result of cooperation established with prosecutors, investigators and public officials. 17 public sector institutions developed an understanding on how to carry out corruption risk assessments. Also, law enforcement bodies were learnt about the liability of legal entities, enabling them to implement recently introduced administrative sanctions.

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For more information <http://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/eap-pcf/belarus>

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