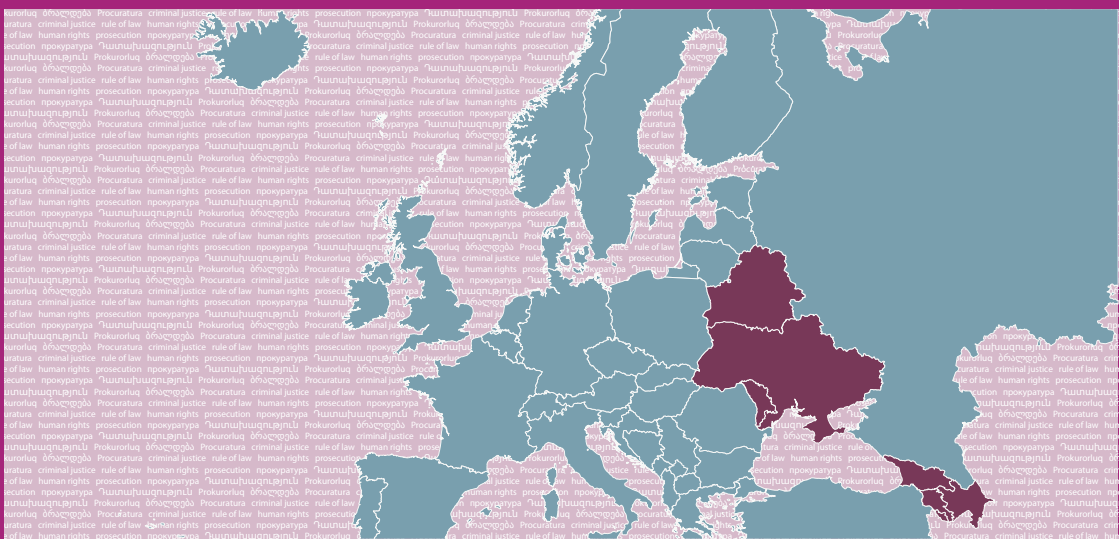


COUNCIL OF EUROPE COOPERATION WITH PROSECUTION SERVICES IN THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

2013–2018



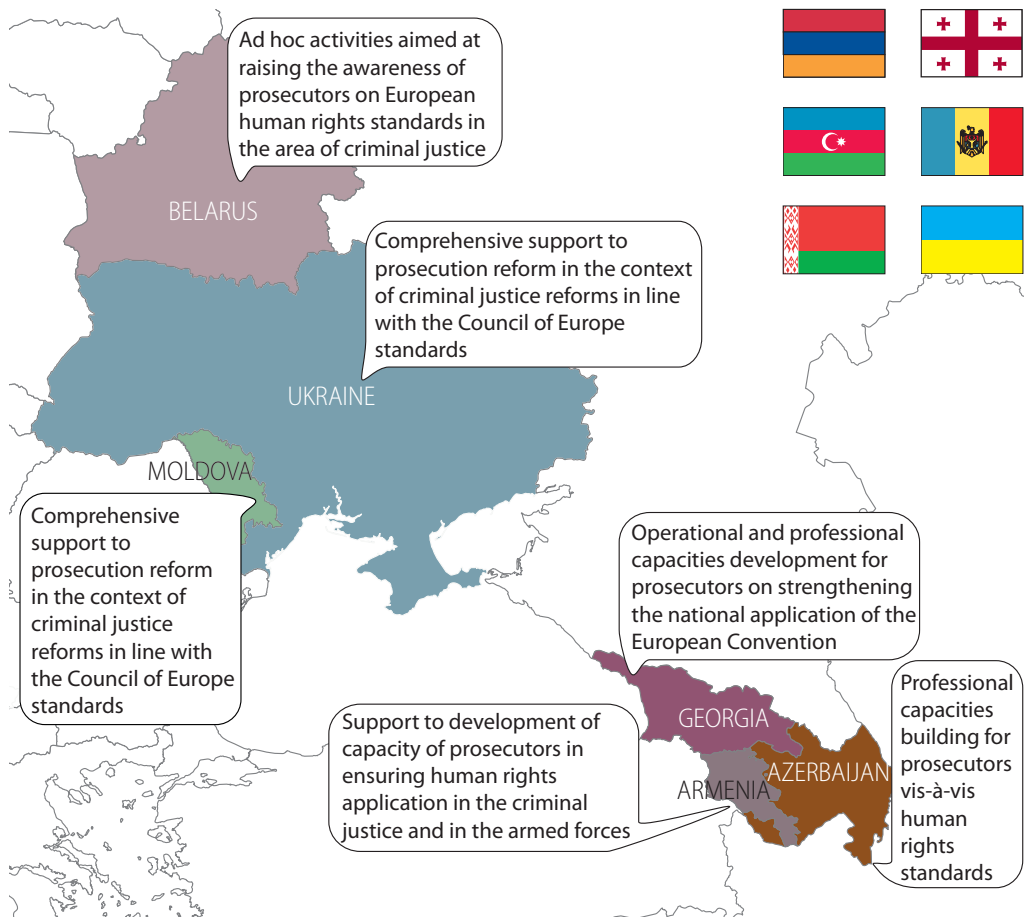
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WHAT & WHERE



RESOURCES AND DONORS

Voluntary contributions from Denmark, Norway, UK, US

Council of Europe Action Plans funding



European Union within the Programme for Good Governance

Council of Europe ordinary budget



BASIS FOR COOPERATION

Reference sources for the reform:

- Accession commitments to the Council of Europe
- Execution of the European Court's judgments
- Council of Europe monitoring and other bodies recommendations
- European Union Association Agreements
- National policy documents/Action plans

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, PROBLEMS AND ISSUES

- Remnants of the Soviet prosecution: roles and functions
- Old-fashioned working methods
- Need for professional development, change of mindsets
- Low public confidence and professional integrity
- Lack of independence of prosecution services
- Lack of individual independence of prosecutors
- Corruption risks



SOLUTIONS

UKRAINE AND MOLDOVA:

Comprehensive support towards reforms of prosecution service in line with Council of Europe standards and best European practices:

- ▶ Improvement of legal and internal regulatory framework
- ▶ Institutional set-up optimisation
- ▶ Operational and professional development

FOCUS AREAS

ALL EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES:

Support to professional capacities building of prosecutors to deliver criminal justice in line with European human rights standards

THE AIM

Prosecution Services that are:

- Effective, efficient and professional
- Independent, accountable and transparent
- Performing duties in line with rule of law and human rights standards



ACHIEVEMENTS

COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS 2013–2018

Legislative & Institutional Reforms

Prosecution system legal framework aligned with European standards

- New constitutional and legal frameworks on Prosecution Service in Moldova and Ukraine
- New Law on Prosecution Service in Armenia

Strategic reform implementation documents in place

- Prosecution Service Strategic Development Plan in Moldova
- Roadmap for Prosecution Reform in Ukraine

Start of functioning of the prosecutorial self-governing bodies to ensure independence of prosecution service

- Superior Council of Prosecutors in Moldova
- Council of Public Prosecutors and Disciplinary Qualification Commission of Prosecutors in Ukraine
- New recruitment, promotion and disciplinary procedures with respect to prosecutors in place in Moldova and Ukraine

Operational & Professional Capacity Development

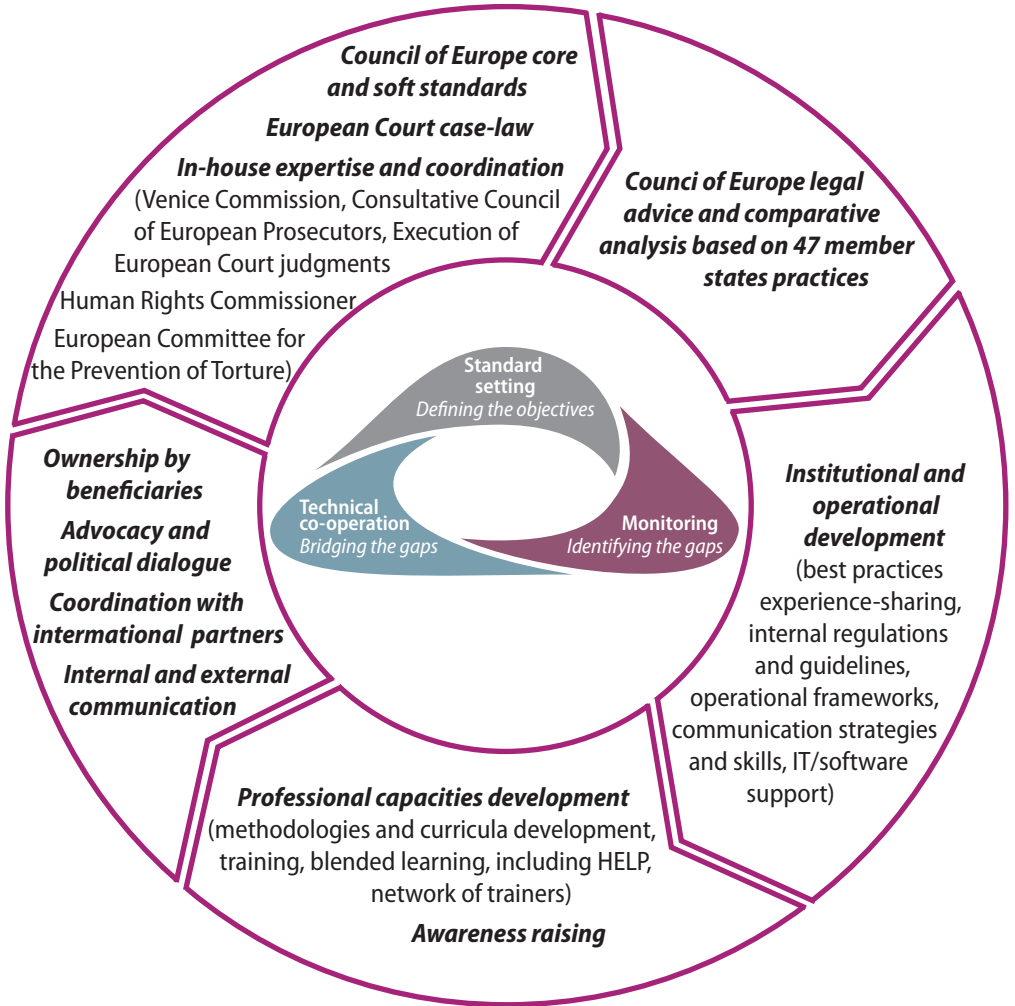
Skills and knowledge advanced to ensure better human rights protection in prosecutorial practices

- Methodological assessment tools in place:
 - a) on application of pre-trial detention
 - b) on the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights in the judiciary practice (Armenia, Georgia, Moldova)
- European Convention on Human Rights research and analytical units in National Training Institutions and Prosecution services in operation (Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine)
- Human rights curricula in place and around 6000 prosecutors trained in all Eastern Partnership countries
- Council of Europe HELP courses integrated into the National Training Institutions curricula (all Eastern Partnership countries)

New regulations and tools in place to ensure efficient operation

- Internal framework and guidelines for effective investigation/prosecution in Georgia, Moldova
- IT support to piloting e-document workflow in Ukraine
- Communication technics and skills of prosecutors improved in Moldova, Ukraine

METHODS



BENEFICIARIES FEEDBACK

Salome Shengelia
Head of Human
Rights Unit of Chief
Prosecutor's Office, Georgia

"The project was very effective in helping the prosecutors to understand the key notions of the European human rights standards and in supporting the continuous education of prosecutors. Since 2015, almost 60 learning project activities trained more than 1200 prosecutors and investigators."

Mircea Rosioru
Deputy Prosecutor
General of Moldova

"Due to support of the Council of Europe experts, the new Moldovan law on prosecution service was adopted, according to which, the Superior Council of Prosecutors became an independent body to guarantee independence to prosecutors and efficient functioning of the system."

**Newly recruited
Deputy Head
of one of the local
prosecutors' offices in Ukraine**

"I applied for a job in this city because no one knows me there and I don't know anyone. I immediately eliminated corruption risks. And now I am comfortable working in the system of my principles, which are equal to European ones."



MORE INFORMATION

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