

Management Response and Action Plan

Name of Evaluation Report:	Final Evaluation Report of the Project: "Support for the execution by Armenia of judgments in respect of Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights" VC/2650		
Date of Evaluation Report:	Final version of the report submitted on 29/03/2023	Date of Action Plan:	01/06/2023

Overall management response to the evaluation:

The evaluation report will be used to further improve planning, implementation and other follow-up actions in the area concerned.

[FOR DECENTRALISED EVALUATIONS] Dissemination plan for the evaluation: please briefly explain how the report will be shared (internally, other CoE entities, donors, beneficiaries etc.), methods (email, events, website etc.), resources, timeframe and person responsible.

Shared with donor as a part of the final reporting in March 2023;
Draft Evaluation Report presented at the Steering Committee meeting in December 2022;
Planned to be published on the DIO web-page in June 2023.

Management Decision ¹	Entity in Charge	Planned Actions ² (determined by Entity)	Justification ³ for Non-Acceptance	Target Date for Action	Person Responsible for Action
Recommendation 1: The project is strategic for the Council of Europe to promote judgment execution and if possible, it should be disseminated and replicated in other member States as it tackles systemic problems.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/> Under consideration	DGI : Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Department on Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards	Such practice does exist in a number of member States where cooperation programmes aim to support the full execution of the ECtHR judgments, either in a form of specific projects on execution of judgments or through targeted components of larger projects on justice and HR issues. Such projects have been and continue to be implemented for example in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Türkiye or Ukraine, . A new multilateral project “Support to efficient domestic capacity for the execution of ECtHR judgments (Phase 1)” has also been launched in 2023. Lastly and importantly, the Reykjavik Declaration, adopted at the 4 th Summit of Heads of States and Governments (16, 17 May), “undert[ook] to” “scale up co-operation programmes to assist member States in the implementation of judgments, which may involve, as appropriate, States facing the same or similar issues in		Continuously	Department on Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards, Co-operation Programmes Division

¹ The management decision is in relation to the Recommendation (Accepted, Rejected, Under consideration).

² For implementing accepted recommendations.

³ For recommendations that are rejected or under consideration.

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		implementation". This objective will remain a priority for the Department on Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards.			
Recommendation 2: The project should be repeated in Armenia by tackling other articles of the European Convention on Human Rights related the security of persons, free expression or non-discrimination, which are also important to prevent authoritarian arbitrariness and to secure compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights standards with a wider participation of law enforcement decision makers, practitioners' associations and relevant MPs.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/> Under consideration	DGI : Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Department on Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards	<p>A follow-up project was launched in Armenia in January 2023 and addresses also other issues that are relevant/problematic in the European Court of Human Rights decisions in relation to Armenia, covering Article 2, 3, 5, 6, and 11 of the ECHR and is focused on the problem of excessive length of proceedings, late or non-execution of national courts' judgments, effective judicial control over the pre-trial stage of the proceedings, right to freedom assembly, and effective investigations into allegations of ill-treatment and deprivation of life and other possible directions.</p> <p>The Project: <i>"Ensuring implementation of the ECHR through effective execution of the judgments of the European Court of</i></p>		Underway	Co-operation Programmes Division

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		<i>Human Rights in Armenia</i> can be found in PMM under the ID 3012.			
Recommendation 3: Follow up of the project achievements should be made by the Council of Europe Office in Yerevan with the collaboration of the Armenian human rights monitoring bodies and the civil society.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/> Under consideration	DGI : Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, department on Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards	The new project will promote the Human Rights Defender Office's involvement in its activities. Civil society participation will be ensured in line with the Guidelines on Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) Participation in the Council of Europe's Cooperation Activities, and the recommendations of the Evaluation Report on CSOs' participation in cooperation projects' activities. The CSOs' participation will be further promoted throughout all the stages of the project implementation. Particularly the CSOs will be regularly invited to the project activities including the launching event of the project. Two CSO representatives will be invited to the project Steering Committee.	N/A	06/2023	Co-operation Programmes Division
Recommendation 4: Study visits and round tables as cooperation project activities should be followed with the use of means such as anonymous questionnaires to have the participants' feedback for improvement.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	DGI : Directorate	A general template will be developed that will be used after every study visit to			Co-operation Programmes Division

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<input type="checkbox"/> Under consideration	General Human Rights and Rule of Law, department on Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards	ensure that regular feedback is collected. At this stage feedback is collected in the framework of various projects.			
Recommendation 5: Other CoE guides on ECHR articles should be translated into Armenian as a way to promote an adequate understanding and application of the ECHR.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/> Under consideration	DGI : Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, department on Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards	The PGG II Project on Criminal Justice translated <u>six Guides of the ECtHR</u> on Articles 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the ECHR and Article 4 of Protocol No.7 to the ECHR, published in 500 copies each and distributed among the Armenian legal professionals in 2020-2022. Under the new project on effective execution of judgments of ECtHR in Armenia, translation into Armenian, proofreading and publication of the Guides of the ECtHR on Articles 3 and 11 of the ECHR are planned. These Guides incorporate the key principles in a particular area and the relevant precedents and aim to inform legal practitioners about the fundamental judgments delivered by the Court.		06/2023	Co-operation Programmes Division

