

DIRECTORATE OF PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION (DPC)

OUR MISSION

The **Directorate of Programme Co-ordination (DPC)** serves as the transmission belt bringing Council of Europe expertise to the beneficiaries on the ground. DPC **co-ordinates targeted technical assistance** that supports Council of Europe member states and neighbouring regions to fully honour the commitments they have undertaken with the Council of Europe on upholding **human rights, democracy, and the rule of law**. By developing and implementing **Action Plans and other strategic co-operation documents** adopted by the Committee of Ministers, DPC helps to translate European standards into practical reforms that strengthen institutions, protect citizens and advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

DPC oversees a network of 16 Offices in member states and the neighbourhood, leads efforts to mobilise extra-budgetary resources, and co-ordinates flagship programmes and projects across the Organisation. By managing the co-operation sector's administrative, financial, logistical and human resources, DPC ensures quality control, sound financial management, coherent implementation in the field and clear, results-oriented reporting to donors.

BY THE NUMBERS: DELIVERING RESULTS

Co-operation portfolio



16 field offices in Ankara, Baku, Belgrade, Bucharest, Chişinău, Kyiv, Podgorica, Sarajevo, Skopje, Tbilisi, Tirana, Venice and Yerevan, as well as Rabat, Tunis and Pristina.



Over 500 million euros in voluntary contributions mobilised over the last decade, ensuring co-operation at national level.

Project management excellence: PMM Platform



750 active users manage co-operation across field offices and headquarters using a bespoke methodology and IT platform.



620 projects (340 under implementation, 280 planned) with 2 050 targeted outcomes, to support national reforms.

30 000 key documents in a central repository with EU OPSYS system data transfer, unique among EU partners.



EUROPE AND EU MEMBER STATES

Technical assistance drives reforms in human rights, democracy, and the rule of law, primarily funded through voluntary contributions from the European Union, member and observer states and other donors. These projects help beneficiaries implement monitoring recommendations from the Council of Europe bodies and align with European standards.

NEIGHBOURHOOD REGIONS

DPC supports efforts to extend the Council of Europe's unique conventions and standards to neighbouring regions, fostering democratic transitions, good governance, and regional co-operation to combat cross-border threats while building a common legal space between Europe and its partners in neighbouring regions.

KEY PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union is the Council of Europe's strategic partner. This co-operation driven by Joint Programmes includes large-scale co-operation frameworks, including:

- the **"Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Türkiye"**;
- the **"Partnership for Good Governance"** in Eastern Europe and South Caucasus countries;
- the **"South Programme"** implemented in the Southern Neighbourhood;
- the **EU SG REFORM Technical Assistance**.



ACCESS THE PROGRAMMING DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING ACTION PLANS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.

WHY YOUR PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

DPC helps to transform political commitments into institutional reality, supporting partners to strengthen democratic resilience and deliver better governance for their citizens. Diplomatic engagement and financial contributions enable DPC to:

- **Scale up** high-impact flagship programmes.
- **Respond rapidly** to emerging reform needs through field offices.
- **Innovate project management tools** like PMM for greater efficiency and visibility.