# Council of Europe Office in Georgia



# **KEY FIGURES**

#### **45 STAFF MEMBERS**

8 Core staff

37 Project staff

# 20 COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS

4 projects as part of the EU/Council of Europe Partnership for Good Governance

**16** projects funded through voluntary contributions

5 REGIONAL PROJECTS

1 MULTILATERAL PROJECT

The Council of Europe supports Georgia in its reforms advancing human rights, rule of law and democracy and in support of its European ambitions. The new Council of Europe Action Plan for Georgia 2024-2027 is the fourth of its kind since 2013. It provides the strategic framework for the technical co-operation carried out by the Council of Europe in Georgia, through its office. The Action Plan also supports Georgia's European perspective reform agenda, following the decision by the European Council in December 2023 to grant EU candidate status to Georgia.

# **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **Better justice**

Increased independence and professionalism of justice in Georgia and improved efficiency of the Georgian judicial system and the modernisation of court management in line with CEPEJ standards.

### Better protection of equality and non-discrimination

Higher awareness on the importance of diversity and equality throughout Georgia and better co-ordination and co-operation between the state and non-state actors. Enhanced capacities of local level stakeholders to respond to hate speech.

#### **Enhanced democratic participation**

Local authorities better use participatory tools for improving citizen's participation in strategy development processes. including in decision-making processes in municipalities.

# AT A GLANCE

# **KEY FIGURES**

Action Plan 2020-2023 24 500 000 Euros

Action Plan 2024-2027 19 900 000 Euros

# **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### Better health care for prison inmates

Improved psychiatric care for inmates, preventing suicide, managing acute mental health crisis and conducting first aid in case of suicide attempt or self-harm. Support to managerial, operational and medical staff of the penitentiary and probation system.

#### Upgraded measures to fight violence against women and domestic violence

New legal framework leading to increased reporting of sexual violence crimes and improved outcomes in their adjudication. Capacities of key legal professionals, judges and prosecutors reinforced in dealing with national cases on violence against women and domestic violence.

Improved prevention and combatting of corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing through enhanced institutional and operational frameworks.

#### Free legal aid: enhanced access and quality

Better access to civil and victim-offender mediation for citizens.

#### **Better policing**

Policing of peaceful demonstrations is in line with Council of Europe standards, improved communication with media, better prevention of ill-treatment, in particular for vulnerable groups, (such as juvenile offenders and victims, survivors of sexual violence, detainees with health problems).

# **HIGHLIGHT**

Social workers working on rehabilitation of inmates recently attended a training on personality disorders provided through Council of Europe initiatives. Inspired by the acquired knowledge, several social workers expressed their determination to apply this insight in their work. Equipped to identify signs of personality disorders, they anticipate a more tailored approach in their interactions with inmates, addressing specific needs. The commitment of these social workers to integrating this valuable training into their practice reflects their dedication to providing more effective and individualised support, fostering a positive impact on the rehabilitation process.

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