

# Council of Europe Office in Yerevan



## KEY FIGURES

**30 STAFF MEMBERS**

**7** Core staff

**23** Project staff

**11 COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS**

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

**9** projects funded through voluntary contributions

**5 REGIONAL PROJETS**

Since 2015, co-operation activities in Armenia have been guided by successive Council of Europe Action Plans prepared jointly with the national authorities and aimed at bringing the national legislation and practice further into line with European and international standards in the areas of human rights, the rule of law and democracy. The current Action Plan for 2023-2026 was launched in Yerevan in February 2023.

Under this third Action Plan for the country, co-operation aims at supporting the national reform processes in the protection of human rights in the biomedical field as well as freedom of the media, ensuring respect for social rights, combating violence against women and improving children's rights. Other areas of co-operation include enhancing the independence and efficiency of justice, fighting corruption and cybercrime, and improving healthcare conditions in prisons and enhancing the role of probation in the judicial system. In 2023 several projects were adapted and new projects launched in response to refugee influx in Armenia.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

### **Better justice**

Improved transparent, independent and accountable justice system fostering trust, confidence and protection of human rights in the legal processes.

### **Better protection of equality and non-discrimination**

Better functioning of the state and non-state actors to combat discrimination, hate speech and racism and increased awareness of the importance of diversity and equality in Armenia.

### **Enhanced prevention of and fight against economic crime in Armenia**

Improved legislative, strategic and institutional capacities for effective prevention of and fight against corruption, money laundering and terrorism financing.

## AT A GLANCE

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **Better protection of the rights of persons in detention**

Improved penitentiary system and prison health care, and protection of the human rights of persons deprived of liberty. Strengthened capacities of the managerial, operational and medical staff of the penitentiary system.

#### **Strengthening the probation system**

Improved use of probation services in the country and enhanced community safety and fair administration of justice.

#### **Fostering human rights of displaced population**

Improved legislative and policy framework and capacity for the better protection of refugees' and displaced population's human rights in line with European standards.

#### **Preventing violence against women and promoting gender equality**

Improved legal and policy framework on preventing and combating domestic violence, increased knowledge, enhanced inter-agency co-operation in line with European standards and best practices.

#### **Fostering human rights in the armed forces**

Better protection of human and social rights for the members of the armed forces and increased women's role in the military.

#### **Better execution of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights**

Improved 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.

#### **Protection of human rights in biomedicine**

Improved legal and policy framework in line with the European standards enshrined in the Oviedo Convention and its Additional Protocols, improved protection of human rights in biomedicine and healthcare.

#### **Better democratic development, decentralisation and good governance**

Improved legislative framework for local self-government in line with European standards to reflect the new territorial-administrative map of Armenia, strengthened capacities of local authorities of newly enlarged communities.

### ACTION PLAN

### BUDGET

Revised budget:  
22 349 000 Euros

Secured funding:  
12 524 000 Euros  
from 11 donors,  
representing 56% of  
the revised budget

The first Vocational Training Centre for probation beneficiaries in Armenia was established at the end of 2022. It represents a significant step forward for the rehabilitation and societal reintegration of probation beneficiaries.

The Centre creates a space for practical skill-building and opens avenues for probation beneficiaries to acquire valuable vocational skills. The Vocational Training Centre stands as a tangible proof to the shared commitment of the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Justice to promoting restorative justice and facilitating the successful reintegration of individuals into society. This joint endeavor serves as an inspiration for future collaborative initiatives aimed at fostering positive change within the criminal justice system.

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### MORE INFORMATION

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