







Stocktaking Dialogue on the Implementation of the Council of Europe Refugee Response Package in Armenia

11 November 2025



Background

The Refugee Response Package was launched in April 2024 to support the Armenian authorities in addressing the large influx of refugees. The Response Package builds on the findings from the visit of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees and the Commissioner for Human Rights in October 2023. It forms part of, and supports the objectives of, the Council of Europe Action Plan for Armenia 2023–2026 as well as the objective of the Council of Europe Action Plan on Protecting Vulnerable Persons in the Context of Migration and Asylum 2021–2025.

As part of the Response Package, four tailor-made projects were launched, while two additional components were introduced to ongoing projects, namely:

-  [Strengthening human rights safeguards for the displaced population in Armenia](#)
-  [Support to host communities](#)
-  [Enhancing social human rights in Armenia](#)
-  [Protecting the rights of Armenian children in post-conflict contexts](#)

Projects with additional components:

-  [Protection of Human Rights in Biomedicine](#)
-  [Ending Violence Against Women and Promoting Gender Equality in Armenia \(Phase II\)](#)

Given that we are approaching two full years of implementation of the Response Package since its launch, a stocktaking dialogue will provide a platform to present the progress achieved, share lessons learned, and discuss next steps.

The event is organised jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and the Council of Europe. It will bring together 100 participants representing national authorities, civil society organisations, as well as representatives of international organisations and diplomatic community representatives accredited to Armenia.

Draft Agenda

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Venue: Hotel Marriott (Tigran the Great Ballroom)

09:30 – 10:00	Registration of participants (80–100 participants) and welcome coffee ¹
10:00 – 10:30	Opening remarks Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (TBC), Claus Neukirch, Director, Directorate of Programme Co-ordination, Council of Europe
10:30 – 12:00	High-Level Segment: Design and Implementation of the Refugee Response Package Arsen Torosyan, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (TBC) Arpine Sargsyan, Minister of Internal Affairs (TBC) Artak Jumayan, Deputy Minister of Health (TBC) Davit Khudatyan, Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure (TBC) Anahit Manasyan, Human Rights Defender (TBC) Clare Ovey, Director of Directorate of Human Rights, Council of Europe Claudia Luciani, Director of Congress of <u>Local and</u> Regional and Local Authorities, Council of Europe Caterina Bolognese, Head of Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe <i>Format: Panel discussion</i>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch/reception
13:30 – 15:00	Protection of Human Rights in the Context of Migration and Displacement: Challenges and Good Practices Clare Ovey, Director of Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe Nelly Davtyan, Head of Citizenship and Migration Service (TBC) (<i>Strengthening human rights safeguards for the displaced population project</i>) Knar Ghonyan, Head of the Healthcare Policy Department (TBC) (<i>Protection of Human Rights in Biomedicine Project</i>) Anna Zamakhochyan, Deputy Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (TBC) (<i>Enhancing social human rights project</i>) <i>Format: Panel discussion</i>

¹ In the lobby of the conference facilities, a Fair will be organised in the form of a temporary setup of booths, where CSOs participating in the implementation of the Refugee Response Package will have an opportunity to present their work.

<p>15:00 – 16:00</p>	<p>Safeguarding Dignity: Strengthening Protection of Children’s and Women’s Rights and the Role of CSOs in Context of Migration and Displacement</p> <p><i>Caterina Bolognese, Head of Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe</i></p> <p><i>Tatevik Stepanyan, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (TBC) (Protecting the rights of Armenian children in post-conflict contexts and Ending Violence Against Women and Promoting Gender Equality in Armenia projects)</i></p> <p><i>Zhanna Hakobyan, Head of Department for Provision of Convention Mandates, Office of the Human Rights Defender (TBC)</i></p> <p><i>Hasmik Khachatryan, Head of Population Movement Department, Armenian Red Cross Society (TBC)</i></p> <p><i>Grigor Yeritsyan / Hayk Khachatryan, Armenian Progressive Youth (CSO)</i></p> <p><i>Zhanna Kocharyan, For Equality Human Rights (CSO)</i></p> <p><i>Shoushan Keshishian, Artsakh Hub (CSO)</i></p> <p><i>Format: Panel discussion</i></p>
<p>16:00 – 16:30</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>16:30 – 17:30</p>	<p>The Role of Local Authorities: The Importance of Inclusive and Resilient Responses to Migration and Displacement</p> <p><i>Claudia Luciani, Director of Congress of Local and Regional and Local Authorities, Council of Europe</i></p> <p><i>Ashot Giloyan, Head of the Department of Local Self-Government Policy (TBC), Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure</i></p> <p><i>Vedi local self-government presentation</i> <i>Tumanyan local self-government presentation</i> <i>Byureghavan local self-government presentation</i> <i>Martuni local self-government presentation</i></p> <p><i>Format: Panel discussion</i></p>
<p>17:30 – 18:15</p>	<p>Conclusion and Way Forward: The Importance of Stakeholder Engagement and Co-ordination</p> <p>Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (TBC) Clare Ovey, Director of Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe Caterina Bolognese, Head of Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe Claudia Luciani, Director of Congress of Local and Regional and Local Authorities, Council of Europe</p>

	Moderator: Maxime Longangué, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Yerevan
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