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**105TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF ARMENIA**

**HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE  
PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE IN  
UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW**

**1-2 July 2023  
Yerevan, Armenia**

**PROGRAMME**

This event is part of the joint European Union and Council of Europe programme "Partnership for Good Governance", co-funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe, and implemented by the Council of Europe.

# CONFERENCE OUTLINE

## OBJECTIVES

The Conference aims:

- ◆ to underline the importance of institutional independence of prosecutors in ensuring fair trial standards and in upholding rule of law,
- ◆ to discuss the European standards on prosecutorial accountability, independence, and ethical framework; to overview national models on prosecutorial evaluation and to highlight the significance of continuous professional education in upholding these standards,
- ◆ to promote a collaboration of professional practitioners, aiming at sharing practical issues and solutions in the long-term perspective.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- ◆ Strengthened links among the Prosecutors' Offices of the member States to facilitate best practice exchange
- ◆ Shared understanding of the independence, accountability, and ethics of prosecutors as the core concepts underlying prosecutorial activity
- ◆ Raised awareness on the Council of Europe and other European standards on the Prosecutorial independence, accountability, and ethics

## PARTICIPANTS

The meeting is addressed to:

- ◆ Representatives of the Prosecutor's Office of the member States
- ◆ Judges and other legal professionals in Armenia
- ◆ International community
- ◆ Academia

## VENUE

- ◆ Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan, Ararat Hall  
(address: 1 Amiryanyan St, Yerevan, Armenia)

# 1 JULY 2023

09:15-09:45	<b>Registration</b>
10:00-10:30	<b>Welcoming address by the Honorable Nikol Pashinyan, Prime Minister of Armenia</b>
10:30-10:35	<b>Pre-recorded welcoming address by Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</b>
10:35-10:45	<b>Opening session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>Anna Vardapetyan</b>, Prosecutor General of Armenia</li><li>◆ <b>H.E. Andrea Wiktorin</b>, Ambassador of the European Union to Armenia, Head of the Delegation</li><li>◆ <b>Martina Schmidt</b>, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Yerevan</li></ul>
10:45-11:15	<b>Group Photo. Coffee break</b>
11:15-13:15	<b>Plenary Session. Theme I: Prosecutorial External and Internal Independence -different mechanisms and common challenges</b> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Anna Vardapetyan, Prosecutor General of Armenia</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>Antonio Vercher</b>, Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE) President (2021-2022) and current member of the Bureau, Council of Europe Consultant</li><li>◆ <b>Goga Gogadze</b>, Vice-President of the International Association of Prosecutors</li></ul> <p><b>National Experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>Luigi Salvato</b>, General Prosecutor of the Supreme Court of Cassation of Italy</li><li>◆ <b>Irakli Shotadze</b>, Prosecutor General of Georgia</li><li>◆ <b>Emilijo Kalabrić</b>, Deputy General State Attorney of Croatia</li><li>◆ <b>Nida Grunskienė</b>, Prosecutor General of Lithuania</li></ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
13:15-14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:30-16:00	<b>Plenary Session. Theme II: Prosecutorial Accountability and Ethics: exchange on best practice</b> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Lilit Daneghian, Deputy Head of Cooperation Programmes Division, Department for Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standards, DGI, Council of Europe</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>Antonio Vercher</b>, Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE) President (2021-2022) and current member of the Bureau, Council of Europe Consultant</li><li>◆ <b>Davor Derenčinović</b>, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Croatia</li><li>◆ <b>Artashes Melikyan</b>, Head of the CCPE Secretariat</li><li>◆ <b>Boštjan Škrlec</b>, Vice-President of Eurojust</li></ul> <p><b>National Experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>Andres Parmas</b>, Prosecutor General of Estonia</li></ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>

16:00-16:30	<b>Wrap up of the Panel Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Anna Vardapetyan</b>, Prosecutor General of Armenia</li> <li>◆ <b>Lilit Daneghian</b>, Deputy Head of Cooperation Programmes Division, Department for Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standards, DGI, Council of Europe</li> </ul>
17:30-19:30	<b>Remarks by the Honorable Nikol Pashinyan, Prime Minister of Armenia</b>  <b>Classical music concert</b> followed by a Reception by the Council of Europe in the framework of the High-level Conference <b>Venue:</b> Komitas Museum-Institute (address: 28 Arshakunyats street, Yerevan, Armenia)

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10:00-10:20	<b>Presentation of the Scientific-practical Journal “Legality” of the Prosecutor’s Office of Armenia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Anahit Manasyan</b>, Human Rights Defender of Armenia, Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal</li> </ul>
10:20-10:40	<b>Presentation of the new website of the Prosecutor’s Office of Armenia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Lusine Martirosyan</b>, Counsellor to the Prosecutor General of Armenia</li> </ul>
10:40-11:40	<b>Conclusions of the Conference and the way forward: presentation of main outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Anna Vardapetyan</b>, Prosecutor General of Armenia</li> <li>◆ <b>Lilit Daneghian</b>, Deputy Head of Cooperation Programmes Division, Department for Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standards, DGI, Council of Europe</li> </ul>
11:40-13:00	<b>Buffet lunch</b>

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