

## RESULTS FACTSHEET

# Partnership for Good Governance in Azerbaijan

September 2020

### Key figures

- Two successive phases since 2015.
- 16 projects under PGG II
- 3 country-specific projects for Azerbaijan with a budget of EUR 2,082,600
- 3 regional projects covering Azerbaijan

### What is the Partnership for Good Governance?

Through the Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) the European Union and the Council of Europe are working together to strengthen governance in the Eastern Partnership region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus).

PGG provides tailor-made support to Eastern Partnership countries to bring legislation and practice closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, rule of law and democracy.

## Project: Strengthening anti-money laundering and asset recovery (Jan 2019-Dec 2021)

*PGG II supports legislative and institutional reforms and development of capacities to **combat money-laundering, terrorism financing and recover the proceeds from crime in line with European standards.***

- The **technical capacities of financial intelligence staff** were developed through specialised training sessions on open source intelligence and on strategic financial data analysis provided by the project.
- The **capacities of prosecutors, investigators, judges and other law enforcement authorities** were strengthened on mutual legal assistance, through targeted training to minimise the grounds for refusal from foreign jurisdictions.
- In response to the Azerbaijani authorities' request, the project **supported the authorities' efforts to improve the national Anti-Money Laundering/Combating Financing of Terrorism framework.** A Legal Opinion was provided on the national legislative framework related to the implementation of targeted financial sanctions on terrorism and terrorism financing, as well as a Legal Opinion on the Draft Law on the prevention of the legalisation of criminally obtained property and the financing of terrorism.

[A background information sheet on this project is available on the website.](#)

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## Project: Strengthening the efficiency and quality of the judicial system (Mar 2019-Aug 2021)

PGG II supports the efforts of Azerbaijan to ensure better access to justice through strengthened efficiency and quality of the judicial system and improved enforcement of court decisions.

- A **study on international best practices** provided recommendations on alternative mechanisms for the enforcement of the decisions of courts and entrustment of the enforcement to private agencies. Through capacity building activities, the project supported the experts' recommendations submitted to the Ministry of Justice to reform the enforcement system.
- The **new legal framework for the system of enforcement of court decisions** in civil and administrative matters was drafted and the Enforcement Code was reviewed with the support of the project to incorporate Council of Europe recommendations.
- **20 judges and 22 court staff increased their knowledge** on the European Commission for the efficiency of justice (CEPEJ) tools and methodology to collect, monitor and analyse the data for court performance reporting through the organisation of two seminars.
- A **Roadmap for dissemination of CEPEJ efficiency and quality measurement tools** was developed by the project to ensure all courts of Azerbaijan report on court performances in a unified manner thus contributing to increasing public trust in the judicial system, strengthening its independence and efficiency.

[A background information sheet on both components of this project is available on the website.](#)

## Project: Raising awareness of the Istanbul Convention and other Gender Equality Standards (Jul 2020-Dec 2021)

PGG II raises awareness on the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention) and other gender equality standards in Azerbaijan.

- The project seeks to provide **support to the Azerbaijani authorities in their path towards the signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention** and to bring national legislation and policies in line with the European standards.

[A background information sheet on this project is available on the website.](#)

### More information:

<https://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/pgg2/azerbaijan>

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### Regional projects implemented in Azerbaijan:

- ▶ Strengthening measures to prevent and combat economic crime
- ▶ Women's Access to Justice: delivering on the Istanbul Convention and other European gender equality standards
- ▶ Strengthening the access to justice through non-judiciary redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech

For more information, consult the Factsheet on Regional projects

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