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CONCLUSIONS

Local Steering Committee

EU/CoE Partnership for Good Governance 2019 – 2021

Kyiv, 11 October 2019

The Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) **Local Steering Committees (LSC)** of a tri-partite nature (European Union, Council of Europe, Beneficiaries) have been established regarding each of the countries covered by PGG. The LSCs meet once a year with a view to:

- monitor the implementation of the APAs in each country;
- monitor the implementation of regional/multi-country projects regarding both regional action and the specific actions of the country concerned;
- formulate recommendations with a view to steering the projects;
- transmit proposals for revised APAs to the PGG-SC and formulate recommendations as to the initiation of any other national intervention under PGG, as well as any recommendations regarding regional Action;
- make proposals to the PGG-SC as to the use of reserve funds.

The first meeting of the LSC for Ukraine was held on 11 October 2019 in Kyiv in accordance with the Agenda shown in Appendix I. The list of participants is shown in Appendix II.

Recommendations and conclusions

Further to detailed presentations of the different PGG projects involving Ukraine and in-depth exchanges of views, the LSC made some specific recommendations and came to the following conclusions:

- The LSC endorsed the country specific project¹ as well as regional projects, considering that they are all relevant for Ukraine. Specific recommendations regarding some projects were made as follows:
 - ✓ The project “strengthening measures to counter money laundering and financing of terrorism in Ukraine” should involve the Bar association as one of its beneficiaries; specific

¹ Registration of co-operation projects must be carried out according to the national provisions and rules.

training and involvement of the Bar association in the training is planned, as well as its involvement in activities relating to the supervisory functions over the legal profession were recommended. The involvement of the National School of Judges (NSJ) in this project is fully relevant. Considering the priority given by the NSJ to enhance skills of judges on cybercrime, the regional Joint Programme in this area for Eastern Partnership should consider involving this institution in some of its activities.

- ✓ The project “strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards”: the Bar association is not convinced of the relevance of this project for Ukraine; further discussions and consultations should be carried out within the best possible delay to clarify the project’s content as regards Ukraine.
 - ✓ The project “Strengthening the access to justice through non-judiciary redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech in Eastern Partnership countries” is very relevant for Ukraine, notably as regards the objective to set up a system to collect disaggregated data. Civil society’s active involvement in this project is of utmost importance. The LSC highlighted the need to widely raise awareness in this area, as well as to diversify the participation of civil society representatives within this framework.
 - ✓ The project “Women’s access to justice: delivering on the Istanbul Convention and other European gender equality standards”: In view of the regional nature of the project, the LSC recommended that the specific bilateral project of the Council of Europe², should support the capacities of social workers and police officers in this area.
- The LSC noted the complementarity between PGG and other European Union projects such as PRAVO (Police and Justice projects, the EU Anti-corruption initiative and the “European Union and Council of Europe working together for strengthening the protection of human rights in Ukraine”. Close co-ordination, but not duplication, between all these projects should be ensured towards the achievement of EU 2020 deliverables.
 - Communication with beneficiaries, the European Union Delegations and Council of Europe Offices regarding regional projects should be safeguarded in a timely and efficient manner. Work plans should be shared and consultations held on a regular basis and in due time.
 - While no request under the Quick Response Mechanism has been submitted by Ukraine so far, the tool has been acknowledged.

APPENDIX I

² funded outside the PGG

LOCAL STEERING COMMITTEE

EU/CoE Partnership for Good Governance 2019-2021 for Eastern Partnership countries

AGENDA

**KYIV, 11 October 2019
Hyatt Regency**

09:15-09:30

Welcome and registration

09:30-10:00

Opening session (open to the media)

Chair: Olena Lytvynenko, Deputy Head of the Council Europe Office in Ukraine

Martin Klaucke, Head of Operations Section 1 "Good Governance and Democratisation" European Union Delegation to Ukraine

Pilar Morales, Head of the Programming Department, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

Serhii Saienko, Deputy Director General, Regional Policies and Strategies, Directorate General for the European Union and NATO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10:00-10:15

Coffee break

10:15-11:15

Presentation of the PGG II – state of implementation and programming

Chair: Council of Europe/European Union Delegation

Country specific project

➤ **Project "Strengthening measures to counter money laundering and financing of terrorism in Ukraine"**

Presentation by Sergii Rybchenko, Senior Project Officer, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe Office in Ukraine
Exchanges of views

Regional projects

➤ **Project "Strengthening measures to prevent and combat economic crime"**

Presentation by Sergii Rybchenko, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe Office in Kyiv
Exchange of views

- **Project “Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards”**
Presentation by Pilar Morales, Head of the Programming Department,
Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe
Exchange of views
- **Project “Strengthening the access to justice through non-judiciary redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech in Eastern Partnership countries”**
Presentation by Pilar Morales, Head of the Programming Department,
Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe
Exchange of views
- **Project “Women’s access to justice: delivering on the Istanbul Convention and other European gender equality standards”**
Presentation by Katja Tiilikainen, Gender Adviser, Council of Europe
Office in Kyiv
Exchange of views

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| 11:15-11:35 | Quick Response Mechanism (QRM): Presentation and exchange of views Presentation by Pilar Morales, Head of the Programming Department, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe |
| 11:35-12:15 | Communication and visibility: Presentation and exchange of views Presentation by Anna Abenhaim, Communications Officer, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe |
| 12:15-12.25 | Information about the new EU and CoE joint project “European Union and Council of Europe working together to strengthening the protection of human rights in Ukraine” and its components |
| 12:25-13:00 | Conclusions |
| 13:00 | Lunch |

APPENDIX II
List of participants

1. Olshanska Olga, Insight
2. Ptichka Svitlana, Insight
3. Kozub Lidiia, Representative of the Parliament Commissioner for the Rights of the Child, non-discrimination and gender equality
4. Verner Igor, Director of the State Statistic Service
5. Svetsova Olena, Advisor to the Director of the State Statistic Service
6. Pozniak Yulia, International Relation Department, State Statistic Service
7. Popov Georgiy, Director, Research Institute of the National Academy of Prosecution
8. Mykhailenko Tetiana, Roma Mediator
9. Vyrtosu Iryna, "ZMINA", Human Rights Center
10. Onoprienko-Kapustina Natalia, "Center of Democracy"
11. Dmitrieva Maria, Lawyer
12. Kondur Yulia, "Chirikli" NGO
13. Zhukovska Angelina, "Chirikli" NGO
14. Zolotarenko Valetyna, Roma Mediator
15. Shuklina Natalia, Deputy President of the National School of Judges
16. Pustovoitova Tetiana, Head of the International Relations Division, National School of Judges
17. Saenko Sergiy, National Co-ordinator of Programmes of Co-operation, a.i. Director of the EU and NATO Department
18. Yerko Aliona, Senior Specialist of the European Integration Unit, Ministry of Interior
19. Tarasenko Kostiantyn, Head of Secretariat of Human Rights Department, National Police
20. Pustova Oksana, Head of Unit, Investigation Department, National Police
21. Lan'ko Iryna, Senior Investigator, Investigation Department, National Police
22. Dobronravov Oleksii, State Expert of Expert Group on co-ordination of donor assistance and international co-operation, Department of Strategic Planning and European Integration, Ministry of Justice
23. Golub Oleksandra, "League of Equals", NGO
24. Morales Pilar, Head of the Programming Department, ODGP, Council of Europe
25. Abenhaim Anna, Communications Officer, ODGP, Council of Europe
26. Isabelle Imbs, Administrative Assistant, ODGP, Council of Europe
27. Lytvynenko Olena, Deputy Head of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine
28. Katja Tilikainen, Gender Advisor, CoE Office in Ukraine
29. Oksana Ovcharuk, Project Officer, Strengthening the protection of national minorities in Ukraine
30. Zemfira Kondur, Project Officer, Strengthening the protection of national minorities in Ukraine
31. Prydatko Dmitriy, Assistant to the Office
32. Lytvyniuk Olga, Assistant to the Office
33. Tolkocho Volodynyk, Head of the Division of HR in CoE
34. Gvozdiy Valentyn, UNBA
35. Sorensen Maksimilian, EU Delegation to Ukraine