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Partnership for Good Governance

Project: Support to modernisation of court management in Georgia

This project seeks to continue to promote Council of Europe and international standards and tools in the field of justice, as well as to build the capacity of justice professionals to apply those standards and tools to support improvement of the efficiency of the judicial system, facilitate the modernisation of justice administration, including through implementation of new cyber justice tools, and a continuous improvement of the quality of judicial services with dialogue between justice professionals and the public.

This project is implemented within the third Phase of the joint programme of the European Union and the Council of Europe "Partnership for Good Governance". It builds on the results of the previous phases of the Partnership for Good Governance in the field of strengthening justice (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

What are the objectives of the project?

- ▶ To support improvement of the efficiency of the Georgian judicial system, and notably reduction of backlogs and length of proceedings
- ▶ To contribute to improved quality of judicial services through dialogue between justice professionals and with the public.
- ▶ Increase judges' referrals to mediation, improve data collection of mediation cases based on the CEPEJ Mediation Development Toolkit.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ High Council of Justice;
- ▶ Courts;
- ▶ High School of Justice;
- ▶ Independent Inspector of the High Council of Justice;
- ▶ Mediators' Association.
- ▶ General public.

How does the project work?

- ▶ Through a combination of tailored policy, capacity-building and awareness raising actions.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Courts adopt quality and efficiency standards and tools;
- ▶ The delivery of efficient and quality judicial services to citizens at the national and court level is enhanced.
- ▶ Court coaching program serves as a good platform to improve court management and disseminate practical measures to other courts.
- ▶ Court performance through strengthened court management is improved.
- ▶ The recourse to mediation is enhanced.

What is the budget of the project?

- ▶ The total budget is EUR 800,000.
- ▶ The overall Programme budget is EUR 19.3 M (80% is co-funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe).

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 March 2023 to 28 February 2026.

How to get more information?

- ▶ The Project is implemented by the [Council of Europe European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice \(CEPEJ\)](#), Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG I).
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PGG provides tailor-made support to Eastern Partnership countries to bring their legislation and practice closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, rule of law and democracy. It supports, in particular, Eastern Partnership countries’ domestic reforms to strengthen justice, counter economic crime, promote equality and non-discrimination, advance women’s access to justice and combat violence against women. PGG supports Georgia in its European perspective agenda, in line with Council of Europe standards.