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## Partnership for Good Governance

### Project: Strengthening independence and professionalism of justice in Georgia

This project seeks to continue to promote Council of Europe and international standards in the field of strengthening justice, as well as to build the capacity of state authorities, legal and law enforcement professionals, civil society, etc., to adapt domestic legislation framework in line with international standards, and to apply those standards to improve protection of human rights and rule of law.

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 contribute to improved protection of human rights and rule of law by enhancing evidence based judicial system in Georgia.

#### Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ General Prosecutor’s Office.
- ▶ Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- ▶ High School of Justice.
- ▶ High Council of Justice.
- ▶ Independent Inspector of the High Council of Justice.
- ▶ Parliament of Georgia.
- ▶ Constitutional Court of Georgia.
- ▶ Legal professionals, including judges, lawyers and law enforcement agents.
- ▶ General public.

#### How does the project work?

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

#### What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Independence, transparency, accountability of the judicial system and impartiality of judges is promoted;
- ▶ Coherent and evidence-based criminal justice policy achieved by compliance of criminal legislation with international and European human rights standards;
- ▶ ECHR national implementation is improved, including by increasing the effectiveness of the courts and knowledge

of judges in line with the case law of the ECtHR.

### What is the budget of the project?

- ▶ The total budget is EUR 1 305 000.
- ▶ 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 Co-operation Programmes Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG I).
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