

COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICE IN GEORGIA

RESULTS IN 2025



The **Council of Europe Action Plan for Georgia 2024-2027** is the fourth in a long-standing **partnership**, and it provides a strategic four-year framework of co-operation aiming to bring Georgia's legislation, institutions, and practice in line with European standards in the areas of human rights, the rule of law, and democracy.

In a complex and challenging context, potential risks were successfully mitigated by strengthening co-operation with civil society organisations, the media, and citizens, while maintaining constructive dialogue with national authorities. A **key strategic focus is to increase direct participations of citizens in Council of Europe activities**. In several areas, social and behaviour change methodology was introduced to improve long-term sustainability and real-world impact of the work.

BY THE NUMBERS: A PLATFORM FOR ACTION | AS OF JANUARY 2026



43 DEDICATED STAFF MEMBERS
INCLUDING 32 PROJECT STAFF.



THE ACTION PLAN TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET IS 30.4 MILLION EUROS.

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPORT LONG-TERM STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT.

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5 REGIONAL AND 10 COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS
INCLUDING 1 FLAGSHIP JOINT EU AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE "PARTNERSHIP FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE" PROJECT.



WHY YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

Support to the Action Plan translates into tangible results and progress for the society, by advancing the country's human rights commitment and building resilience in a complex context, while sustaining constructive dialogue.

IMPACT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE WORK IN GEORGIA



ADVANCING RULE OF LAW AND JUSTICE

Enhance oversight of human rights judgments. The Public Defender's Office increased Rule 9 submissions to the Committee of Ministers, improving monitoring of domestic implementation and evidence-based reporting, boosting oversight of the execution of judgments.

Integration of behavioural science into criminal justice practice. Council of Europe innovative training for prosecutors and lawyers introduced behavioural science into judicial decision-making in Georgia, supporting more reflective legal reasoning, improved prosecutorial decisions, and stronger case presentation in court.

Building a new generation of social rights advocates. 25 law students improved their legal reasoning and advocacy by applying European Social Charter standards in simulated hearings, turning norms into persuasive, practice-ready arguments. Equipped to share their learning across peer networks, they are expanding awareness and visibility of social rights.

ENCOURAGING EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION

Strong student participation and school community engagement. Across 44 schools, 120 school community members participated in Council of Europe activities, reporting more new ideas for student participation (96.6%), higher motivation (96.5%), and better understanding of how to mobilise community and external resources (89.5%).

PROMOTING EQUALITY

Equality in practice and public awareness. Media representatives improved their use of sensitive and ethical language, strengthened their ability to avoid hate speech, and enhanced responsible reporting on vulnerable groups. During Europe Days in Batumi and Kutaisi, hundreds of visitors engaged in interactive activities on discrimination, hate speech, and unconscious bias, and learned about European and national anti-discrimination mechanisms.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE AND PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS

Children rights are protected. Treatment of juveniles by police and investigators improved through a new training module on interviewing juvenile victims and offenders and the creation of a pool of 20 certified trainers to embed practice change.

Frontline capacity against child sexual violence. 20 social workers strengthened their professional approaches via two-day interactive sessions applying social and behaviour change.

ADVANCING GOOD GOVERNANCE AND MEDIA FREEDOM

Journalists and activists are protected. The Anti-SLAPPs platform helped protect journalists and activists facing abusive lawsuits (SLAPPs). Georgian SLAPPs lawyers identified four such cases and, for the first time, referred to the Council of Europe Recommendation on SLAPPs in domestic proceedings to explain how abusive lawsuits harm free speech.