



Partnership for Good Governance II:

Regional project on “Strengthening access to justice through non-judicial redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech in Eastern Partnership countries”

What is the goal?

- ▶ To strengthen access to justice for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech through non-judicial redress mechanisms in Eastern Partnership countries

Who will benefit?

- ▶ General public and victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech, will benefit from a greater protection of their rights through non-judicial redress mechanisms
- ▶ Equality bodies and/or Ombudsoffices
- ▶ Civil society organisations working with/representing vulnerable communities affected by discrimination, hate crime and hate speech
- ▶ Ministries of Justice, Ministries of Interior, Judiciary and law enforcement agencies.

How will the project work?

- ▶ In close co-operation with the national partners
- ▶ With regional activities to support peer learning from good practices and increase regional networking and common solutions.
- ▶ With a tailor-made approach to meet the concrete needs of the country

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ The legislation on anti-discrimination, hate crime and hate speech is improved and implemented in line with European human rights standards
- ▶ Procedures and tools for disaggregated data gathering on hate crime are further strengthened
- ▶ The capacity of Equality bodies/ Ombudsoffices and NGOs to assist men and women from vulnerable groups in pursuing discrimination complaints through relevant non-judicial redress mechanisms is increased
- ▶ Awareness of the work of ‘equality bodies’ / Ombudsoffice and related non-judicial redress mechanisms is increased among women and men from vulnerable communities, general public, and NGOs.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is around 940.00 Euros
- ▶ 80% is funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe. The programme is implemented by the Council of Europe

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 February 2019 to 31 December 2021.

Who is responsible for the project?

No Hate Speech and Co-operation Unit, in the Council of Europe’s Anti-Discrimination Department (Directorate General of Democracy).

How do we get more information?

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In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted co-operation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus – the EU's Eastern Partnership countries – would be implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance.

These co-operation activities will strengthen the capacity of Eastern Partnership countries, which are member States of the Council of Europe, with the exception of Belarus, to implement domestic reforms to bring them closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

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