Partnership for Good Governance

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AZERBAIJAN - MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Strengthening justice through improving the recourse to mediation

- **Improvement of the data collection** to **better evaluate the results of the mediation system**, through expert advice based on the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) tools.
- **Expanded access to professional training resources on mediation for legal professionals** and mediators through the contextualisation of the Council of Europe HELP course on "Quality of Justice – the Work of the CEPEJ" in Azerbaijani and the development of a handbook to guide mediators.
- Enhanced skills of over 20 mediation trainers to **effectively train and mentor prospective mediators** in the country.

Preventing and fighting economic crime

- **Strengthened legal framework for the management of seized assets**, through the adoption of amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code in line with recommendations provided under the programme.
- **Increased access** for practitioners in the public sector **to training resources** helping them to implement the necessary measures to **prevent and fight corruption** in line with international standards and best practices.

Promoting equality and non-discrimination



- **Expanded access to training resources** for legal professionals and relevant practitioners to **address hate speech effectively,** by making the Council of Europe HELP course on combating hate speech available in Azerbaijani.

- Greater **awareness of Council of Europe standards on anti-discrimination among public institutions, legal professionals and non-state stakeholders** through the dissemination of recommendations and guidance from Council of Europe monitoring bodies on combating hate speech and hate crime, in Azerbaijani.

Preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence



- **Improvement of the legal framework** providing better **protection for victims of domestic violence,** through the implementation of recommendations provided under the programme**.**

- Empowered legal professionals, judges, and prosecutors to **advance women's access to justice**, through participation in the regional mentoring programme.

- **Increased access of law enforcement** to training resources to **address gender-based violence** by making the HELP course on Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence available in Azerbaijani.

The European Union and the Council of Europe are working together with Azerbaijan to **promote stronger governance, rule of law** and to **improve the lives of citizens**. In 2014, they launched the **Partnership for Good Governance** programme which provides support in the implementation of 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** in line with European standards. This is done through technical assistance, tailored to support beneficiary countries' needs, and the Quick Response Mechanism, a tool providing ad hoc legislative expertise and policy advice by the Venice Commission and other Council of Europe bodies. The current phase (third phase) of the programme, running from 2023 to 2027, builds upon the results and progress achieved under the previous phases.

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