

Partnership for Good Governance

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ARMENIA - MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Strengthening justice



- Establishment of a **new appeals system** within the Supreme Judicial Council for disciplinary matters addressing the Venice Commission and the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) recommendations.
- **Reduced caseload of civil jurisdiction courts** by up to 80% through the support provided to amend the Code of Civil Procedure transferring small monetary claims to notaries and increased knowledge of all notaries of Armenia to handle those claims.
- **Establishment of a pool of over 125 trained and certified mediators** ready to handle legal disputes, thereby contributing to national efforts to reduce the caseload of the Armenian courts.

Preventing and fighting economic crime



- Strengthened **whistleblower protections** through legislative amendments in line with recommendations provided under the programme and increased capacities of national stakeholders for protecting whistleblowers' rights.
- Improved draft regulatory framework introducing **integrity controls for persons entrusted with top executive functions** in line with GRECO's 5th evaluation round recommendations.
- Improved access for public officials to **practical guidance on ethical standards and professional conduct**, through the adoption and publication of an Interpretative Manual of the Model Code of Conduct for Public Servants by the Corruption Prevention Commission.
- Strengthened competencies of over **160 representatives from financial and non-financial institutions** in anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing compliance and the implementation of targeted financial sanctions and of around **90 law enforcement professionals** in investigating and prosecuting economic crime cases.

Promoting equality and non-discrimination



- **Improved draft regulatory framework on equality and national minorities** developed in line with recommendations provided under the programme.
- Enhanced skills of **police officers, prosecutors and other law enforcement authorities** to prevent and handle **hate-motivated crimes** in line with European standards, through capacity development sessions and expanded access to training resources in Armenian.
- **Strengthened skills of professors, lecturers and teachers to address hate speech and bullying** in Armenian educational institutions.
- Improved capacity of staff members of the **Human Rights Defender's Office** to implement the Office's mandate as a redress mechanism for victims of discrimination, hate crime, and hate speech, in particular through the completion of the online HELP course on the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) General Policy Recommendation 15 on combating hate speech.

The European Union and the Council of Europe are working together with Eastern Partnership countries 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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