Partnership for Good Governance

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EASTERN PARTNERSHIP REGION MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Preventing and fighting economic crime



- Enhanced capacities of the public institutions in the region to conduct corruption risk assessment and management, by facilitating exchanges among peers and providing guiding tools.
- Enhanced awareness and practical knowledge on **public-private partnerships** as an innovative approach to improving information exchange between the private sector and authorities in combating financial crime, **through strengthened regional cooperation**.
- Consolidated **procedures and tools for strategic analysis** applied by the Financial Intelligence Units in Armenia, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.
- Creation of a pool of analysts trained by the Programme who will act as multipliers among their
 peers and embed a structured approach to anti-money laundering and countering terrorism
 financing risk assessments.



Promoting equality and non-discrimination

- Increased capacity of around 350 representatives of governmental institutions, Ombudsperson institutions and equality bodies to further improve **legislative**, **policy and practical responses to hatred and racism** in line with European standards.
- Establishment of **cross-regional peer exchanges** for representatives of public institutions, equality bodies and civil society from the Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership region focusing on equality reforms combating hate speech and exploring solutions for addressing discrimination and abuse faced by disadvantaged groups, including national minorities, Roma and LGBTI people.
- Enhanced skills of Young European Ambassadors (YEAs) on how to effectively address hate speech and discrimination and to make a difference in their communities through the promotion of equality and diversity.

Preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence



- Enhanced skills of around **300 legal professionals of the Eastern Partnership region** to promote women's access to justice in their day-to-day practice, with the support of senior mentors from the **programme's mentoring scheme**.
- **Strengthened co-operation between law schools** from across the region to embed equality into the work of future generations of legal professionals, thereby contributing to sustainable improvement of women's access to justice.
- Establishment of **a regional network of judicial training institutions**, facilitating exchange of knowledge among peers and developing new teaching methods to advance women's access to justice.

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.





